

Growing Together 2024 - Programme

Time	Title	Presenter	Organisation
9.30	Coffee and registration		
10.00	Welcome and introduction	Andria Birch CEO	BCVS
10.05	Inclusive Growth and the VCSE Sector	Lucie Andrews Head of Growth and Innovation	East Midlands Combined County Authority (EMCCA)
10.25	Equity in Everything	Film	
10.30	Inspiring Neighbourhoods	Clifford Stevenson Professor of Social Psychology and Director of Psychological Research	Nottingham Trent University
10.50	It starts with Community	Marc Lupson Funding Manager, Midlands	The National Lottery Community Fund
11.05	Community Grants - Successes and Learning	Darren Huart Business Development Manager	BCVS
11.15	Comfort break		
11.30	Community Wealth Building – What Works?	Steve Morris. Local Implementation Lead & Tom Lloyd Goodwin, Deputy CEO	Lloyds Bank Foundation and CLES
12.00	Better Data - Plinth Demonstration	Tom Neill-Eagle Co-founder	Plinth
12.10	Green Generation	Film	BCVS
12.15	A Vision for Volunteering	Jo Carr Programme Manager	BCVS
12.30	Closing - AGM & lunch	Andria Birch	BCVS



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Speaker Biographies

Lucie Andrews

Head of Innovation and Growth, East Midlands County Combined Authority (EMCCA)

Appointed in September 2024, Lucie is bringing 25+ years of experience in skills and strategy development to this new role in EMCCA. Lucie will lead on all matters of economic policy from the original and any further devolution deals relating to business support, trade and investment, and innovation.

Lucie will work across the institution and with partners managing relationships with key partners to agree and deliver a new and fit for purpose model for business support across the EMCCA area, building on the existing work by LEP and UKSPF-funded programmes and in anticipation of future policy change on delivery models.

As substantial employing sector working across our region, with many VCSE organisations trading and in scope for future business support, whilst also being central to previous programmes focusing on inclusive growth, Lucie will explore what this may mean for the VCSE sector as EMCCA evolves.

Tom Lloyd Goodwin, Deputy Chief Executive, Centre for Local Economic Strategies

Since completing his PhD in political theory in 2009, Tom has worked with numerous organisations across local government, academia, the NHS and the voluntary and community sector. He has delivered an array of local economic development and health policy projects, focused on addressing poverty, fostering social inclusion and promoting health and wellbeing.

Tom brings expertise in political theory, political economy, policy and implementation research to his role as Deputy Chief Executive. Tom is a regular contributor to the *New Statesman*, the *Municipal Journal*, *Local Government Chronicle* and *The Guardian*.

Marc Lupson, Funding Manager, The Midlands, TNL Community Fund

Marc has worked in VCS grants management for more than 27 years, with a couple of side steps in between. Spending 15 years working on Environment Grants funding programmes, working with a range of VCS groups, Marc joined TNL Community Fund in February 2018 when it moved to its Regional way of working approach.

Marc's role of Funding Manager comes with the responsibility of oversight of Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire, supported by a team of four Funding Officers. Marc will share the latest developments and position on the new TNL strategy and what it means for the VCSE sector in the East Midlands.



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Tom Neill-Eagle, Co-founder, Plinth

After graduating Cambridge and working as a pro-bono consultant, Tom decided impact could be measured better. So he founded plinth. Tom loves coding and looking a bit like Wayne Rooney.

Clifford Stevenson, Professor of Social Psychology & Director of Psychological Research, Nottingham Trent University

Clifford is a Professor of Social Psychology at NTU and a member of the Groups, Identities and Health research group. His research explores how social groups help reduce loneliness and improve wellbeing among their members. He recently led an AHRC investigation of place-based Social Prescribing in Mid-Nottinghamshire.

Clifford has been an active partner in the Tackling Loneliness Collaborative and will outline the significance of place in determining health outcomes and what research tells us makes the biggest difference when tackling loneliness.



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