

Minutes
 GAVS Children's and Young Peoples Forum
 16th September 2009
 12.30-2.30

Present

Isaac Attram	Youth Rally Mission
Toks Bailey	BME Education representative
Robert Brooks	Central Eltham Youth Project
Juliet Campbell	Greenwich Children's Services
Florence Emakpose	World of Hope
Naomi Goldberg	CEO GAVS
Dupe Makinde	Daylight Academy
Emily McGahey	The Princes Trust
Sarah Moloney	C & YP Development Executive
Michelle Moore	Head of Extended and Healthy Schools
Barbara Murphy	Volunteer Centre Greenwich
Gina Odey	Street vibes Youth
Toyin Ogunbanjo	Listening Ears
Pauline O'Hare	Health and Wellbeing Development Executive
Miles Openshaw	Green Shoe Arts CIC
Megan Packham	Samuel Montagu Youth Centre
Richard Price	RIR marketing company
Hugh Ridsdill Smith	Greenwich Youth for Christ
Judy Smith	Central Eltham Youth Project
Chrissy Stevens	Greenwich Toy and Leisure Library
Adrian Tallett	CEO The Forum at Greenwich
Clay Ujanga	Mama Afrika

Discussion

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Minutes of Previous Meetings

All agreed

Terms of reference circulated and requested further feedback as they had been amended since last meeting.

3. Commissioning Adrian Tallett

Adrian and Naomi had been involved in meetings with the Local Authority regarding the commissioning process. There were concerns voiced by groups that monitoring is very excessive for small groups in relation to the amount of money awarded. There



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were concerns raised that there is no full cost recovery in place at the present time and that the majority of contracts were awarded to larger organisations rather than the smaller groups. Adrian Tallett and Naomi Goldberg stated that the sector would be consulted on the process and the priorities and that it was important that all groups gave feedback at both stages.

There would be an electronic and possibly paper process for commissioning and there would be a number of commissioning champions who would assist small groups in all aspects of the commissioning process. It was stated that the C & YP forum was the opportunity to raise concerns and improve relationships with the Local Authority.

4. Michelle Moore Head of Extended and Healthy Schools

Michelle stated that Extended Schools can also be referred to as Extended Services whose aim was to ensure that services work together to get provision for young people and reduce gaps in inequalities especially to make sure that young people from less fortunate backgrounds have the same opportunities as everyone else. Extended schools are very keen to work with third sector organisations to meet the diverse needs of children and young people in the Borough. All schools by April 2010 will be working towards offering a core offer of offering quality childcare from 8am-6pm all year round ,a varied menu of study support activities, parenting support, swift and easy access to specialist support and wider access for the community as a whole.

In Greenwich schools are working in 10 clusters with 85% of schools providing the full extended schools offer. Extended schools are keen to work with voluntary organisations and Extended Schools Manager acts as a broker between schools and providers. There are cluster meetings where heads and other services meet to decide on need for their school and then ask providers to send in proposals to meet needs.

There is currently a budget of £350,000 p.a. which goes on the facilitation of the cluster meetings and provision of services. There is currently around £25,000 per cluster.

There are presently VCS reps on Extended Schools steering group but Extended Schools wish to involve more of the VCS groups in the local area .

Action Point

It was agreed that Sarah Moloney would sit down with groups to see what support can be offered by the groups to schools and GAVS would further discuss what clusters have identified as needs.

Need to find out if and how groups can help clusters to deliver core offer. MM stated all clusters are different and have different priorities and awareness needs to be created within the sector.

Action Point

MM will pass cluster newsletter to GAVS

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Health inequalities in school, school based health centres also working with Greenwich Young carers and Metro Centre.

Parenting support provided in LBG with speak easy talking about relationships

Action Point

Adrian Tallett to feedback in terms of commissioning priorities such as support for teenage parents

MM will increase contact with GAVS to keep relationship going and match up resources.

There is a new pot of money called Extended Schools Subsidy Fund which focuses on Looked after Children and child poverty. There is currently a pilot in Eltham and money goes to all schools from next April. Need to consider youth empowerment as young people are often positive role models for other YP.

5. Training Di West

Di West gave a brief outline of her courses picked up through identified need. Asked what training CYP organisations need over and above the training already covered

The following topics were covered:

Full cost Recovery

Consortium bidding as a group and after that where further funding can come from

How can CYP form partnerships and work together

Funding for buildings –generally put into capital bids but help required with this

Health checks needed- Identify key priorities and then put on training

Group wants GAVS to communicate with the LA about their needs but the groups

felt GAVS had been supportive and it was positive to see an up and running CVS

Stalls fair was suggested with key stakeholders from the local authority and groups could showcase their work

Low level accreditations for young people, which can motivate them and allow them to go away with something and which are increasingly asked for by funders.

The time of training which would be best suitable for groups was am or pm sessions between school times.

Action Point

Di West to draft training programme and send to Sarah Moloney at GAVS

End of meeting