

Agenda Topic	Discussion	Action Points
Volunteering Websites (Nigel)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. GOVO.org <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ National Hate Crime UK – just registered, hoping to see numbers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Not “Victim Support” – only NHC, as a trial to see how effective it is. ○ Unfold – previous coordinator who has setup: since November, only 3 signups 2. NHS Vol Website <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ SASH – encouraged male equivalent coordinator to attend volunteering workshop 3. Westminster Connects <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Gerry’s Pompeii - no responses ○ Miriam – just registered ○ GJ – placements have come through, for evening events particularly ○ Grace (Age UK) - technical difficulties in signing up 4. Doit.life <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Abdul Majeed Trust – gotten a trustee on there (only one) 5. Simply Volunteer (formally Team London) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Unfold UK has listed on there; no one else is listed on there 6. Your Own Website 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Possibly help with Westminster Connects technical difficulties
Monitoring and Tracking Recruitment Methods (Nigel)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Gerry’s Pompeii: Instagram – Best place to recruit 2. Ubuntu Pledge: Service Users – word of mouth 3. National Hate Crime UK: Westminster University, College; volunteer fairs, stalls; 8% lost due to bad handwriting; ~20 go through to applying. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Could become service users 4. Website and listings, but most from psychotherapy colleges, looking for volunteering hours <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Go to University of Westminster for best chances of recruitment 5. University fairs, charity shops (people learn about opportunities from there when they go in for a shop), online, volunteer fairs. 	

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<p>One Westminster Volunteer Training (Nigel)</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A few have attended; a lot have not. 2. Recruit and Retaining Volunteer Workshop 3. Managing Challenging Volunteers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ubuntu Pledge: Workshops seem connected; come across difficult volunteers, and how to retain volunteers. Interested in both. 	
<p>Volunteer Fair (Alan)</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Alan: sharing tables helps you connect with other organisations 2. Maria: handing out flyers, going door by door, out and about, to find possible volunteers 3. Metro Ad: 20-25% went through to attending 4. Abdul Majeed: 8 enquiries, no sign ups 5. Gerry's Pompeii: had attended before, but had missed this one <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Benefitted more from networking, rather than the enquiries 6. Age UK (Grace): >20 people enquired, 20% conversion rate. 7. Promotional material – useful to have printed, in addition to digital <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Peshang: good to have printed, especially for vulnerable people ○ Maria: some have difficulties reading and writing, so they are more digitally excluded/self-conscious. ○ National Hate Crime UK: wallet size card has contact info on one side, and then org details on the other. 8. Goodies: sweets, keyrings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ National Hate Crime UK: sweets are choking hazard for children; make sure it's wrapped. ○ Ubuntu Pledge: cost of promotional materials may be a barrier; some organisations are smaller, run by volunteers, etc.; having support for them to produce those materials could help. Can we do something about this? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Alan: compensate for lack of materials by engaging and getting out there at the fair, instead of just looking at your phone and not engaging with prospective volunteers 9. Raffle/draw 	<p>11. Support for promotional material production</p>

	<p>10. Other comments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ National Hate Crime UK: list of organisations on website that attended the volunteer fair <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Gerry's Pompeii: still useful to have a list of active organisations, in addition to the directory which is already massive. ○ WAND UK: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Video showcasing organisations ▪ Evening/weekend options are better showcased at online fairs; taking time out of people's schedule, both people and organisations. 	
<p>Closing Remarks (Alan)</p>	<p>12. Westminster Unites</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Variety of volunteers at the events, with different interests <p>13. Gerry's Pompeii: first aid training opportunities? Possibly free?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ubuntu Pledge: safeguarding too? <p>14. Women's Federation for World Peace: DBS checks available?</p>	

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First Name	Last Name	Job Title	Current Employer
Adel	Abdullah	Volunteer	17-24-30 National Hate Crime Awareness Week
Laila	EL HIMYARY	Senior Community Researcher	Abdul Mageed Educational Trust
NAGLAA SADIK	AHMED MUSTAFA	SECRETARY/ TRUSTEE	Abdul Mageed Educational Trust
Grace	Nuttall	Volunteer Coordinator	Age UK Westminster
Miriam	De Ponte	Volunteer Coordinator (Temporary)	Citizens Advice Westminster
Sherrel	Davenport	Deputy Band leader	Elimu Mas Academy
Charles	Benenson	Volunteer Supervisor	Family Friends
Sasha	Galitzine	Director / founder	Gerry's Pompeii
Alan	Kirwan	Heritage & Volunteer Manager	Grand Junction at St Mary Magdalene's
Katherine	Philip	Fundraising & Volunteer Officer	Home-Start Westminster
Zarya	Jalal	Volunteer	Kurdish Association in Britain
William	Wojtysiak	Volunteer Services Administrator	Octavia Foundation
Maria	Anastasi	Project Support Officer Learning Disability	One Westminster
Rami	Bassam	Community Project Worker	One Westminster
Zoe	Elliott	Mozart Community & Maternity Champions Project Leader	Paddington Development Trust
sadiya	ali	Project Manager	Paddington Development Trust
ELLA	FROST	Peer Mentor Coordinator	Support and Advice on Sexual Health Services (SASH)
Henock	Hailemariam	Project Manager	Ubuntu Pledge
Stash	Smagala	Volunteer Engagement and Experience Lead	Unfold
Mark	Healey	Community Engagement Manager	Victim Support
Ali	F.Jabeen	CEO	WAND UK (Women's Association for Networking and Development)
Salome	Akwukwuma	Youth Manager	Westbourne Park Family Centre
Anne	Kobayashi	Senior Advisor	Women's Federation for World Peace
Oksana	Torok	Secretary General	Women's Federation for World Peace