



CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND FAMILIES VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS FORUM

Tuesday 14 May 2019, 10.00am – 12.30pm
Committee room 1, Kensington Town Hall

Chaired by: Jenny Greenfield (KCSC)
Minutes taken by: Sylvia Nissim (KCSC)

List of organisations present attached

1	Welcome and Introduction – Jenny Greenfield (JG) Minutes of previous meeting and matters arising	ACTION
	<p>JG welcomed members to the group and everybody introduced themselves.</p> <p>The minutes were checked for accuracy and a couple of actions were outstanding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KCSC was to look at funding opportunities to cover a third forum meeting. KCSC will cover the cost of another meeting within its current resources if there is interest from the groups. The room confirmed they were interested. • The minutes were approved. 	<p>KCSC to arrange for a third meeting for 2019-20.</p>
2	<p>Young Gamblers Education Trust - Rebecca Mark (RM), YGAM</p>	
	<p><u>Young Gamblers Education Trust presentation</u></p> <p>YGAM is a charity that informs and educates young people about the problems gambling & social gaming can cause.</p> <p>Key presentation points included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The prominence of gambling in the UK, including young people aged 11 to 16 years old. The Gambling Commission stated 450,000 11 to 16 year-olds gambled in 2018. • Gambling and betting are very visible and young people can easily access scratch cards (for example, for birthdays or gifts) and can end up spending £250 a month on them. • There is a greater proportion of gambling shops in deprived areas. • Gambling is now accessible to anyone with a mobile phone and the age restriction is often one tick away. Additionally, there is no age restriction on fun fair games like fruit machines. • RM presented some statistics on young gambling and betting. Young people aged 11 to 16 years old are more likely to gamble their own money than drink or smoke and those that do gamble spend an average of £16/week. • Smart mobile phones offer up to 1500 gambling apps and social media has a huge role to play particularly with influencers. • YGAM runs education programmes and a harm preventions programme and workshops. RM runs a ‘train the trainer’ workshop with resources and is available to deliver it free of charge to local providers. • You can book a one-day workshop on <u>www.ygam.org/book-workshops</u>. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contact Rebecca Mark for more information at rebecca@ygam.org. 	
3	Youth Foundation Update - Erik Mesel (EM), John Lyon's Charity	
	<p>Youth Foundation Update</p> <p>EM introduced the John Lyon's Charity (JLC) and gave the room some understanding of its history. He explained how since 2013 JLC noticed a drop in funding applications and sought to understand the challenges facing the sector. They found that the sector was dependent on public funding, used to short term funds and missing a local collaborative network.</p> <p>JLC created the Young People's Foundation (YPF) model to help resolve those issues. The YPF is a membership organisation for young people's (YP) providers including VCOs, local authority, police and schools but also small unincorporated groups and private corporations or companies - as long as they work with YP. The aim of the YPF is to offer a non-competitive exchange and find long term solutions. The core funding of the YPF is covered by JLC so that all the money fundraised can go to local providers. The YPF should help identify funding gaps and fundraise for these, as well as provide a single point of access for funders and companies looking to engage in Corporate Social Responsibility. The YPF would also host a venue bank where organisations and companies could share space available for children's activities. In Kensington and Chelsea, the sector is already strong and the local authority still funds a variety of providers but the YPF could help with raising funds from other sources.</p> <p>Key discussion points included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The difference between the YPF and the K&C foundation: the YPF will be a membership organisation and not only a fundraising tool but a consortium for YP providers. Governance for the new K&C YPF will be self-determined, by its members. The organisation has applied to the Charity commission and results are expected in June. JLC offered a £100,000 and RBKC £75,000 to get it started and once the charity status is approved, they will recruit trustees and a CEO. The K&C YPF should be up and running in Oct-Nov 2019. The membership of YPF will be completely free and open to charities as well as businesses, hotels, cake shops, parenting classes, play schemes basically anybody working with YP up to 25 years old. Contact Erik Mesel if you have any questions at erik@jlc.london. 	
4	Community Adventure Play review - Helen Bowring (HB), RBKC	
	<p>Community Adventure Play review presentation</p> <p>HB stated that the borough has just completed a review of their play services and that she had just received the data. See consultation results here. There are five locations for Community Adventure Play (CAP) in the borough (Flashpoint, Little Wormwood Scrubs, Hornimans Wiltshire Close and Notting Hill Venture).</p> <p>The review of services included engagement events, visits to the sites, online questionnaires and one to one conversation with the children, parents and staff. They talked to 256 children and 75 parents and 96% of them said that the positives relationships were the best thing they got out of play. 62% said they liked the outside structure the most. 52% said that a staff member had supported or inspired them. The children shared that they had issues with stress, school and making friends and</p>	

	<p>that the playgrounds helped them to destress, relax and unwind. They said they might go to school away from the estate but the playgrounds helped them meet local kids. A lot of them have free school meals and some playgrounds now provide those as well as healthy eating workshop and classes.</p> <p>HB talked about the areas for improvement including early intervention, a better collaboration across sites, Health and wellbeing through the H&S strategy, more access for SEND kids and a better alignment with Youth Services as well as a plan for financial sustainability.</p> <p>There was a discussion about gaps in services since there are no playgrounds in the middle of the borough. However, there are no plans to develop additional sites due to lack of funding.</p> <p>HB will be announcing an Adventure Play consultation event soon. Email Helen.Bowring@rbkc.gov.uk to find out more.</p>	
5	<p>Early help family support in RBKC: preventing exclusions, supporting attendance and families - service developments - Serita Kwofie and Sherifa Prince, RBKC</p>	
	<p>Early help family support in RBKC: preventing exclusions, supporting attendance and families - service developments presentation</p> <p>SK and SP presented on the Early Help Family Support, the family hub and their work to raise attendance and reduce school exclusion.</p> <p>The family hub model is being developed to face the issues from the first sign of emergencies with a whole family approach. The hub is available for families with children aged 0 to 19 years old. The idea is to change the way the evaluations have been done to a strength base motivational interview to help families develop resilience and confidence. The family hub would take place in a children’s centre setting with both children’s services and Early Help services working together. The purpose is to prevent families having to retell their stories again and again and to be more embedded in the communities to be more accessible.</p> <p>To promote better attendance in schools, the threshold for reporting school absences to the local authority has moved from 15% to 10%. The service is working closely with schools’ governors and managers to help them put best practices in place and each school now has a dedicated link practitioner. The core service offer now includes case management meetings with early help, schools, police and health providers around the table to offer a more holistic and systemic approach.</p> <p>The new service to reduce school exclusion is already in place and started seeing families but the formal launch for the new joined up services will be in Nov-Dec 2019. School exclusion numbers show that they are affecting more BME and Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) children and the new work streams will focus on those more.</p>	
6	<p>Children in Need Emergency Essentials Fund - Laura Cope (LC), Children in Need</p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children in Need Emergency Essentials Fund Presentation • Emergency Essentials Leaflet • Vulnerabilities Criteria • Application checklist <p>LC described the family fund. It awards grants for essential household items such as fridges, clothing and furniture to families with children and young people age 17 and experiencing a crisis or emergency.</p> <p>The grants are only offered via referrals from YP service providers and referrers need to be pre-approved. YP providers need to pre-register as a referrer. One account per staff member is allowed but there is no limit to the number of users per organisation. They then receive an email with a form to complete and return and only once they are approved on the system, can they submit an application on behalf of their users. Once the applications are submitted, YP providers can expect an answer within 3-7 days.</p> <p>LC went through the whole application process with the room as the application needs to be completed in one go. She suggested the providers create a word document with all the information and then transfer this to the online application, because this has to be completed in one sitting. LC shared the referrers' guidelines above and is happy to hear back from groups with case studies on emergencyessentials@familyfundsolutions.co.uk.</p>	
7	<p>Attendance and feedback from other forums/meetings including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Borough Voluntary Organisations Advisory Group • Main Voluntary Organisations Forum • Local Safeguarding Children's Partnership Board 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Borough Voluntary Organisation Group (BVOAG) last met in February this year with the aim of re-establishing the group. However, since then the council has undergone staff changes so the group has not met. A new Head of Community Engagement is now in place and Angela Spence is in discussions with him about planning future meeting dates. • Save the date for a Voluntary Sector event – 17 September. It will be an opportunity for voluntary organisations to showcase their work with local statutory officers and councillors. 	
8	<p>Any other business</p>	
	<p>KCSC is running Youth Commissioning workshops. The date and details will be shared with the presentations over email.</p> <p>Date of next meeting: 5th November 2019 10.00am – 12.30pm</p>	

ATTENDANCE LIST

	Organisations attending
1	Dalgarno Trust
2	Bramleys Big Adventure
3	Child Bereavement UK
4	Design Museum
5	Epic CIC
6	Equal People Mencap
7	Healthwatch Central West London
8	Hestia Housing and Support
9	Home-Start Westminster
10	Imperial College London
11	John Lyon's Charity
12	P3/Rugby Portobello trust
13	POhWER
14	Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea
15	Rugby Portobello Trust
16	SASH: Support & Advice on Sexual Health
17	SPID
18	The Clement James Centre
19	The Kensington & Chelsea Foundation
20	Venture Community Association
21	West London Action for Children
22	West London Zone
23	World's End Under Fives Centre
24	Young Gamblers Education Trust