



CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND FAMILIES VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS FORUM

Monday 14 July 2020, 10.00am – 11.30am
Virtual meeting via Zoom

Chair: Jenny Greenfield (JG), KCSC
Minutes taken by: Zina Serageldin (ZS), KCSC

Item	Notes	Action
1	<p>Welcome and Introduction – Jenny Greenfield, Deputy CEO, KCSC</p> <p>Agenda</p> <p>Jenny Greenfield welcomed everyone and ran through the meeting ground rules.</p> <p>This is a bi-annual meeting. KCSC are now working closely with Young K&C who also run meetings throughout the year, so a decision has been made not to increase the number of meetings held. The plan is to make sure that both sets of meetings are spread out and are able to give coverage of information across the year.</p>	
2	<p>Young K&C – An overview of Our City website – Nicola Butler, CEO, Young K&C</p> <p>Our City website</p> <p>Nicola Butler (NB) introduced Hamza Taouzzale (HT) who has just started at Young K&C having graduated this year. HT is a Ward Councillor in Westminster and is a trustee in several charities. He looks forward to working in this borough.</p> <p>NB took the opportunity to communicate some of Young K&C Foundation’s strategy as a new organisation in the borough. The Our City website forms part of the overall strategy to engage with young people. NB’s approach is to look at a partnership working approach especially with the statutory sector. Young K&C are expanding partnership working with schools and the private sector where there is potential to bring in money from the private sector.</p> <p>NB feels that overall, there will be a deterioration in the financial position of all local authorities. Over the years this will increase pressure on organisations financially and require them to diversify funds and find different funding sources.</p> <p>NB has been meeting with many organisations and would like to visit any organisations she has not yet had the opportunity to meet. Please get in touch with NB if you would like to meet up.</p> <p>The objective for the Foundation is to remain small. They are currently recruiting for two roles: Fundraising and Development Manager Communications and Admin Officer</p> <p>The ‘Our City’ website is targeted at young people. It is being tried out this summer. The website will be free for organisations to join by creating a profile an organisation can upload information about activities for young people. This will encompass Kensington and Chelsea and Westminster.</p>	

	<p>Other foundations in other boroughs will also feature to allow for online youth sessions to be run on the website in the future.</p> <p>A small grants fund will be run and will offer very small grants to help organisations to improve work on comms.</p> <p>The ultimate aim is to improve outcomes for children and young people in the borough. There is a lack of clarity on expected outcomes and challenges. With other partners NB would ultimately like to look at metrics of which groups are struggling and working together to reach concrete outcomes for some of the most vulnerable children in the borough.</p>	
3	<p>Hackney CVS – Work with young black people in Hackney – Saquib Deshmukh, Head of Youth Programmes and Kristine Wellington, Head of Safeguarding, Children and Families</p>	
	<p>Kristine Wellington (KW) provided background on the work done to support Children, Young People and Families in Hackney. A whole-family approach is adopted. There are 1500 VCS in Hackney, 425 are registered with Hackney CVS. The strategic priorities for CYFP are mental health, tackling causes of obesity and childhood immunisation.</p> <p>There has been a shift away from the use of 'BAMER' (Black, Asian, Minority Ethnic and Refugee). There can be an unconscious marginalisation of the African and Caribbean heritage community by grouping them within 'BAMER'.</p> <p>Growing Minds cross borough presentation</p> <p>Kristine shared insight into the Growing Minds project she is working on. This adopts the community in-reach approach. There is often a stigma about mental health in communities. This approach is about going into the settings groups already use and are familiar with so they can meet specialists and receive support there.</p> <p>Hackney CVS has been working on helping organisations to report results.</p> <p>One-to-one parent engagement in schools is also provided by the team. They try to make sure that the organisations parents and children use have the skills to communicate messages around mental health.</p> <p>They also train up peer leaders in evidence-based programmes. They support young leaders to inspire other young people to make positive choices and produce positive outcomes.</p> <p>KW would like to see more boroughs take up the community in-reach programme.</p> <p>Following the meeting this link were forwarded to the forum. This explains the impact of Post Traumatic Slave Disorder: Dr. Joy DeGruy Leary: Post Traumatic Slave Disorder Video</p> <p>Saquib Deshmukh (SD), Head of Youth Programmes, introduced work the Youth Team have been doing with young black men. The team work with young adults, aged between 18 and 25 years old, who are of African, Caribbean and dual heritage.</p> <p>Hackney CVS Youth Team Presentation</p> <p>The team see young people as co-producers and designers of services.</p>	

	<p>Hackney CVS have received funding for the Lockdown Living project where young people are looking at research into Coronavirus, rights for young people, the digital divide and disproportionality across London.</p> <p>SD is looking at the development of the youth forum they have in place. It is particularly important specific communities with particular needs are not lost among the BAMER descriptor.</p> <p>Their work is imbedded in the concepts of justice. Practitioners need to be looking at social justice and creating opportunities for young people to gain skills and develop.</p>	
4	<p>Local Safeguarding Children Partnership – Rosie Twomey, Children and Community Engagement Officer</p> <p>Presentation</p> <p>Rosie Twomey (RT) started in the new role as Children and Community Engagement Officer with the Local Safeguarding Children Partnership (LSCP), just before lockdown.</p> <p>Many people are not aware of who LSCP are and what they do. The presentation highlighted the purpose of the partnership and its priorities as well as highlighting goals for the future areas for development.</p> <p>RT's main focus is to meet as many children and young people as possible and hear their experiences. RT is interested in attending as many events as possible. Please do get in touch about meetings, workshops and events that you think would be relevant even if it is just an opportunity for RT to introduce herself and observe. RT would like to hear from existing groups and organisations about what they are hearing from children and young people.</p> <p>Please contact RT rtwomey@westminster.gov.uk and 07855 146 734 if you would like feedback or guidance on safeguarding policy and procedure to get in touch.</p> <p>RT is keen to get examples about gaps in support or any need for further support from the CCG, Police and Council.</p> <p>Key discussion points following on from the presentation included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A simple checklist was suggested that would lead to more in-depth information rather than having to check multiple pages to obtain information. e.g. coming out of lockdown what do you need in place to ensure safety. • Local links are needed for people to know who to contact. 	
5	<p>Public Health – Lifting lockdown advice for voluntary organisations – Debbie Arrigon, Public Health Business Partner – Children and Young People</p> <p>Presentation</p> <p>Debbie Arrigon (DA) gave an overview on Public Health in the borough.</p> <p>This included a look at data and testing. At this stage figures are low and relatively stable but will be continuously monitored. Very few children are expected to be affected and the majority will only have mild symptoms or be asymptomatic. Cases of children-to-children transmission have not been found. The testing app is currently not up and running. The main message is that if you develop</p>	

	<p>symptoms you should get tested. There are mobile units that can be booked on line or by calling 119.</p> <p>The presentation touched on longer term effects of the pandemic following the immediate first wave looking at the impact on individuals with regard to resource restrictions, mental health and delayed or interrupted access to care.</p> <p>An overview of schools and early years was provided. Support has been set up to receive feedback on any occurrences. All pupils and all school groups are expected to return in September, this includes those previously shielding. The public health team are working with schools on planning for the possibility for a local lockdown.</p> <p>A link was provided for Early Years and Schools FAQs.</p> <p>Key discussion points following on from the presentation included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concern was raised about the changes in the guidance for extremely clinically vulnerable people or those living with clinically vulnerable. As an employer sending people into schools working with children this is of particular concern. Currently masks do not have to be worn in schools. • A request was made for guidance on afterschool clubs once children go back to school in September. There is no current guidance but it is expected soon. DA will forward information when received. • There is no risk-free scenario. Keeping distance, hand hygiene, cleaning of materials, being outdoors as much as possible do not come into a setting if you are ill the risk is reduced. <p>Rosemary Keenan mentioned the Kings College App which has details of the transmission rate. https://covid.joinzoe.com/</p>	
6	<p>Any other business</p>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sarah Sutton has set up a charity called “Checkmate”. • Liam Clipsham (LC) has been working on a youth inspectors project for young POC, including young travellers. An application for funding has been made from the Racial Justice/Prism Trust pot. Other options are being considered. <p>The model is to empower YPOC to learn about and inspect local service provision, to feedback this to their peers and to then present the findings and suggestions to decision makers and committees in those agencies and organisations.</p> <p>LM worked on a model in Camden a few years back with Mind and Tavistock and Portman around YP. The model is beneficial given the current backdrop and tensions in the local community. With funding LC would want to work on this model with other partners and the youth council in the borough.</p> <p>E-mail contact details:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Abby Simpson, Marie Stopes UK - Abigail.simpson@mariestopes.org.uk • Ellie Weir, The ClementJames Centre - ellie@clementjames.org 	

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Abby Simpson	Marie Stopes UK
Ann Goodger	Dalgarno Trust
Kristine Wellington	Hackney CVS
Christopher Herbert	Fit For Life Youth CIC
Clare Richards	The ClementJames Centre
Elena Zeniou	Grenfell Health and Wellbeing Service
Ellie Weir	The ClementJames Centre
Hayley Turner	KCSC
Hamza Taouzzale	Young K&C
Heather Boxer	West London
Herbert Christopher	Fit For Life
James Dunbar	West London Zone
Jenny Greenfield	KCSC
Kalwant Sahota	WLCCG
Karima El Haddad	NHS
Liam Clipsham	Harrow Club W10
Nicola Butler	Young K&C
Patricia Alert	World's End Under Fives Centre
Patrina Quashie-Ferguson	The Venture Centre
Rosemary Keenan	Catholic Children's Society

	Rosie Twomey	Local Safeguarding Children Partnership
	Saquib Deshmukh	Hackney CVS
	Sarah Sutton	Checkmate
	Simone Curling	NHS
	Sophie FitzHugh	Rugby Portobello Trust
	Zina Serageldin	KCSC
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