

Notes of CCEN Executive Board meeting held on Tuesday 13 October 2009

Present: Sarah Elie, Simone Hensby, Lincoln Lim, Shelagh O'Connor, Peter Ward, Hayley Watts

Also present: Donna Turnbull, Linda Skipper

1.	<p>Apologies Nasim Ali, Ruth Appleton, Mukid Choudhury</p>	
	<p>At the start of the meeting LF informed members of the death of John Shaw who was elected onto the CCEN board by Age Concern. LF had sent a message of condolence on behalf of the CCEN board and asked if John preferred flowers or a donation to a charity. John wished all donations to be made to Macmillan nurses and CCEN will be making a donation on his behalf. If members wish to make a contribution to this please contact Simone.</p> <p>A tribute to John will be posted on the CCEN website</p>	
2.	<p>CCEN Papers</p>	
a)	<p>Minutes Minutes were agreed <u>Matters Arising</u> Item 2b) HW had not spoken to Steve Jordan with regards to volunteering but would do so shortly Item 2c) the Lead Body column has been removed from the About the LSP paper Item 3.3) No information as yet regarding input from the Social Cohesion forum into the CAA. Item 3.4) No information regarding the reward grant and its allocation</p> <p>b) Community Strategy Review This document lists the key points that came out of the seminars. A copy was sent to all those who attended for comment and then a copy was sent to Mary Burguieres Head of Policy in Camden Council</p> <p>DT informed members that she had been contacted by the National Audit Office for an interview as part of research they are undertaking as they were very interested in how the CCEN was working with the LSP in Camden.</p> <p>c) Factsheets DT mentioned that these titles were based on requests from groups visited by LS and were meant to give basic information and direct people to where they could find out more.</p> <p>The first and second factsheet's were linked as the first one on the LSP shows how the various strategic partnerships link into the LSP and the second on the CCEN shows how the VCS link into the various strategic partnerships.</p>	

d)	<p>SH felt that there should be more VCS representation on the Economic Development Partnership as the only VCS rep was from an employment training focus whereas the VCS are also key employers and play a key part in the local economy. It was felt that someone representing Social Enterprises or trading arms of charities might be useful.</p> <p>SE offered to be CCEN rep on the EDP as they are moving towards developing a trading arm</p> <p>HW mentioned that the EDF was not interested in volunteering issues</p> <p>Marketplace Website LS took members through the paper tabled at the meeting. The main reason for its failure was that funding arrangements have moved on – commissioners are looking for fewer and bigger contracts which exclude the smaller VCS group which this website was designed to promote. After some discussion it was agreed to close down the Marketplace website</p>	<p>DT to contact Philip Colligan about a Social Enterprise VCS rep on the EDP</p> <p>Members to contact DT re any other factsheets needed</p> <p>LS to inform all Marketplace website groups about the closure and the reasons for it and to write a report on the lessons learnt.</p>
3.	LSP Papers	
	<p>Climate Change Alliance DT said that membership of the CCA is increasing with more businesses and VCS groups joining. It is often difficult for VCS groups to reduce carbon emissions as they do not own their own buildings and many changes are their landlords' responsibility. Key barriers include lack of awareness and finances. However there are a number of low level things that can be done to save money and reduce carbon emissions. There are few grants available but these are focussing on residents.</p> <p>SE mentioned a series of workshops taking place in Somerstown aimed at raising the awareness of local residents.</p>	
	<p>Special Social Cohesion Forum meeting Terms of Reference and workplan were agreed. DT mentioned that there was no link to the SCF on Camden Council's website so these documents cannot be downloaded.</p>	
	LSP Agenda Items – no papers	
	<p>Local Development Framework This will be a presentation on the Core Strategy – this is a very big document which can be viewed /downloaded from the council's website. The next opportunity for VCS to get involved is on the site (area) allocations (preferred options). CCEN is holding a workshop for groups to have their say on these on 24 November.</p> <p>There is no dedicated person on the LSP leading on the LDF or planning.</p>	
	<p>Recession Update Funding SO mentioned that it was getting harder to get money from charitable trusts for training to get people ready for employment such as literacy skills as most funding is now focused on getting people into work,</p>	

	<p>SE said that its now a lot harder to get money from charities as their funds have shrunk due to the recession.</p> <p>LL said they have a volunteer with youth work experience looking at the financial sustainability of the CCCCs youth service</p> <p>HW said VCC needed more appropriate placements for their volunteers. VCC is developing a register where groups can register their opportunities so potential volunteers can be matched.</p> <p>SE said lots of middle / lower management are among the volunteers now so those who are looking at volunteering as a way of gaining experience to get into paid employment are losing out as opportunities are taken by the more experienced volunteers.</p>	
4.	<p>Information Exchange</p> <p>LF Reminded members about the LSP Seminar on Tuesday 20 October</p> <p>HW Invited members to VCC's AGM which will be on the 3 November and include the launch of Camden's Volunteering Strategy</p> <p>SO mentioned the cut in funding for Outreach Street Population Services from next year. Camden are looking for one provider for all street services – there has been no consultation on this and there is fear that CRI (Crime Reduction Initiatives) which is a large national organisation will be the preferred provider.</p>	<p>Investigate whether an Equality Impact Assessment has been undertaken</p>
5.	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>There was no AOB</p>	
6	<p>Date of next meeting</p> <p>Next LSP Business meeting is Thursday 15 October at 10.30am</p> <p>CCEN seminars: 20 October – Routes to the LSP 11 November – Routes to Health & Wellbeing Board 24 November – Local Development Framework</p> <p>Next CCEN Executive Committee meeting is on Tuesday 8 December</p>	