

Youth Work Working Group Meeting

Minutes

Friday 14th September June 2007, 14:00, Rm 4, Castle Hill Community Centre, Ipswich

Introductions

Bud Simpkin	Young Suffolk (Chair)	Zena Fenton	SCA
Jacqui Wilkinson	Young Suffolk	Andrea Bennett	Heart Foyers
Hazel Stapleton	YCX WfD Team	Cherry Finch	4YP
Genista Dunham	SCA	Simon Waldron	SAVO (Proj. Coord)
Fiona Raison	Heart Foyers		

Apologies for absence

Nicki Bray	Prince's Trust	Nick Bray
Sue Irons	CSV Media	Pauline Morgan
Liz Newman	Rochford Trust	Sam Samson
Rosie Carter	SAFE	

Minutes and matters arising

The minutes of the meeting held on 5th June 2007 were agreed.

Suggested that representation was needed from the following groups: Bangladeshi, East Caribbean, migrant workers, Churches, Boys Brigade. Jacqui to investigate and seek additional reps.	AP 1.1 DISCH
--	-----------------

Scouts and Churches are already represented on the Quality Standard Panel.
Jane Basham from ISCRE has been invited onto the Working Group.

To raise quality standards within VCS youth organisations Jacqui to provide updates on Young Suffolk Quality Standards Panel	AP 1.2 DISCH
---	-----------------

The Quality Standards Panel has been briefed on the role of the Working Group and will feed in/out as required. The following updates were provided from the QSP:

- Piloting a Quality Improvement Process; 4YP involved with trial
- 40% of organisations are engaged in the Quality Standards process
- Young Suffolk are merging with Suffolk Clubs for young People and will be developing a 'lighter' QS system for smaller organisations

To develop good communication with a variety of youth networks and co-ordinating learning and skills needs information ALL to email Jacqui with précis of current training roles and data held	AP1.3 Ongoing
---	------------------

Returns received from SAFE, 4YP and Connexions.

To develop opportunities within VCS youth organisations to assist NEET young people Zena to co-ordinate Focus Groups to identify prior needs of NEET people	AP1.4 DISCH
--	----------------

(See below)

Jacqui to explore setting up a Youth Work Course	AP 1.5 DISCH
---	-----------------

This course is in development. Will launch in January 2008, 15 places, over 9 weeks (evening), at SALC Offices in Claydon, Facilitator – Donna Lancaster. Accredited through Anglia Care Trust.

Funding from CWDC 'Workforce Partners Programme' will provide a training mentor, to advise on training pathways and WfD, and a bursary scheme to support learners.

Cherry to investigate Learning Ladders for investing in Youth Volunteers	AP 1.6 DISCH
---	-----------------

Details provided to Jacqui.

Hazel to investigate costings for VCS to attend "Intro" training qualification	AP 1.7 DISCH
---	-----------------

Course is currently being piloted. Hope is to slot VCS people into courses, cost £200/head. Some LA funding may be available if classified as re-skilling.

Feedback from other Working Groups

Simon gave an update of the work from the other Working Groups.

Review NEET surveys produced by SCA (AP1.4)

Genista gave a précis of the survey results and all agreed that this was a good assessment and reflected the situation across the county.

Key message - more needs to be done to identify and provide support to young people to prevent them from becoming NEET.

Genista to provide bullet point recommendations of NEET survey to Simon to take to the LSC.	AP 2.1
--	--------

Plans to meet our Objectives

Raising quality standards within VCS youth organisations

NCVYS are currently carrying out a Health Check on Workforce Development, the results of which will be considered by the Quality Standards Panel.

Developing good communication with a variety of youth networks and co-ordinating learning and skills needs information

Young Suffolk are planning an event in March 2008 and will include a workshop/item to progress this.

Developing opportunities within VCS youth organisations to assist NEET young people

Andrea reported that they are currently delivering C&G 3806 which is a modular course on life skills and learning for NEET, which is receiving good feedback.

Zena and Cherry reported that they are running similar programs.

Andrea, Zena and Cherry to compare their programmes and suggest a format for a 3 unit NEET course	AP 2.2
--	--------

Providing training resources for VCS youth groups and developing learning ladders of qualifications for those with an interest in youth work

Much of this work is being carried out already within the QSP and Working Group.

There was discussion on the problems with producing Learning Ladders and whether they should be skill or qualification based.

Jacqui to collate data on Learning Ladders / Climbing Frames	AP 2.3
---	--------

Any Other Business

Bud gave details of the Youth Working Group 'workshop' at the forthcoming consortium conference on October 4th. Simon précised other conference highlights and invited all.

Date of future meetings

10th December 2007, 12th March 2008

All starting at 13:30, held at Castle Hill Community Centre

Meeting finished at 15:50

Action Points

To develop good communication with a variety of youth networks and co-ordinating learning and skills needs information ALL to email Jacqui with précis of current training roles and data held	AP1.3 Ongoing
Genista to provide bullet point recommendations of NEET survey to Simon to take to the LSC.	AP 2.1
Andrea, Zena and Cherry to compare their programmes and suggest a format for a 3 unit NEET course	AP 2.2
Jacqui to collate data on Learning Ladders / Climbing Frames	AP 2.3

Simon Waldron

E: simon.waldron@suffolklearningconsortium.org

T: 01638 721179

M: 07808 952706