**Children and Families Third Sector Forum – Tuesday 8th June 2021**

**1.30 – 3.00 pm – Zoom meeting**

1. Welcome and Apologies

**Attending**

Helen Davis, Chair (YAP), Raymond Branton (FCDWL), Simon McGowan (Children 1st) , Fiona Brown (WLDAS), Lesley Mount (Signpost), Alison Wright (Carers of West Lothian), Alex Collop (Circle), Lisa Drinnan (CAB), Joanna van den Berg ( Firefly-arts), Jocelyn Crawford (Safe Families) Alan McCloskey (VSGWL), Louise Henry, The Promise.

**Apologies**

Stuart Barrie (Homestart), Daisy Drop In, Rania Qussasi (WLFSS Action for Children), Declan Harrigan (Smile counselling), Wilma Murray (Carers of West Lothian)

1. **Minutes of previous meeting / Matters arising**

The note of the previous meeting was agreed for accuracy.

**Matters arising:**

Joint Strategic Commissioning Plan (JSCP) – No update. The plan is likely to be circulated.

Covid-19 testing kits. Joanna advised that there were still issues obtaining kits. Helen advised of similar and highlighted that although kits are available the limit to the number of kits was an issue. Joanna hoped to get kits from schools. Any ideas on securing more kits would be welcome.

**Action: all to advise.**

1. **Feedback from Children & Families Strategic Planning group meeting, ADP Children and YP sub group meeting, Community Safety group etc – brief update.**

Helen and Raymond advised that the Terms of Reference for the Children & Families Strategic Planning Group had been drafted. The TOR included the purpose of the group and set out levels of involvement. She advised that WL Arc was a potential workstream. On a positive note, the link -Denise Arbator from WL Council – was being reinstated.

Helen advised that Lynda may be in touch with individuals in the forum in connection with Children`s mental health. Funding opportunities are still being progressed.

Alex advised that the ADP Children and YP sub group Terms of Reference and associated action plan was being progressed. He added that family aspects were to be included.

Helen reported that weekly tasking coordination meetings involving Housing, Police and Fire were taking place in relation to Community Safety. Issues of mental health were featuring heavily. She highlighted some concerns on how statutory bodies cope and on the need for third sector involvement and link into the MH Forum.

Details of CAP to follow in due course. May be extra service provision.

1. **C & F Mental Health Partnership development – Update**

Simon reported that Wellbeing Recovery was to be developed. The Children and Families MH Partnership draft Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) template was being considered and would be up and running in the next week or so. He highlighted the role of Social Work and Education in pre-screening work for around 30 families was being managed.

A creative approach was required, but all on board. A process for the Governance Group to be developed alongside this.

1. **Presentation – The Promise & Corporate Parenting – Louise Henry, the Promise Lead**

Helen gave a comprehensive presentation about the background to The Promise and the opportunity for all to get involved. A wide-ranging discussion followed and highlighted the need for effective connections. Helen agreed to circulate the slides from the Helen`s PPT and links to related documents.

**Action: Helen to circulate powerpoint presentation and links**

1. **Agency updates – This will be continued on to the next meeting due to presentation.**

Alison highlighted that Carers Week was running from 7-10 June.  
Funding/ Partnership Opportunities/ Forward planning etc.

Helen advised that Salvesen Mindroom Centre had been invited to a future meeting. Other potential speakers to be invited to future meetings included Fiona from Fast Forward Funds and Lesley from an Education project.

**Action: Helen to confirm speakers for future meetings.**

1. **AOCB**

No items raised.

1. **Future meeting dates** :- 10th August & 7th September both 1.30-3pm