

**Minutes**  
**Children and Young People's Forum**  
**17<sup>th</sup> June, 2009, GAVS**  
**2-4PM**

**Present**

Toks Bailey – JMF Support Group  
Wendy Beales – YPP Volunteer Centre Greenwich  
Robert Brookes - Central Eltham Youth Project  
Florence Emakpose – World of Hope  
Elaine Harrison – Head of Integrated Youth Support, Children's Services, Greenwich Council  
Alice Joseph-Harney – HER Centre  
Matt Horne – Charlton Athletic Community Trust  
Said Mali– Somali Parents Network  
Sarah Moloney – Children and Young People's Development Executive, GAVS  
Sheila Norris –Assistant Director, Commissioning for Outcomes, Children's Services, Greenwich Council  
Mick Price – AD Integrated Support (Children and Young People), Children's Services, Greenwich Council  
Gila Richardson – Greenwich Mencap  
Hugh Ridsdill-Smith – Greenwich Youth For Christ  
Stacy Smith – HER Centre  
Chrissey Stevens- GTLLA  
Adrian Tallett– Chief Executive of the Forum

**Apologies**

Paul Crozier – Children's Society  
Millicent Grant – First Fruit Productions  
Adel Khaireh- Greenwich Islamic Centre  
Megan Packham- Samuel Montagu Youth Centre  
Education Group / Julie Raven- Voluntary National Autistic Society  
Bethan Rickard – Greenwich Carers

**Discussion**

**1. Welcome and Introduction**

**2. Terms of Reference**

- Draft Terms of Reference presented feedback requested.
- Queries /clarifications on Terms of Reference:
  - Space for groups/people to come together, tell people what they want from GAVS, exchange information on youth and children's work.
  - Can 'monitoring 'be done by Forum? Formal monitoring not envisaged, rather Forum to be for sector to provide feedback and for information exchange.

- How does this Forum sit with other forums and networks? Need to ensure Forum does not duplicate other consultation/discussion Forums (eg. Compact), but that it links and feeds into these. Members of this CYP Forum are also members of other Forums/Bodies so can feedback information. (Robert also feeds back to GAVS Chair – who sits on Children’s Trust Board and other boards.)
- Who is the Forum for? Senior CYP workers (N.B. GAVS already runs a CEO’s Forum – mainstream). Current feedback Forums/mechanisms often tend to be only for those funded by Council. Hope this CYP Forum will also be an opportunity for groups who are not funded by Council and for wider sector as a whole to come together.

**Action:** Everyone to take draft back, consult with their colleagues. Send feedback, suggestions to Sarah.

### **3. Commissioning - Sheila Norris**

- Nothing decided yet on 2009-10 – not within Sheila’s control, so not able to give detailed information at this stage. Gulten Fedayi at Greenwich Council is lead officer.
- Timescale: should know within four months further details (according to HER Centre contact with Gulten).
- However, approach for Children’s Trust will be to ensure more consistency in commissioning. Framework and core standards for all providers commissioned whether external or in-house providers. Still at developmental stage. Will go out for consultation within next few months.

**Action:** Chair of GAVS to contact Gulten for further information and feedback to CYP Forum.

### **4. Overview of Integrated Youth Support Service (IYSS) - Mick Price**

See organisational chart handed out.

- Aim is for seamless level of support and integration.
- Extended & Healthy Schools: e.g. after school activities, integrated activities in schools.
- Youth Offending Service: e.g. Preventative agenda, risk of offenders.
- Children & families: e.g. Family information, children’s centres.

### **Integrated Youth Support Service - Elaine Harrison**

See organisational chart handed out.

Structure:

- Personal Advisors and also trainees associated with each post.
- Universal & Open Access Youth Provision: More cohesive service, based around identified needs. Commissioning. Quality standards. Focus on participation – want more input and inclusion from voluntary sector (wider voluntary sector, not just those funded by council). Developing play service.
- Service Development: more cohesive approach to volunteering. Accreditation. Marketing & information – promote positive activities. Youth opportunities and youth capital fund – link to Council strategic activities.
- Health & Integrated support: drop-in, one stop service -all services. Including teenage parents, out of school activities etc. A lot more commissioned activities.
- Targeted & Youth Work Detached: early intervention, community safety.

- All link to other sectors and services now e.g. Education, voluntary sector, commissioning, PCT...
- Just finished 2<sup>nd</sup> stage of reorganisation, so not fully functional yet at all levels.
- Re publicising activities, case studies on website etc – send to Gurdeep.
- To promote on billboards etc – go through communications in first instance.

#### **Capacity building of voluntary organisations:**

- Can help with workforce and volunteer development. Training available. Gurdeep is point of contact for this. GAVS is also a focal point for capacity building. Change Up Greenwich can also help with capacity building and finance. Need to get GLLAB more involved.
- Council work experience and training programme for 16-19yrs. Trainees can be any age. HER gave example of teenage Mums, who often don't fit young persons' programmes criteria (eg. those 19+yrs). This is being looked at by Greenwich Council and details will follow shortly.
- Clarified STEIP which includes youth offending, anti-social behaviour team, diversionary work. Take services out to young people.

#### **Engagement with voluntary sector:**

- How to bring about more, and wider, involvement of voluntary sector (different groups not usually represented)? How will Council consult with voluntary sector with their new structure? Each council Area Manager will be in touch with all groups in their area (not just those council funds). Gurdeep 1<sup>st</sup> point of contact for Area Managers. Broader consultation in other forums too.
- Could GAVS CYP Forum be primary source / focal point of information and consultation with voluntary sector? Need wider groups involved e.g. including more faith groups around the table. Need to review what other forums exist. This would fit in with Local Area Agreement and Compact.

#### **General**

- Important to learn from other Forums – GAVS to do this (Robert also member of Bexley and Lewisham).
- HER Centre organising round table between teenage Mums and service providers in Sept.
- CYP Forum is organic, evolving Forum. Important voluntary sector owns Forum, so encourage feedback.

#### **Action:**

- GAVS to send email list of attendees to Elaine Harrison
- Elaine Harrison to send details of communication contacts
- Elaine Harrison to send details of training schemes available for 19+/young teenage Mums.
- Council looking at quality assurance framework – Elaine Harrison suggested talking to Gurdeep to do this.
- GAVS to review other Forums and see if potential to bring Forums together.
- HER Centre to liaise with Jenny re Sept teenage Mums round table.

#### **5. Presentations**

See Power points

- Volunteer Centre Greenwich – Wendy Beales
- Greenwich Youth for Christ – Hugh Ridsdill-Smith
- HER Centre – Alice Joseph-Harney

1:1 meetings between groups and Greenwich Council as arranged prior to the meeting.

**6. Feedback, Summary and Close**

Suggested next meeting Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> September 12noon – 2pm, venue to be arranged.