**Interim Youth Work Board**

**Friday 30 August 2019 – 10:30 – 14:00**

**Venue: – Tregaron Room, Cathays Park Cardiff**

**Agenda**

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| **Item number** | **Item** |
| 1 | Minutes and actions from last meeting |
| 2 | Implementation Plan and Governance Structure discussions |
| 3 | Update on Youth Engagement Event |
| 4 | Future Board meeting dates |

**Attendees**

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| **Attendees – Members** | |
| **Name** | **Role** |
| Keith Towler (KT) | Interim Youth Work Board Chair |
| Dusty Kennedy (DK) | National Partnership Lead - Early Action Together Programme, Public Health Wales |
| Sharon Lovell (SL) | Executive Director for the National Youth Advocacy Service and Vice Chair, Council for Wales of Voluntary Youth Services (CWVYS) |
| Efa Gruffudd Jones (EGJ) | Chief Executive of the National Centre for Learning Welsh |
| Simon Stewart (SS) | Dean of Faculty of Social and Life Sciences at Wrexham Glyndwr University |
| **Attendees – Welsh Government (WG)** | |
| Donna Lemin (DL) | Senior Youth Work Strategy Manager |
| Michael Maragakis (MM) | Head of Youth Engagement Branch |
| **Apologies** | |
| Eleri Thomas (ET) | Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent |
| Joanne Sims (JS) | Blaenau Gwent Youth Service Manager |
| Dareth Edwards | Youth Work Policy Manager |

**Item 1: Minutes and actions from last meeting**

The Board agreed the minutes of the last meeting as an accurate record.

**Matters arising:**

Board discussed the sub-groups and an update from the Welsh Language task and finish group was provided by EGJ. She highlighted that the Welsh Language group would seek to broaden out its members to include areas that don’t currently have strong Welsh language provision. Officials have agreed to consider testing a sustainable model for delivery of youth work in Welsh through a pilot, this will include how local authorities can better understand their Welsh language needs and provide services needed in a collaborative way.

* Officials advised the draft specification for commissioning a mapping exercise to help benchmark youth work in Wales was with Welsh Government researchers for advice. DL advised work on comparing registration of youth workers was ongoing and would be provided to the Board for the next meeting.

**Item 2: Implementation Plan and Governance**

MM provided a draft Implementation Plan template based on the previous discussions of the Board. The Board discussed the plan in detail, providing feedback on all elements and advising what changes should be made.

The Board discussed the need for all the work streams to be agile and attended by people who are able to affect change. Additionally that membership should not just be at a senior level, but also involve practitioners. However, they were mindful of the potential for this work to lose structure and of the need to ensure accountability between the groups and the Board through effective governance.

MM advised he would make the changes the Board have requested and resubmit the plan to them.

**Item 3. Update on Youth Engagement Events**

SL provided an update from the Young People are Thriving subgroup. She highlighted they had received no bids to run a youth engagement day in October, and an alternative way forward would need to be developed to ensure young people remain part of the discussions going forward. SS advised that students may be able to help with this as part of their course work and further enquires would be made, the Board were supportive of this approach. SL also advised that there had been limited interest in joining the group from local authorities and indicated she would like to write out to the Principal Youth Officers seeking youth worker candidates to participate. It was subsequently agreed that a letter covering all the subgroups would be developed.

**Item 4 – Future Board Meetings**

It was agreed that the Board need to continue to meet regularly and that these meetings would continue to be held around Wales. The Board would also continue to seek to meet with young people and youth workers as part of those meetings. Future meeting dates were agreed as:

15 October 19 - Wrexham

10 December 2019 – Carmarthenshire

4 February 2020 – Newport

1 April 2020 – Gwynedd

12 June 2020 – Pembrokeshire

2 September 2020 – Flintshire

14 October 2020 – Bridgend/Cardiff

**AOB**

DL advised that work on the conference now needed to happen. The Board agreed it would be helpful if it could be held on 5 February, and it was agreed the Marketing and Communications Group should be asked to develop and run the event.