

## **EDINBURGH COMMUNITY LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP**

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2020**

**Held online due to Covid-19**

### **Present:**

Paul McCloskey – CEC (Chair)

Jackie Stewart – CEC

Hana Mackechnie – CEC

Sheila Duncan – CEC

Laurene Edgar – Lothian Association of Youth Clubs – Note of meeting

John Heywood – CEC

Julie Coyle – Skills Development Scotland

Nick Croft – Edinburgh College

Laura Cattell – University of Edinburgh

Caroline Lamond – CEC

Archie Campbell – Workers Education Association

### **Apologies**

Rebecca Dey – NHS Lothian

Ian Brooke – EVOC – Chair

Michele Mulvaney – CEC

Peter O'Brien – Scottish Fire and Rescue Service

Tommy George – Edinburgh Leisure

Kate Morton – Health and Social Care Partnership

Paul Wilson – Volunteer Edinburgh

Peter Strong – CEC

## **1. Introductions and updates from meeting participants**

### **John Heywood**

- LLL youth work developing website hub for information and links to activities for young people but also a point of contact for youth workers.
- Working with LLL Service Managers to create content for online hub
- Distributing national surveys to staff i.e Youthlink/SYP/Young Scot and Children's Parliament

### **Julie Coyle**

- All staff working from home
- Services on offer has been transferred to telephone contact
- Continuing to work with schools on a daily basis
- Working with Scottish Government around response to PACE
- Keeping updates with local knowledge to best sign-post users.

### **Laurene**

- Online Member Group Forums being facilitated to offer Managers/Trustees support, information and advice
- Continuous gathering of news, information, support for Members and wider sector and distributed using social media platforms and weekly e-bulletin
- General support to Youth Work Managers to help navigate current challenges- HR/Employment and safely offering online youth work
- Training sessions being offered online through Membership
- LAYC representing community-based youth work at Citywide Taskforce and Locality Operations Groups

### **Nick**

- College closed as of 20<sup>th</sup> March for face-to-face teaching
- Online learning through MOODLE- seeing good engagement
- Continuing to support LAAC students
- Negotiating with all awarding bodies to result in May
- June/July considering starting to consider recovery activity
- Business as usual in terms of recruitment
- There will be a different delivery model for semester 1
- Contributing to local economic recovery plan

### **Sheila**

- Checked in with funders at start of pandemic
- Phone links have been set up with vulnerable learners
- Regular newsletter set up
- Working with LLL SM/DO to support literacy learners
- Adult Education programme – contact/awareness has been maintained through social media (Twitter/Facebook)
- A suitable online video platform needs to be agreed for use

## Laura

- Continuing with blend of online/phone for many on-going UoE projects
- Teaching staff developing online resources and putting into one place
- Pre/post entry support modules in place around student wellbeing/starting university
- September start looking like a blend of online learning and limited face-to-face
- Early graduation of students, staff volunteering in the community where appropriate and PPS being made by some departments

## Jackie, Hana, Caroline

- 8 school hubs involving LLL staff
- Staff working with Health & Social Care colleagues for service provision
- There are challenges for staff keeping in contact with young people
- Staff want to do online youth work but suitable platform needs to be determined
- Libraries delivering online book groups, rhyme time etc
- LL service working alongside Household Family Support

## Archie

- Working to put services online
- Zoom platform being used for online courses
- Likelihood that online blended learning with face-to-face will continue for the foreseeable future.

## Paul

- Working through some HR issues - particularly for casual staff
- Policy and Sustainability committee meeting fortnightly from May, focussing mainly on Covid-19 and recovery and other essential matters requiring a decision
- Governance, Risk and Best Value committee also convening from June
- Exploring what is the role of CLD in Covid-19?
- Work with colleagues to improve communications (staff and public)

## 2. Action/Working Groups within Year 2 of CLD Plan

### - Improve Life Chances for People of All Ages

Update sent to Paul from Sheila following January CLD Partnership meeting and the amendments agreed.

University of Edinburgh looking to set up some work in the Craigmillar area using an existing space.

Laura to circulate information on this UoE project

Sheila, Laura and Nick to convene around this area of the Plan

### - Youth Workers are Able to Access Training Opportunities to Better Support Young People

Some training continues online for youth work sector through LAYC and partners

LAYC will work throughout the summer as normal to collate 2019/2020 training evaluations to identify training needs alongside current demands/requests for training.

A 2020/2021 training calendar will be launched in the autumn by LAYC, taking guidance around mass gatherings into account.

Current PDA in Youth Work is currently on pause, with future courses needing to be considered.

- Building Stronger, More Resilient Communities

No update on this section of the Plan as the working group set out at the January meeting has been unable to meet until this point.

Working group to be convened, includes Ian Brooke, Michele Mulvaney, Tommy George, Kate Morton

**3. Note of future meetings**

Note will rotate alphabetically from the last person who took minute.

**4. Election of Office Bearers**

The Partnership is now operating a new model meaning Chair of CLD Partnership rotates every 2 years around Partners.

There would also be a Vice Chair role, which requires election but is not required to assume role of Chair at the 2 year renewal.

It was agreed Chair should not be CEC staff members.

Julie Coyle had indicated an interest in Vice Chair

Paul will follow up with other individuals

**5. AOB**

Future developments around youth work as lockdown measures are relaxed/lifted need to be considered by the Partnership. Youth Workers as key workers and the need for Streetwork.

Unemployment issues need to be considered and the large numbers of citizens this will effect.

Impact of Covid-19 on mental health and wellbeing should also be a concern for the Partnership

What impact will the new ways of working have on staff training and development?

Should some parts of the Plan be revised in light of Covid-19? What might these look like to meet need, whilst retaining the need for additionality?

Information from CLD Standards Council should be considered to give an idea of how other locality authorities are adapting CLD Plans in response to Covid-19.

CEC gathering the CLD response for Scottish Government.

Non CEC CLD Partners are reminded to complete the template circulated by Paul by Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May.

**DONM**

25<sup>th</sup> August

However, it was agreed following discussion under AOB that a focussed discussion was possibly required in June around unemployment, youth work landscape and mental health impact.

Paul to confirm dates/times and conferencing platform