
Learnings from A fairer Victoria

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Growing Victoria Together

- ❑ Victorian Government's strategic plan
- ❑ Developed by Dept Premier & Cabinet
- ❑ Consultation process
- ❑ Launched November 2001 – 11 issues across economic, social & environmental sustainability
- ❑ Refreshed in 2005 – 5 themes, 10 areas

A fairer Victoria

- ❑ Framework to address disadvantage and promote opportunities & community wellbeing
- ❑ One of 3 frameworks under GVT
- ❑ First released in 2005
- ❑ Contains both policy/program initiatives & system initiatives
- ❑ New range of program initiatives each budget
- ❑ Re-focused 2008 – four new planks

VCOSS AFV sector engagement project

- ❑ VCOSS funded for 12 months to engage community sector in AFV implementation
- ❑ Critical to engage across sector organisations – make linkages across priority areas
- ❑ Sector identified:
 - Successes in & roadblocks to implementation
 - Key learnings
 - How to strengthen implementation
 - Gaps – future priorities

Key learnings

- ❑ Changing the way government works and improved whole of government
- ❑ Changing the way the sector works and improved whole of sector

→ breaking down the 'silos'

Key learnings

□ Community strengthening

- Any sustained effort to increase the connectedness, active engagement and partnership among members of the community, community groups and organisations in order to enhance the achievement of social, economic and environmental objectives

Key learnings

- Promoting inclusive communities
 - 3 elements:
 - access to social goods
 - ensuring community ownership
 - institutional trust

Key learnings

- ❑ Achieving improved ways of addressing disadvantage and promoting wellbeing
- ❑ Partnering and collaboration
- ❑ Governance
- ❑ Improved funding models and structures
- ❑ Capacity building of the community sector

Enabling model – Central Government policy framework

- central government policy framework that enables local flexibility and adaptability
- Broad direction, minimum specifications:
 - direction of change with defined broad outcome goals;
 - establish targets and core evaluation requirements;
 - allow innovation and experimentation;
 - set boundaries;
 - allocate resources— resource use to be determined at the local level; and
 - mechanisms to assist in the translation or upscaling.

Where Victoria is at

- ❑ Value: whole of government framework & 3 specific frameworks
- ❑ Value: cross-sector engagement
- ❑ Challenges remain: achieving integrated approaches across government AND community sector

Thank you

- VCOSS AFV Sector Engagement Project report available at:

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- Victorian Government GVT & AFV available at:

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