

## B&NES Children and Young People's Network Terms of Reference

## **Purpose**

- To provide information and support to Voluntary and Community Sector organisations working with Children and Young People in B&NES.
- To provide a network for Voluntary and Community Sector organisations working with Children and Young People in B&NES.
- To enable and support Voluntary and Community Sector organisations working with Children and Young People in B&NES to be represented at strategic level.

## **Meetings**

The Children and Young People's Network will meet 4 times a year.

Meetings will take place in a central, accessible venue allowing ease of access to members from all parts of the B&NES area. The meetings will last no longer than 2 hours (except where agreed).

Where the agenda allows, time will be allocated for networking and organisations can display information, leaflets and publicity about events at each network meeting.

Membership of the Children and Young People's Network will be open to all those working with Children and Young People in B&NES.

A meeting of the Network Representatives is held after each NW Meeting to confirm any information to be taken from the meeting to strategy groups.

## Officers

The Network Meeting is facilitated by the Chair. The Chair is elected from nominated candidates by the membership and the term of office is 2 years. A Chair may elect to remain in office beyond this term if it is in the interests of the work of the Network and is not opposed by any member.

The Network Co-ordinator will take notes of the meetings and circulate to all members of the network.

Network Representatives, plus the Chair and Co-ordinator, form a Steering Group to determine the direction of the work of the network. Any decisions taken by the Steering Group are communicated to the membership for comment/approval.

All Members are eligible to apply to be Network Representatives