Note of meeting of the Children and Families Third Sector Forum

Tuesday 17th May 2022

**1.00 – 2.30 pm – In person meeting**The Gateway, 20-22 20-22 King Street, Bathgate, EH48 1AX

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| Chair: | Helen Davis (WLYAP) | Note taker: | Tracy Kerr (VSGWL) |

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| Attendees: Hazel Tyson (Circle), Raymond Branton (FCDWL), Helen Rashad (Firefly), Tracy Murdoch (Kidzeko),Collette Moran (School Bank WL), Garry Walker (The Larder), Monica Mochar (WellBeing Scotland), Rania Qussasi (Action for Children) |
| Apologies: Wilma Murray (Carers of WL ), Elaine Kinloch (LYPP), Lesley Mount (Signpost), Denise Arbeiter West Lothian Council, Andrew Murray (Safe Families) |

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| 1: | **Welcome and Apologies** |
| Helen welcomed all to the meeting and noted apologies.  LYPP were unable to attend. Their presentation will now be done at the June meeting. | |
| **2:** | **Action note from previous meeting/ Matters arising** |
| Previous minutes were agreed. All action points from the previous meeting are now complete. Helen thanked everyone who had provided feedback about the trauma training. | |
| **3:** | **Brief update from meetings**  **Children & Families Strategic Planning group meeting, ADP/ Whole Family Approach PSP, Community Safety group, Adult Mental Health group/ C&F Performance Framework working group.** |
| **Children and Families Strategic Planning group meeting**   * The last meeting included a presentation about Roots. It was generally well received. Positive indications were received from West Lothian Council that it will be a long term project. Helen will send around a copy of the presentation. * The children services plan is now live. Updates will now start for this years report.   <https://westlothianhscp.org.uk/article/65558/Children-s-Services-Plan-and-Corporate-Parenting-plan>   * Whole family approach – CORRA funding has been approved and it is hoped that this will be for 5 years. Five people have now been appointed from the CORRA funding.   **C&F Performance Framework working group**  There was a meeting to look at the overall wellbeing indicators and how they relate to West Lothian specifically. There is an inconsistency over the age brackets for different indicators and the group have questioned why.  The reporting will now be quarterly reporting and there will be specific performance indicators for the third sector.  Helen has already sent out the document showing the performance indicators, contact Helen if you have not received it.  **Action.**  **Helen to send round a copy of the Roots presentation.** | |
| **4:** | **Presentation – Garry Walker, The Larder** |
| Elaine was unable to attend today so LYPP presentation will now be in June.  Gary delivered a presentation on The Larder. The presentation will be sent round with minutes.  The Larder bakery in the new premises in Livingston is due to open soon and will provide an income source for the project.  **Action**  **Garry to send slides to forward to all.** | |
| **5:** | **Trauma informed practice – training etc**  **Monica Mochar – Wellbeing Scotland to share information** |
| The online training from West Lothian Council is not yet available. It is being piloted in education and once complete will be rolled out.  Monica from Wellbeing Scotland advised they are providing free online sessions and will send out the most recent list of events. A course on adult dissociation is coming up soon.  Although planned training is online, it may also be possible to do site visits.  This is to be kept as an ongoing agenda item to discuss common themes.  **Action: Trauma informed practice to be added to the agenda for June.**  **Action: Monica to send on a list of events.** | |
| **6:** | **Mental Health and Wellbeing Framework - Update Draft Commissioning Plan – Ongoing item** |
| The timeline of the draft commissioning plan has been moved with key themes to be agreed by partners by the end of June. Initially the plan will be high level only. | |
| **7:** | **ACES Hub – Raymond** |
| West Lothian previously had ACES hubs but, a wider reaching Trauma Hub as a central point for information is now being discussed. This is on the agenda to be discussed at the next strategic group meeting.  This is to be an ongoing agenda item.  **Action: Trauma informed practice to be added to the agenda for June.** | |
| **8:** | **TSSG – Update (Raymond) & VSGWL – Update** |
| **TSSG (Raymond)**  Raymond thanked the School Bank for their help with providing a uniform pack quickly in time for a Ukrainian child starting school.  There has not been a TSSG meeting since the last children and families forum. The next one is due to be held later this week at The Gateway. This will be held as a hybrid in person/virtual meeting.  **VSGWL (Tracy)**   * **Unpaid carers fund**   The closing date for the fund is 27th May at noon.   * **Schools Work experience**   An appeal has been sent out to host someone for a few days/week or flexible extended work placement.   * **Community climate Hubs**   Two meetings have been held and attendees agreed there was sufficient interest in West Lothian for a Hub. Scot Gov are now looking to recruit a network co-ordinator who will co-ordinate the setting up of the Hub.   * **Communities’ mental health and wellbeing fund**   The Scottish Government have announced a further £15m Details of the grant to West Lothian is expected in the mid-June.   * **Ukrainian nationals and their family members**   Following a meeting with Community Groups and West Lothian Council, VSGWL has agreed that it would create a `Directory of Support` to highlight the range of statutory and community support that is available to people arriving from Ukraine. In the meantime, West Lothian Council have produced helpful information and links on their website for anyone with questions on registering as a host, welcome guides for Ukrainians and a list of organisations offering help for Ukrainians - <https://www.westlothian.gov.uk/help-for-ukraine> | |
| **9:** | **Member Information / Updates** |
| **Action for Children**  The family support service is ending at the end of June. The service will now be provided by West Lothian Council Family Link Workers and contact will be through schools. Rania will no longer be attending the forum.  The group all expressed their concerns that this service was no longer going to be available.  All wished Rania well for the future.  **Firefly Arts**  Helen has taken over from Joanne and introduced herself.  **School Bank West Lothian**  The school bank will be launching their sponsor a child appeal at the beginning of June where a child is sponsored for a full uniform.  They have been shortlisted for the Scotmid co-operative fund and are in line for a £15,000 award. Collette asked for anyone who is a member to vote for their charity.  **Kidzeko**  Kidzeko are running a bumpathon prenatal event for pregnant ladies to paint their tummies. | |
| 10 | **A.O.C.B./D.O.N.M** |
| * A discussion was held around the current difficulty in recruiting. A suggestion was made to use LinkdIn. All asked to share any job opportunities being advertised. * Smile Counselling have advised they are now taking people on for counselling.   Next meetings have been agreed as;  **June**  21st  at 1pm-2.30 pm at The Gateway 20-22 King Street, Bathgate, EH48 1AX  **July**  There will be no meeting in July due to holidays.  **August**  23rd at 1pm – 2.30pm venue TBA.  Cakes to be provided by The Larder and the ppresentation will be by Elaine Kinloch - LYPP  **September**  27th at 1pm-2.30pm venue TBA. | |