



CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND FAMILIES VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS FORUM

Tuesday 13 November 2018, 10.00am – 12.30pm
Kensington Town Hall

Chaired by: Siobhan Sollis (KCSC)
Minutes taken by: Alice Lowry (KCSC)

List of organisations present attached

1	Welcome and Introduction Minutes of previous meeting and matters arising	ACTION
	<p>Siobhan welcomed members to the group and everybody introduced themselves.</p> <p>Amendments were made to one line from the previous meeting’s minutes: “She drew up some good practice guidelines and met with Councillor Weale who was sympathetic with the issues, but Westway Trust has very little influence over schools despite these guidelines being used. “</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councillor Will – not Councillor Weale • “but Westway Trust has very little influence over schools despite these guidelines being used” was amended to “but RBKC has very little influence over schools.” <p>“There is support for children excluded from school from the voluntary sector.” The highlighted phrase in this line was amended to “from a number of voluntary practice organisations”</p> <p>This led to a group member suggesting that people are welcome to come to ‘Full of Life’ for advice on school exclusion in the meantime.</p>	
2	<p>Royal Borough of Kensington & Chelsea (RBKC) Youth Review - Chris Murray, RBKC Children’s Services Commissioning Directorate</p> <p>Youth Review Presentation</p> <p>The RBKC Youth Review is currently looking at services commissioned by RBKC to see if they meet the needs and priorities of young people in the borough. Chris gave the group an outline of the engagement findings from the Youth Review, the thematic drivers for young people and the commissioning process for groups who would want to apply for funding for projects.</p> <p>Key discussion points included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The timeline of the review was discussed. Group members were keen for RBKC to be more specific with the timeline as organisations need to have enough time to prepare for bids. Chris said he hoped for the new services to be launched in August and that the end of January 2019 would be when the Council would be opening bids. There were concerns from members who said that current funding ends for organisations in March. • One group member said that the review didn’t tackle drugs or gang issues in the borough and pointed out that that young people attending school were 	

	<p>incredibly vulnerable. A council member explained that these issues sit with the Community Safety Team.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There were concerns over contracts beginning in August as many organisations would be running summer programs. Chris said he would feed this back to his colleagues. • The idea of a Youth Foundation was discussed and how it had been successful as a model in different parts of London. 	
3	Voluntary Sector Review – Helen Bowring, KCSC	
	<p>Helen introduced herself to the group and said that at RBKC there were 21 contracts within her area that would be coming to an end in March. She said that they were looking at extending contracts.</p> <p><i>If you need any further information please contact Helen at Helen.Bowring@rbkc.gov.uk.</i></p>	AL to circulate contact details for Helen in minutes
4	Local Offer for Special Educational Needs and Disabilities – Steve Comber, RBKC	
	<p>SEND Presentation</p> <p>Steve introduced himself to the group and explained that the Local Offer website provides information about services that children, young people and their families can expect from a range of local agencies.</p> <p>Key discussion points included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Importance of holistic staff being at primary schools to support children with special educational needs and disabilities. • The issue of children being excluded from secondary schools and how secondary schools were failing to identify children with special educational needs. 	
4	StreetDoctors - John Valentine, StreetDoctors	
	<p>StreetDoctors presentation</p> <p>John introduced himself to the group and explained that Streetdoctors is a charity registered in the UK. Its purpose is to change the lives of high risk young people by giving them the skills they need to deliver life-saving first aid. They use first aid as a tool to educate and empower young people, giving them confidence and a sense of responsibility for their actions, helping to change their attitude towards violence. John explained that trainee medics, nurses and paramedics made up the majority of their volunteers. John said that StreetDoctors were keen to expand their services to across London.</p> <p>Key discussion points included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How psychological trauma is dealt with. John explained that this was explored by volunteers and attendees in sessions to a certain extent. Whether StreetDoctors spoke about sexual health. Currently StreetDoctors is focusing on delivering First Aid training. • Sessions cost £50 and group sizes range between 10-15 people. 	

	Your organisation's IT, data and communication needs - Bernie Razzell, Kensington & Chelsea Social Council	
	Bernie introduced himself to the group and gave an update on the work he was doing at KCSC. He told the group that he was available to support organisations with their social media strategy, building and developing a website and IT security. <i>Please contact Bernie at barnie@kcsc.org.uk for further information.</i>	Rosemary to email Bernie for IT needs
6	Attendance and feedback from other forums/meetings including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Borough Voluntary Organisations Advisory Group Main Voluntary Organisations Forum Children's Trust Board Local Safeguarding Children's Partnership Board 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No update from BVOAG but it will be reinstated in 2019. The Main Voluntary Organisations Forum will focus on the work the RBKC Community Engagement Team has been doing. 	
7	Any other business	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Councillor Marwan Elnaghi informed the group that he is organising a Youth Conference for the 6 April 2019 at Kensington Town Hall. He said that there would be further information published in due course. Dalgarno Trust is currently working on a project which encourages residents in the north of the borough to go to the south of the borough to visit museums and galleries. One group member said that they should get in touch with Emily Candler from Discover South Kensington. Westway Community Transport has funding to provide minibuses for organisations. There was a complaint from a group member about the Voluntary Organisations Forums organised by KCSC. Due to a lack of funding the forums have decreased in their regularity. Members of the group discussed the possibility of Kensington & Chelsea Foundation funding further forums. 	<p>Keni to pass on Emily Candler's details to Dalgarno Trust</p> <p>KCSC to look into possibility of K&C Foundation funding forums</p>

ATTENDANCE LIST

	Organisations attending
1	Al-Hasaniya
2	Catholic Children's Society
3	Child Bereavement UK
4	Clement James Centre
5	Creative Performance Lab
6	Dalgarno Trust
7	Epic CIC
8	Family Friends

9	Full of Life
10	KAYAV
11	Kensington & Chelsea Social Council
12	Lancaster West Children's Community Network
13	My Time Active
14	Octavia Foundation
15	RBKC
16	Rugby Portobello Trust
17	The Kensington & Chelsea Foundation
18	West London Action for Children
19	Westway Trust