

SLEET Meeting 18 June 2010-9.30

Learning Partnerships Hillside, Room 13, Beeston Road, Holbeck Leeds LS11 8ND

Present

John Clare-Learning Partnerships

Sarah Suess - Learning Partnerships

Angela Higgins-Learning Partnerships

Angela Goodyear - Re'new

Nasreen Akhtar - Hamara Centre

Naveed Khawaja – ESG

Hannah Postance - Construction Leeds

Akvinder Sohanpaul - A4e

CIIr Geoff Driver

Vanessa Lendzionowski- Working Minds

Al Garthwaite - South Leeds community radio

Apologies

Judith Hickman - Health 4 All

Helen Easter – Best

Shelley Riley - Leeds Ahead

Kam Sangra – Jobs & Skills

Fiona Deveney - Working Minds

Tina Boden - Winning Moves

Michael Canning - HUV Business Development Manager

Linda A Warriss – Connexions Leeds

Jo Rowlands-Leeds City Council

Rosmarry Sheen - J.P. College

1.0 Welcome and introductions

Diana Towler welcomed members to the meeting.

2.0 Minutes and Action Points from last meeting

Previous minutes agreed & action points cleared

3.0	Jobcentreplus Update
3.1	 Diana gave an update & overview on proposed changes within Jobcentre Plus following announcement of the new Work Programme which is expected to commence from Summer 2011 Flexible New Deal (FND) will not be introduced in West Yorkshire. In districts across the country where FND commenced last year the programme will be rolled into the new Programme. The commissioning for the Community Task Force (part of the Young Person's Guarantee) has been withdrawn. Expectation that existing programmes such as New Deal & Pathways will be extended until new Work Programme commences Work will commence to migrate customers from Incapacity Benefit to ESA/JSA as appropriate in 2011.
	Diana led some healthy discussion around proposals for the framework of new contracts under the Work Programme, with the expectation that contracts issued would be based around financial stability & ability to deliver.
4.0	Leeds Job Stop
4.1	John gave the group an update on the "Job Stop". He advised that Learning Partnerships have decided to locate to another unit due to the last one being too small and outstanding issues with the risk assessment.
	The new unit is in a more advantageous area of the market on terms of footfall, while the size & location will offer much more potential for focussed partner activity.
	However, as a consequence of opting for a larger unit he would appreciate any further financial donations to meet increased overheads.
	Angela Higgins asked to note with thanks that a further contribution of £1,000 has been received from the Hamara centre.
	An update of resource for the unit was given & Learning Partnerships would still welcome additional partner support, particularly for Wednesday & Saturdays.
	John was anticipating refurbishment to start next week and for the stall to open either WC 9 th or 16 th of July, with an official launch of the site on the 10 th September
5.0	Worklessness Action plans These were discussed & Sarah Suess advised that although activity has been agreed, work has not progressed to take activity forward. A/P1 Simon to arrange & coordinate meeting to determine & ensure that activity is progressed
6.0	Think Positive Naveed Khawaja gave partners an update around provision the Think Positive

provision. He issued a handout & advised that customers can now self-refer to think positive & rather than having to be referred via JCP Disability Employment Advisors as previously required

Here is the Contact for:

ESG

Naveed Khawaja Esg Programme Manager

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It was also noted that Working Minds are also delivering this programme in Leeds, as a sub contractor of ESG.

7.0 Construction Leeds

Hannah gave an overview of what construction Leeds does to support to support trainees & employers (see attached slide presentation)., Hannah wanted to know how partners could receive vacancies other than via Jobcentre plus advertised vacancies & it was agreed that all future vacancies, together with training opportunities & site visits would be distributed to partners via Simon Betts. Hannah also welcomed the opportunity to network with attendees in looking to promote her service. Her contact details are:



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8.0 **A.O.B**

Al Garthwaite from South Leeds community radio updated partners on how they can promote programmes & local initiatives using local radio. She also advised of the scope for training & volunteering for careers in the media & advised of opportunities available. All is welcomed the opportunity to network with existing partners to determine how she can support the local worklessness agenda.

Vanessa Lendzionowski – Working Minds gave an update to partners around the Public Sector Agreement 16. She advised that they are now leading on a project for customers with mental health issues, which aims to integrate both JCP & NHS route ways for customers & make it clearer for these customers to understand & access support.

Diana advised of a local working Pathfinder workshop to be held for the South East Area on 16/07/10. This aims to look at strengthening partnership working across the area & Diana advised that Jobcentre Plus would attend & that other members are welcome.

Appendix 5

8.0	Date of next meeting:
	July 10 T.B.A.