



Review of 2014/15

Are we happy?



Looking back – 2014/15



- 257 organisations supported
- 719 people helped to volunteer
- 22 forum meetings attended by 241 people
- 2500+ contacts kept informed
- 184 members
- 180 volunteers
- 300 practical jobs, 2300 hrs of sitting, 5800 car journeys
- 23 staff (15 FTE)

Looking back 2014/15



- Worked hard to support the VCS to be viable, valued and visible to its beneficiaries
- Worked hard to ensure the sector is “at the table” as an equal partner in working to achieve happiness in our area
- Worked hard for recognition of value of VCS offer in health & wellbeing plans (reducing hospital bed usage, people living longer & with LTC’s, mental health, integrated health & social care, prevention, tackling loneliness & isolation etc etc)

Looking ahead – challenges



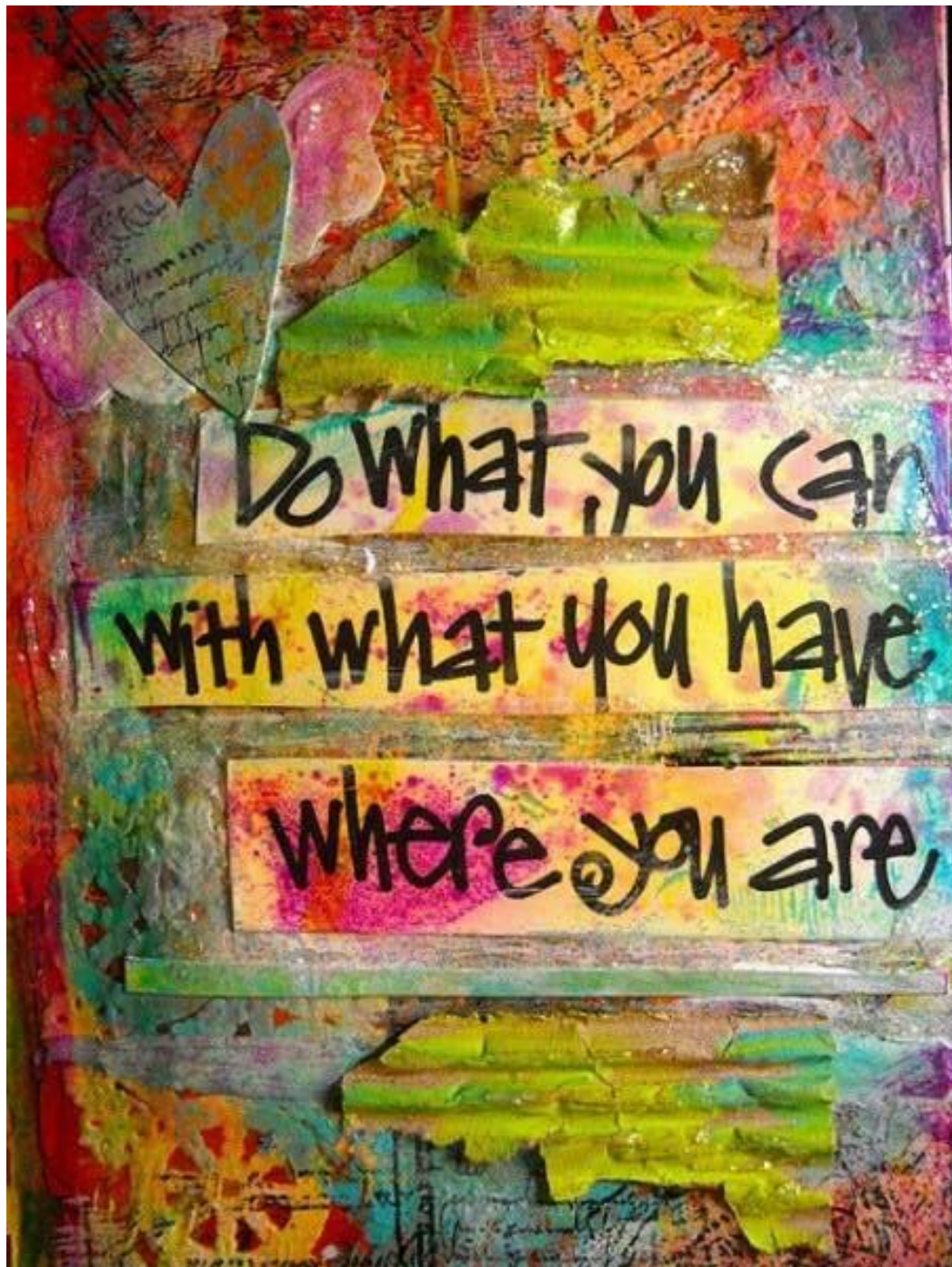
- Funding - charity income has been flatlining since 2009, with small & medium size charities hardest hit (fall in funding from gov't not made up by charging)
- Minimising casualties – LRB, Kids Company, Involve
- Impact on trustees – vital role in viability
- Volunteers – going to save us all? Not free!!!
- Partnerships & collaboration – can play a part but require development time, skills & £ (paid staff and/or volunteers)
- Playing a part in health plans (Vanguard) – reducing hospital bed usage, people living longer & with LTC's, mental health, integrated health & social care, prevention, tackling loneliness & isolation etc etc

Looking ahead – how can HARCVS contribute to happiness?

- Support & celebrate volunteers and volunteer involving organisations – breadth of activity
- Focus on meeting the needs of the most vulnerable people in our community – depth of support & partnership working
- Ensuring access to affordable transport
- Build on strong cross sector relationships in the Harrogate District
- Improve collaboration with the public sector (led by health, supported by investment in the sector, ROI will be good!)
- Work together to minimise the impact of the “capacity crunch” of falling income & increased demand (more people, more complex needs) – must not just pass people around the system
- Persuade funders to maintain a commitment to VCS grant aid – often cheaper & more effective than contracting
- **VCS must be valued, visible and viable**




Some Pursue happiness
others Create it!



Do what you can

with what you have

where you are



THE BEST FEELING OF
HAPPINESS
IS WHEN YOU'RE HAPPY
BECAUSE YOU'VE MADE
SOMEONE ELSE
HAPPY

ACTION FOR HAPPINESS