

## **Children & Young People's Network Meeting**

**15 March 2017**

### **Notes**

#### **Attendees**

Jamie Luck	Mentoring Plus (Chair)
Caroline Haworth	Bath Area Play Project
Michelle Rochester	Make a Move
Roz Lambert	First Steps
Jennifer Hyde	Bath Rugby Foundation
Roy Maguire	Carers Centre
Jessie Agnew	Time2Share
Claire Tinker	Trauma Recovery Centre
Charlotte	Trauma Recovery Centre
Dave Joyce	Bath Youth for Christ
Phil Walters	Off the Record
Michael Jakins	Boys Brigade
Sue Evans	Network Co-ordinator

#### **Background to Meeting**

It is recognised that, with budget and funding cuts ongoing and the LA looking to VCS organisations to fill the gaps in services and below new thresholds, we need more support than is currently available in B&NES.

With new Pilot Project funding available from St John's we saw this as an opportunity to look at ways to increase elements of support to the sector, independently of control from the LA.

Although initiated within the network we see value in the involvement being wider. We are now encouraged to 'Think Family' and this could be reflected in the organisations involved.

We are looking at something inclusive that is not 'owned' by any one organisation – or funder. Something that remains open and relevant to a wider cross section of organisations.

We are looking at a consortium of organisations operating the initiative.

### **Ideas:**

**A fundraiser/funding support** – someone who will help us write bids, find funding streams, see the bigger picture

Our own **strong VCS Voice** not just a tick box at meetings but something other agencies have to/want to listen to.

**Marketing** – getting across who we are, what we do etc.

**Venue Bank** – shared resources

**Policies Bank** – with working templates to draw on.

### **Face to face advice**

We need to find a way to navigate the path between collaboration and competition.

Put the service users at the heart of the picture – which is the best organisation locally to serve a given need at a given time – be honest with ourselves and others.

**Research** – we need to look at what is happening in other areas – are there similar models we could draw on.

**St John's Funding** – it was agreed we were not ready for this but that we would apply for an Express Grant from Quartet to cover people's time and resources to scope out our ideas. Sign up to an agreed set of values and identify what the need is.

A small group volunteered to draft an Express Grant bid. This will be sent round for comment and further refined.

This work will continue at the **next Network Meeting Wednesday 28 June**. Time and venue TBC