

# Westminster Children and Young People Network

## Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2016 at One Westminster.

1. Apologies were received from: Maggie Harper, Pimlico Toy Library; Rahima Saeed, Assist and Empower; Thienhuong Nguyen, Homestart.
2. Notes from last meeting: [http://www.onewestminster.org.uk/files/onewestminster/cypn\\_minutes\\_feb\\_10th.pdf](http://www.onewestminster.org.uk/files/onewestminster/cypn_minutes_feb_10th.pdf)  
Matters arising:
  - a. Steve Shaw from Paddington Arts is the new Chair of the CYP Network.
  - b. A letter and press release were sent in Feb, opposing the cuts to all Youth Service funding. Response letter from Cllr Danny Chalkley, Cabinet Member for Children and Young People reiterates the intention of the Council to proceed as planned with terminating current Youth Service funding from September 2016. Read the full letter here <http://bit.ly/1UendL9>.
  - c. Louise James, Grants and Communications Manager from the DM Thomas Foundation for Young People gave a very useful presentation on their aims and priorities for grant giving to help disadvantaged and vulnerable young people and children by supporting positive life-changing and life-enhancing activities that improve their health and education. Full details of all their various programmes are available on the website <http://dmthomasfoundation.org/>. Louise will also respond to individual questions regarding the application process – her email is in the list below.
3. Update on the development of the Young Westminster Foundation – given by Fabian from Avenues and Jackie from OW/PDT. Funded initially by John Lyon's Charity (£50k X 3years) and WCC (£100k X 2 years), this will be a new charity to promote children & youth work in Westminster, primarily through centralised fundraising based on a consortia approach in order to access funding from a variety of sources including Big Lottery and European Social Fund.
  - a. **It will not replace statutory funding** – starting with a small fraction of the amount of money that is being cut by WCC, it will take some years for the new Foundation to raise significant resources.
  - b. The approach is different to statutory funding – the Foundation will be a membership organisation, member-led and relying on consortia/partnerships between members to attract resources from new external sources.
  - c. It is a model being championed by John Lyon's Trust (also setting up YPFs in Harrow, Brent and Barnet – more details here <http://jlc.london/jlc-extra/capacity-building/young-peoples-foundations/>).
  - d. As a new charity, it has three original trustees (Jackie Rosenberg; Shane Ryan; Rachel Wright Turner), who will increase to a board of up to 12, elected by the new membership of CYP organisations. The charity will have a CEO, a fundraiser and an admin support.
4. Update on changes to Children's and Early Help services in Westminster – Jackie. This is the reorganisation of all of WCC's services for children 0-19 where needs fall below the intensive social work threshold. Early Help will be staffed by generic WCC 'Family workers', and will be based in 3 Family Centres (Queens Park CC; Portman; Bessborough). The other Children Centres will become satellites, mainly providing nursery provision for 2-3 year olds. Families who are assessed as being in need but below the threshold for Early Help from Family Workers are likely to be referred to VCS providers ('partners'). Exactly how this will work is being discussed at a series of partnership meetings – Emma will put further information out and on the website as we get it.
5. News update:
  - a. Family Lives website is a useful resource for advice to parents and children about all types of bullying; they also have a confidential helpline. <http://www.familylives.org.uk/how-we-can-help/>
  - b. Mosaic LGBT Youth Centre – is looking for a new space to replace current home for its Wednesday 6-9pm session for young people. They need room to hold a workshop plus social space(s). Please contact Lukasz Konieczka [manager@mosaicyouth.org.uk](mailto:manager@mosaicyouth.org.uk) if you can help home this excellent youth provision, which is the only LGBT youth centre in West London.

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- c. Feathers Association have had to close their grant giving and restructure, resulting also in a halving of the Fourth Feathers youth provision. The Met Police are fully funding a new boxing skills night. And better news, the Centre will be refurbished, creating more space for more activities in future – which can be sub-let to other community organisations.
- d. Somerset House – keen to attract wider use of their family learning and events by offering some for free – they will circulate further information to the network via Emma.
- e. Paddington Festival, annual carnival of community events in Harrow Rd, Westbourne and Queens Park area – will launch this year on June 4<sup>th</sup> at Maida Hill Market near Elgin Avenue; in July will include WECH and Westbourne Festivals as well.
- f. Stowe Youth Club has moved out of the first floor to make space for the London Apprenticeship Co. Their offer for 16-25 year olds will be advertised soon – CYPN will forward information.

### **6. Dates for future meetings:**

***Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2016, 10.00 - 12.00 at Paddington Arts, 32 Woodfield Rd, W9 2BE***

***Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> Sept 2016, 10.00 – 12.00 at Paddington Arts***

***Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> Nov 2016, 10 – 12.00 at Paddington Arts***

### **Attendance list Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2016**

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