

Westminster Children and Young People Network

Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 19th April 2017 at Paddington Arts.

- 1. Apologies:** Poonum Chamdal, Erik Mesel (John Lyon's Charity); Concia Albert (BME Health Forum); Mary Mbwana-Fernandes (Kids Westminster); Katie Bareham, Emily Oliver (Doorstep Library);
- 2. Notes from last meeting:** agreed.
- 3. Mousetrap** – Jennifer Ball outlined the way that Mousetrap enabled members of their Youth Forum to organise and host a youth conference, focussing on future leadership within the arts. A key resource was a young woman who came for 6-8 months as a paid intern (student intern from UEL). Successes of the day – it was a very good networking event for young people who took part and attended; great support from partner organisations bringing young people to attend. Issues – accessibility for disabled yp, wasn't good in the meanwhile space used; speakers need to be very well briefed so that they are genuinely empowering of young people; it's a lot of work assisting youth forum members to run such a day. The Mousetrap youth forum would be happy to help advise re running a youth conference in Westminster.
- 4. Incredible Brilliant Youth** – Teresa Reynolds gave an inspiring talk about her work running mentoring and workshops for young people, mainly focussed on boosting self-esteem and exploring a broader range of employment possibilities. She has recently formed partnerships with companies such as WorldPay (payment processing) and Urban Decay (cosmetics) who are prepared to host free special events for young people. Her organisation is hired by schools and youth projects; most of its income is traded. IBY is a CIC rather than a charity – which does negatively impact their ability to raise funds from charitable sources. But the enterprising nature of the work clearly also makes it/Teresa attractive to private companies – and the meeting was impressed by her innovative model of working with young people.
- 5. Family Information Service** – Janise Samuels introduced the Online Directory of all services for families, children and young people in Westminster. <https://fisd.westminster.gov.uk/kb5/westminster/fis/home.page>

The website also incorporates the new MARF online referral form for Children's Services
<https://fisd.westminster.gov.uk/kb5/westminster/fis/ehat.page>

6. Date of next meeting

Tuesday 27th June 2.00pm at Paddington Arts, 32 Woodfield Rd, W9 2BE

(PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF TIME to 2.00 pm)

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