

**MINUTES OF THE WEST BELFAST LOCALITY PLANNING GROUP  
MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 12<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2016 AT 2.30PM  
IN STEWARTSTOWN ROAD REGENERATION PROJECT, 124  
STEWARTSTOWN ROAD, BELFAST BT11 9JQ**

**PRESENT:**

<b>Name:</b>	<b>Organisation:</b>
Tina Gregory	Clan Mor Sure Start (Chair)
Elizabeth Gracey	Action Ability Belfast
Pamela Hughes	Kids Together
Kelly Maxwell	NIACRO
Mairead Gilmartin	Outer West Sure Start
Penny Ambrose	Beechmount Sure Start
Ciara Fusco	Youth Justice Agency
Jamie Compton-Rea	ASCERT
Marie-Therese Cassin	Cedar
Dympna Johnston	Shankill Family Support Hub
Deirdre Walsh	Whiterock Family Support Hub
Jim Girvan	Greater Falls Family Support Hub
Karen Burns	BHSCT

**APOLOGIES:**

Dermot Glackin	West Belfast Partnership Board
Mairead McCrea	Kids Together
Nikki Terlik	Libraries NI
Laura Rankin	CYPSP
Natalie Killough	Child Development Early Interventions Co-ordinator
Ann Marie McKee	Outer West Family Support Hub
Leontia McKenna	Outer West Family Support Hub
Sue Pentel	Ionad Uíbh Eachach

**Welcome and Introductions**

Tina welcomed everyone to the meeting and a round of introductions took place.

**Apologies**

Were noted as above

## **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

Minutes were agreed as a true and accurate representation of the meeting.

## **Matters Arising**

All matters arising will be covered in main meeting except Benefits information and advice: Laura sent this information out.

## **Youth Inclusion Hub Presentation- Helen McVitty O'Hara**

Helen was unable to attend the meeting, so she will present at a future meeting.

## **Action Plan**

### Inclusion Charter West Belfast

There was a discussion about the design of the Inclusion Charter and a design was agreed by members. It was decided this will be sent to organisations by email so they could print and display. There will be discussions about the Charter launch at the next meeting.

### **Action: Charter launch to be added to December agenda**

### Family Fund event

Family Fund Event is taking place in Girdwood Community Hub on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> November. Laura contacted the organisation to check if they could do a separate event for West Belfast, but this was not possible. Sure Start will have a generic stand at the event.

## **Health for All Strategy West Belfast**

No Health for all Strategy update as Dermot sent his apologies.

## **Family Support Hub Updates**

### Greater Falls Hub

Jim gave update from Greater Falls Hub. Bronagh McAllister is the new coordinator and she is currently reviewing membership.

### Whiterock Hub

Deirdre gave update for Whiterock. Tax credits a major issue for families and school refusing to take children in. There were suggestions to contact PEAT and Children's Law centre. Afterschool shortages are becoming an issue in this Hub area.

## Shankill Hub

Dympna gave the update for Shankill. Mentoring for younger children (7 years up) is an emerging rising need.

## **Feedback from Belfast Outcomes Group**

Tina gave feedback from Belfast Outcomes Group. A presentation about Early Intervention programmes was given by Natalie Killough. Jamie felt that the Strengthening Families has had a major impact on families they have worked with. It was noted that people change people's lives and not programmes and the importance of looking at what works locally needs invested in, not necessarily taken from other sources further afield. There were also presentations given from Maurice and Kelly on the Early Intervention Support Service and Maurice Leeson on the Early Intervention Transformation Programme. Laura to send out the presentations.

## **Action: Laura to circulate presentations given at the Belfast Outcomes Group**

## **Chairing Arrangements**

Tina stepped down as chair of the Locality Group and Deirdre Walsh was unanimously elected. Tina will remain at meetings and at Outcomes Group until new round of selections takes place. Everyone thanked Tina for taking the group to this stage. Members asked to consider role of vice chair, this will be discussed at next meeting.

## **Action: Vice Chair arrangements to be discussed in December.**

## **Member Updates**

- Kids Together have a 12 week programme for children awaiting diagnosis looking at social interaction of children aged 2-3.
- Belfast City Councils Locality Development Plan being discussed.
- Programme for Government Draft Action Plan will be out in November
- Children's Strategy
- Disability Strategy
- Local information on activities at Halloween lots happening in local areas, should be sent to Laura for dissemination. Big Lotteries is giving funding for Celebrate so organisations can apply for this.
- HMRC Tax Credits have sent out letters to childcare providers but there appears to be a difficulty logging on. There may be a difficulty regionally as it could be a system from England. No further information known.

**Action: Laura to circulate Halloween events information**

**Date, Time and venue for Next Meetings**

Dates for future meetings are as follows:-

<b>Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2016 @ 10am</b>	Shankill Library (note change of time)
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