

## Submitted on behalf of 15 TSI chief executives

As CEOs of TSIs we welcomed the clarity offered by Scottish Government's endorsement on the future of Third Sector Interfaces. We look forward to working together and with Scottish Government to affirm TSI's strategic roles as local 'change agents'. However we must express our disappointment at the tone of Robert Armour's article 20th December and specifically with the comments made regarding VAS Chief Officer Allan Johnstone.

Whatever opinions your organisation has of VAS or VAS role historically within the TSI network, a distasteful personal attack on an individual is demeaning to all those who took part in its publication.

Your "analysis" is no more than an unpleasant, inaccurate and unfounded personal attack. As Chief Officers of our TSIs we neither recognise nor support the assertions made in your article. We very much regret that comments made are alleged to have come from individuals within our own network. In our view it is to their extreme discredit that they elected to take part in such a disgraceful public attack on an individual. Over the coming months our TSIs will continue to work with VAS and to support the excellent staff at VAS in every way we can.

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