

The 800 Group is launched



Guests at the launch of the 800 Group at the Town Hall listened as plans were highlighted for the partnership. Seen with the 800 Group representatives are the Right Worshipful Lord Mayor of Liverpool, Councillor Steve Rotheram (centre) and Roger Phillips of BBC Radio Merseyside (fourth from left.)

The 800 Group partners are John Brennan of MSDP, Dil Daly of Age Concern Liverpool, Kathleen Pitt of Nugent Care, Iain Brodie-Brown of Imagine, Mike Moran of Bradbury Fields, Robin Currie of PSS and Marc Crank of Henshaws.

More than 150 guests including the Right Worshipful Lord Mayor of Liverpool Councillor Steve Rotheram attended the launch of the 800 Group at Liverpool Town Hall on 10 March. A packed audience of service commissioners, representatives from the city's third sector and service users, listened as group partners discussed future plans for the group.

The 800 Group is formed of seven partners—Age Concern Liverpool, Bradbury Fields, Henshaws, Imagine, Merseyside Society for deaf people, Nugent Care and PSS, which between them have a combined history of providing support and care for 800 years. Now by working together the group intends to build strength in the sector and to share skills and resources with other charitable organisations across Merseyside and beyond.

Introducing the event, Roger Phillips looked back to the great Liverpool reformers and pioneers who had done much to improve health and social care in the city.

Dil Daly, the chair of the 800 Group and the chief executive of Age Concern Liverpool state the case for the partners.

“This is our commitment to work together to provide support and care for vulnerable people of all ages in all parts of Liverpool and the surrounding area. By sharing our skills and resources we will help to ensure that people receive the support they need and choice in the services they deserve.”

The seven charities now invite other charities to become associate members and to take advantage of the resources created through collaborative working.

His Grace the Archbishop of Liverpool and Jenny Stewart of Liverpool Chamber of Commerce and Industry were guests at the event.

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Access to what will be the largest, best and most cost effective, local, **third sector recruitment site** for staff, trustees and volunteers

Newsletters

Inclusion on the **800 Group website**

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Access to best practice in our sector and increased capacity to **influence the social and political agenda** with opportunities to **meet and talk** to the people who shape our futures