



MAIN VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS FORUM

Thursday 11 June 2015, 10.00am – 12.30pm
Committee Room 1, Kensington Town Hall, Hornton Street, W8 7NX

Chair: Angela Spence
Minutes taken by: Amina Khatun

Attendance list attached

1	WELCOME, INTRODUCTION AND APOLOGIES	ACTION
1.1	Angela welcomed everyone to the forum and invited members to introduce themselves and any new work they are involved in.	
2	MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING AND MATTERS ARISING	
2.1	Minutes of the previous meeting held 09 Dec 2014 were approved. There were no matters arising.	
3	Proposed K&C Promoting Volunteering Compact and Kite mark (the principles of which could but need to be included within a wider sector compact) for consultation. Jessica Wanamaker, Volunteer Centre Kensington and Chelsea (VCKO)	
3.1	Jessica presented on promoting volunteering. She began with introducing the work of the Volunteer Centre who they are and what they do.	
3.2	They have come up with a package of things they would like to do, and consultation on three areas: (1) revised principles: intend that they will be part of COMPACT being revised, (2) volunteer managers forum, (3) health checks: whether voluntary organisations are doing so in a way that is meaningful, they would like to revise this and strengthen it more.	
3.3	Holding more consultation sessions in September on developing the website in late Summer, and other forms of online consultations. For more information you can contact Irina Thorpe-Close (Volunteer Centre), Irina.Jarrett-Thorpe@voluntarywork.org.uk , 0208 900 3722.	
4	NCVO guidance on voluntary sector post elections Angela Spence, KCSC	
4.1	Angela presented some guidelines on what the NCVO consider to be key legislation and opportunities for the voluntary sector post-elections.	
4.2	Post general election implications for the voluntary sector click on link for details of presentation	
5	Houses of Parliament training on engaging with the new Parliament Alasdair Mackenzie , Parliamentary Outreach, Houses of Parliament	

5.1	Alasdair from the Houses of Parliament presented on how to engage with the new Parliament. The presentation covered the topics of what is Parliament, How to contact your MP, and the processes of Parliament. The PowerPoint slides are attached to this email along with further information.	
6	Launch of the KCSC VCS directory and website app	
6.1	Kuldip Bajwa from KCSC presented on the launch of the KCSC website and app. Organisations that want their organisations details on the app should contact KCSC	
7	Feedback from representatives	
7.1	The Borough Voluntary Organisations Advisory Group: The minutes to this meeting you can download from our website. The council discussed its approach to planning around community space. The council presented on what happens when there is change of use. There was also a presentation on the whole systems on integrated care. The annual meeting will be held on 18 June.	
7.2	Children, Young People and Families VOF: There was an update on youth services commissioning. The commissioning process has been stopped with view it would start again. The next meeting will take place on 17 Nov.	
7.3	Health and Wellbeing VOF: There were three presentations at this meeting, one from Annemarie Freude-Lagevardi, an update on People First website and a final one from the Dementia JSNA. The next meeting will be held on 7 th July. Rosemary Keenan mentioned there is a Partnership Group final meeting 8 June and that members were free to be in touch regarding that.	
8.	Members news and updates	
	Richmond Fellowship, working on complex mental health issues, services became live on 1 st June. Chelsea Theatre, were successful in donations for building project on Kings Road, looking to find more space while building work is being carried out. Requested for support with looking for space from the members. KCSC, Amina, promoted the survey on the private rented sector, encouraged the members to get involved in requesting their members to complete the survey and the research involving interviews and focus groups. KCSC, Angela, promoted KCSC's survey to be completed by the sector to help set KCSC's priorities for next 3 years.	
9.	AOB	
	None.	
10.	Date of next meeting	
	10 December 2015	

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1.Attendees

	Name	Organisation
1	Karen Tostee	Advice Now Plus
2	Francis Alexander	Chelsea Theatre
3	Rosemary Keenan	Catholic Children's Society
4	Teresa Heywood	Dalgarno Community Champions
5	Farhia Nur	Dalgarno Trust
6	Michael Bach	Kensington and Chelsea Social Council
7	Amina Khatun	Kensington and Chelsea Social Council
8	Angela Spence	Kensington and Chelsea Social Council
9	Raji Hunjan	Law Centre
10	Sviatlana Istamianok	Living Well
11	Stephen Duckworth	Notting Hill Methodist Church
12	Fleur Dorrell	Religions of the Assumptions, Kensington Square
13	Agnes Suley	Richmond Fellowship
14	Sylvester Nzekwue	Richmond Fellowship
15	Helen Fagan	Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea
16	Stephen Morgan	Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea
17	Annemarie Freude-Lagevardi	Westway Trust
18	Louise Wolsey	Westway Trust
19	Monika Oliver	Worlds End Under Fives Centre