



# Third Sector COVID-19 Recovery Summit

## Creating a new West Lothian

### Chair

*Alan McCloskey*

CEO

Voluntary Sector Gateway West Lothian



### Keynote Speaker

*Anna Fowlie*

CEO

SCVO



*Why Support and Working in Partnership with Third Sector is Essential*

### Speaker

*Elaine Cook*

Elaine Deputy Chief Executive

West Lothian Council



*Building on Partnerships*

### SHOWCASING THIRD SECTOR ROLE DURING COVID-19

*Angela Moohan*

CEO

The Larder



*Food Network Provision*

*Raymond Branton*

CEO

Simply Play



*Support to Families and Children*

*Alison Wright*

CEO

Carers of West Lothian



*Supporting Carers and Unpaid Adults*

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attendees representing third sector organisations across West Lothian, as well as elected members of Scottish, UK, and Local Government

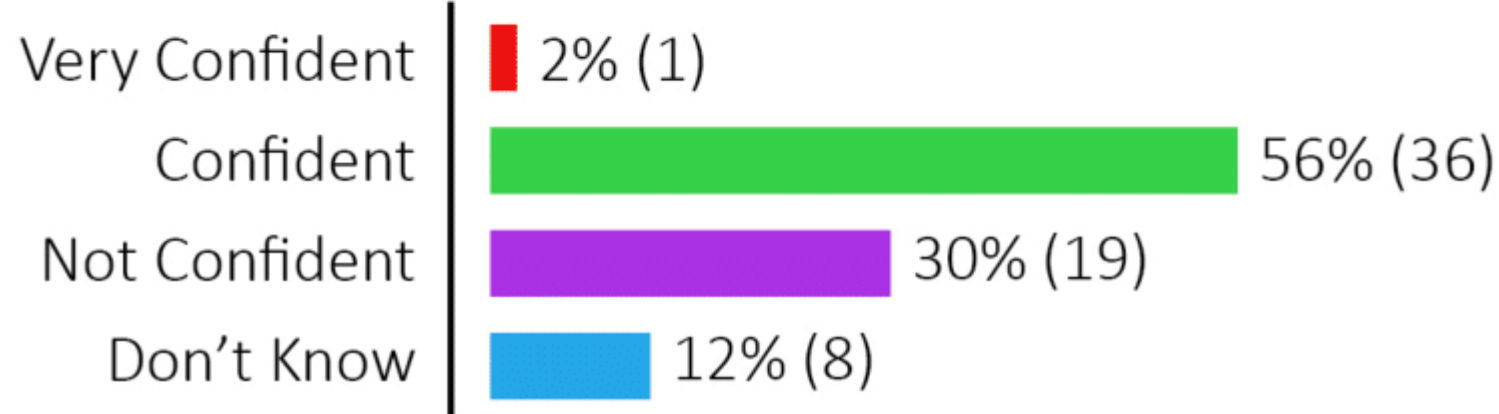
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themed breakout sessions discussing:

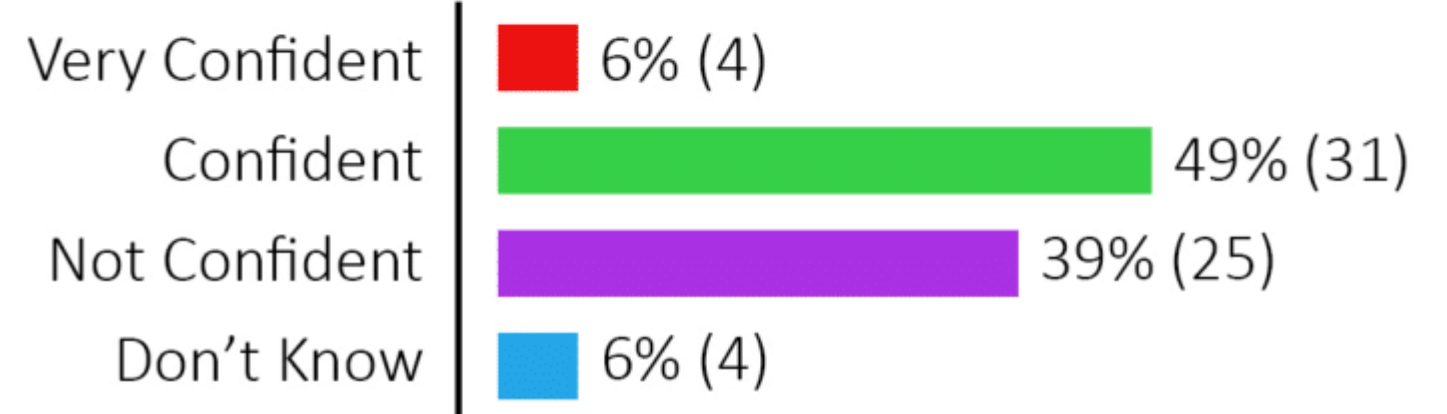
Food Security | Unemployment and Employability | Care and Caring | Mental Health | Access to Advice Services and Financial Security | Housing and Homelessness | Volunteering

### POLL RESULTS (64 ATTENDEES PARTICIPATED IN POLL)

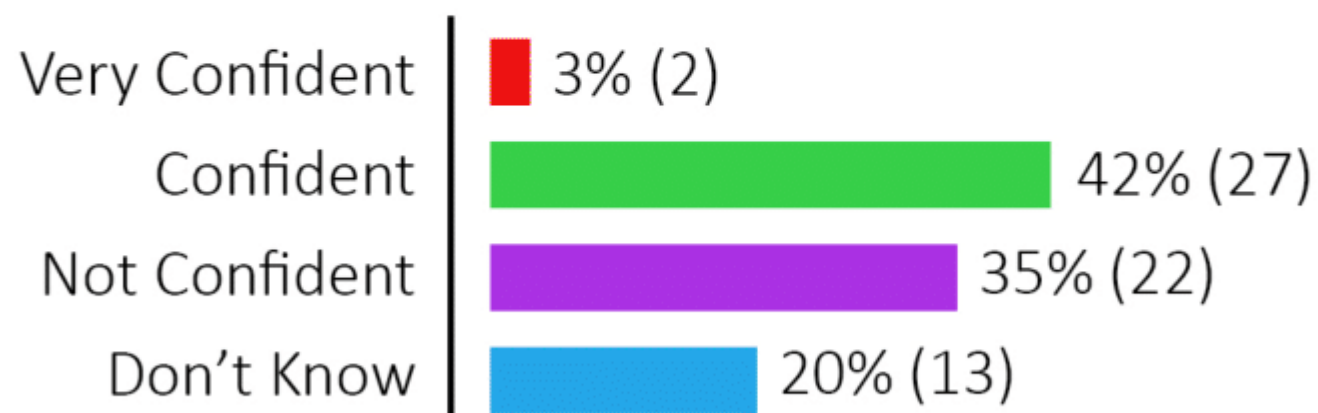
1 The right partnerships are in place to focus on a successful recovery



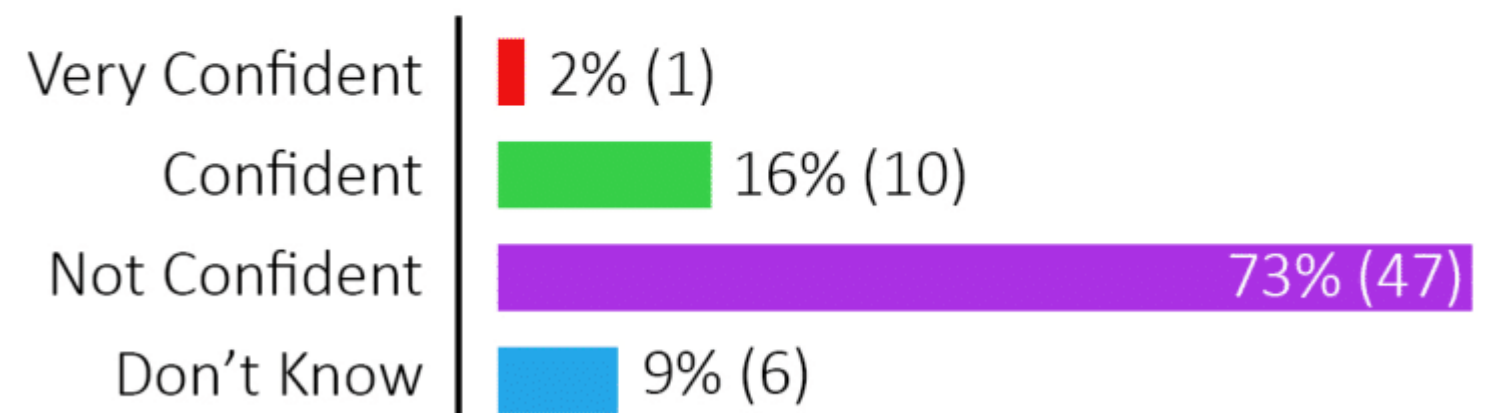
2 The third sector is properly represented and supported within appropriate strategic making groups



3 There is joined up leadership for recovery (Across Third Sector, Public Sector and Private Sector)



4 There are sufficient resources in place to support the recovery





"Involve communities and people in decision making, use their experience better "

"Need to work together and not duplicate"

"Could we share contact information of our organisations so we can get in touch direct and develop smaller partnerships and help each other"

"Local ownership - all of us"

"Increase understanding of the third sector and how it works"

"ensure data protection doesn't hamper the communication with volunteers"

"Job creation needs to start now "

"Understand more partnerships"

Action that needs to happen to support a successful recovery

"A shared vision for all of West Lothian; 3rd sector, public & private"

"A consolidated and cohesive approach from all stakeholders "

"Understand where all the necessary resources are and could be "

"Outcome focused shared repository of initiatives underway and under planning mapped to regional outcome priorities"

"Managed by Gateway and WLSSEN jointly "

"Government"

"All - key lead from each sector "

"local community activity"

Who needs to take action?

"Scottish Government make core funding opportunities available directly to 3rd sector not via local authority or TSIs"

"Everyone!"

"Everyone needs to take action. communication is crucial"

"Develop working groups truly representative of the third sector and derive policy and future plans that recognises what the third sector bring to the fabric of WLC"



"Opportunity"

"The wide range of people involved today "

"Showcasing of work done"

"The sharing of what happens"

"The obvious commitment from everyone to get through this"

"The whole event. Very uplifting"

"The opportunity to find out what organisations have been doing"

"The whole experience - so many contributors"

"Sharing of what everyone has had success with"

I liked

"Strong examples of collaboration round resilience. Impressive local responses"

"The number of people so obviously engaged with taking this forward"

"sense of solidarity, shared purpose and expertise in our field"

"The fact politicians took the time to join us"

"Being able to attend from home and the number of attendees by working remotely"

"Seeing the heart and soul of West Lothian"

"That there is a commitment from across the board to work together "

"How willing partners in West Lothian are to rise to the challenges ahead "

"There is still so much to do"

I learned

"The voluntary sector in west Lothian is larger and more diverse than I have known it to be previously"

"Rapid response and decision making effective "

"Strong examples of collaboration round resilience - Impressive local responses"

"Virtual connections have helped a lot of 3rd sector orgs connect and talk about collaboration so we need to maintain this"

"The rapid response that was made"



"To greater communication"

"To engage with local organisations both public sector and voluntary orgs "

"To sharing what i have learned"

"To protect time for networking and listening"

"My time to ensure engagement with other orgs can be expanded as you learn so much from others "

I will commit

"To working in partnership with the public and third sector to support people in West Lothian"

"To speaking up, interrogating and asking the hard questions"

"Doing my bit to help more partnerships and seeing where my organisation can help others too"

"Forging more partnerships"

## SHOWCASING FEEDBACK

"Fantastic film demonstrating real impact well done"

"Well done, very inspiring "

FOOD NETWORK PROVISION FILM

"Well done Angela. Very inspiring"

"That's an amazing wee film demonstrating the breadth and depth of work in west lothian to address food poverty - thank you"

"Great film to demonstrate co-operation and impact"



"So important for children to have fun despite being in the midst of a pandemic. thank you, raymond"

"Another fine example of how the third sector can be fleet of foot - thank you Raymond and team"

"Crucial support and services as you say for both children and their parents"

## SUPPORT TO FAMILIES & CHILDREN

"Well done Raymond. Always good to consider and act on learning and recognise the added value"

"Brilliant to see the work you've been doing Raymond thank you! "

"Thank you, Alison - brilliant stuff! "

"Really good to hear the work you're doing Alison and how you're embracing technology "

Really great Alison and we are looking forward to taking our partnership forward at the College

"Brilliant to hear about the work that west Lothian carers have been doing!"

## SUPPORTING CARERS AND UNPAID ADULTS

"Some great examples about engaging creatively with carers - thank you Alison and team"

"Great work Alison, and I echo your experiences re blending face to face and digital."





# OVERALL FEEDBACK

"Virtual meetings can enable some isolated people to engage. Lack of transport can be a significant barrier"

"We need to ensure the positive ways of working continue both using technology but not forgetting face to face"

"Being new to working in third sector, the sense of support and enthusiasm to work together to make 'things work/better' is exciting for me"

"Yes really has been fantastic, many thanks"

"Well done to Iain, Alan and the team who made this happen"

"Would be good to have this happen again"

"Huge thanks to the people behind the event - Angela, Joanna, Silence, Karen, June and of course Alan at VSGWL and Iain on tech!"

"There is a lot of work going on in West Lothian that needs to be highlighted"

"Excellent event congrats to all involved"

"Brilliant session – thanks "