

**Minutes**  
**Children and Young Peoples Forum**  
**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2010**  
**12.30-2.30**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Organisation</b>
1. K Obana	Modus Consortia
2. N Goldberg	GAVS
3. B Rickard	Greenwich Young Carers
4. S Smith	Her Centre
5. K Kalia	Home Start Greenwich
6. J Raven	Voluntary Education Group
7. J Kingsley	LYS
8. H. Knight	Push Arts
9. I. Lily	Stream Arts
10. S. Parker	GPLA
11. J. Smith	CEYP
12. C. Stevens	GTLLA
13. M. Numuhaza	V Inspired
14. W. Wilcox	V Involved
15. F. Mercer	Beatbullying
16. C. Traore	Dogon Music
17. H. Gaobi	Dogon Music
18. I. Attram	Youth Rally Mission
19. A. Stevens	Manna Trust
20. D. Brown	Home Start Greenwich
21. D. Isherwood	GAVS
22. S. Moloney	GAVS
23. R. Bhudial	Walpole Residents
24. X. Demetriou	Eye 4 Change
25. G. Palmer	London Borough of Greenwich
26. S.Norris	London Borough of Greenwich

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27. A. Wallden	Greenwich Action for Voluntary Service
28. T. Ogunbanjo	Home Start Greenwich
29. B. Sapporo-Grant	Listening Ears
30. C. Samuels	Parent Power
31. B. Higginson	Forum
32. J. Umusu	Volunteer Centre Greenwich
33. M.Hersi	The Character Well
34. M.Apaka	Somali Teaching Group
35. R. Brooks	Listening Ears
36. J. Boatang	Central Eltham Youth Project
37. L. Boamah-Bafi	Sister, Sister Project
38. A. Benson	My Shepherd House
	Blessed Generation

#### Apologies, Welcomes and Introductions

Naomi Goldberg

- Director of Children’s Services – Gillian Palmer
- Gillian Palmer gave an overview of the Council’s priorities for Children and Young People in Greenwich. The key priority was raising achievement for all young people in Greenwich. Schools were working to achieve ambitious targets and over the past two years there had been significant progress in raising attainment. The evidence was proving that there was no reason why children and young people in Greenwich should not do as well as children and young people anywhere else in the country. Working in partnership with the voluntary sector to achieve priorities was critical: the sector was a key part of the children’s workforce.
- G.P. Stated that the voluntary sector were working with a large number of families and young people. Supporting children and families was key to ensuring that children were able to learn so that standards of attainment could be raised.
- It was stressed that all groups working with children and young people were under a duty to ensure that they were safe and that all workers should have accessed relevant safeguarding training and be aware of their responsibilities to young people in their care.
- As budgets were likely to be extremely tight in the coming years it was important that groups considered partnership working to ensure the best outcomes for young people and this would be a key area for GAVS to develop with the sector.

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- AD Commissioning for outcomes -Sheila Norris
- Targets and funding for 2010-2011 had been rolled over from 2009-10
- New priorities for 2010-11 had been agreed and would be circulated to all groups by Sarah Moloney (CYP DE). These Included mental health services, family support services, services for disabled children, universal youth support and targeted youth support.
- SN thanked GAVS for comments they had collated on the new Children's Trust commissioning for outcomes framework. Some of these could be accepted and the framework amended accordingly. Others would feed into work to embed the framework e.g. new service specifications for 2011-14 on which the sector would be briefed at a future forum. The Council's full response to the comments was circulated.
- During 2010-11 a new Children and Young People Plan would be drafted and it was important for the voluntary sector to feed into the analysis of needs that informed that Plan, Views already expressed through meetings of the forum would be taken into account and draft priorities for the new Plan would be brought to the forum over the next few months.

### Action Points

SM to circulate Greenwich Children's Services priorities for commissioning from third sector 2011-2014 and responses by the Council to comments received on the commissioning for outcomes framework.

- Performance by Dogon Music an introduction to African Drumming
- Presentation from Francis Mercer regarding Beat bullying cyber mentoring programme.

### Naomi Goldberg feedback on CSSP meeting

- There were a large number of young people entering local authority care for the first time particularly from white communities and the increase in looked after children had risen in recent months.
- In terms of substance abuse and treatment for young people, BME communities were not accessing treatment but other communities were and CSSP board were concerned that BME young people are not coming forward to services for assistance with substance misuse issues.

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- Groups were advised to contact Mick Price re any problems with targets and monitoring for those funded by IYSS as a matter of urgency
- Groups were encouraged to look at priorities and commissioning and send any comments to SM for feedback.

## Notices

Volunteer Centre Greenwich had an opportunity for a BBC apprentice contact

Bridget at VCG

Julie Raven from VEG had parents training on 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> March 2010 at Brookhill

Children's Centre.

Meeting Closed

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