

Interlink Strategy 2021-2024 – supporting community resilience.

It would be an understatement to say it has been a challenging year for everyone. We need to take time to remember all those who are struggling and those who are no longer with us. We can also start to look forward while learning from the incredible work of volunteers, community and voluntary groups in keeping people safe, fed and supported.

Community Response to Covid 19

Interlink are completing action research which will help tell us a story from lived experience about the community responses to Covid 19. This has helped inform our strategy. It has told us that volunteers and communities have a crucial role to play in supporting the community in the future. It has shown that communities can react quickly to support local people and they can do it best when it is led by local active people and builds on existing networks.

Communities need to be at the forefront of our minds when planning how to support people. Support led and delivered by communities are the building blocks of compassionate communities. They are not an 'add on' to be thought about after public services have planned how to deliver health and social care services.

Interlink has one main goal and three strategic objectives for 2021-2024. Our goal is to promote community resilience, what do we mean by this?

Community resilience is the capacity of a community to work together to deal with and adapt to change. A resilient community will continue to learn and develop as an equal and diverse community that looks to involve and building on the strengths of the whole community to meet local need.

We aim to work with our members to achieve the following objectives:

- Recover from Covid 19;
- Promote Wellbeing;
- Be an effective and well governed charity.

Our two cross cutting-objectives to be included in everything we do are:

- To involve the Sector; and
- Promote the Impact of the Sector.

Key to this is working more locally through Local Community Partnerships to develop a local support infrastructure.

