

## Minutes of the Equalities Forum meeting Thursday 5 July 2018 10am – 12pm @ CNet

**Present:** Penny Wangari-Jones (Co-chair, Racial Justice Network), Jenny Scott (CNet), Ranjit Arora (Co-chair), Shelly McDonald (Together Women), Heather Paterson (Together Women), Wendy Lewis (Equity Partnership), Corine Campbell (CNet), Stuart Dien (Bradford Disabled Peoples Forum), Uma Khan (Bradford Disabled Peoples Forum), Zulekha Begum (Bradford Disabled Peoples Forum), Chris Fishwick (Bradford Disabled Peoples Forum), Alison Leech (Incommunities), Ben Mussanzi wa Mussangu (CRC Conflict Resolution), Zaheer Daji (QED), Sean Dobiech (Sharing Voices), Salam (COEMO), Susan Madyara (Peacemaker International), Yemi Fagborum (Peacemaker International), Vie Lussandu

**Apologies:** Lynne Faukes, John Samuel, Janet Ford, Javed Khan,

**In attendance:** Saima Ashfaq (CNet – minutes)

Item		Action	Who
1.	<b>Welcome and introductions</b>		
2.	<b>Apologies</b> As above.		
3.	<b>Minutes of the last meeting and matters arising</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The BME Directory will be completed by next month. Yemi expressed thanks to Salaam for his work in updating this.</li> <li>• Chairs will invite police to the Equalities meeting</li> </ul>	Invite Police to next Equality Forum meeting	<b>PWJ/RA</b>
4.	<b>Introduction of new Co-chair</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Penny congratulated Ranjit on being elected as the new Equalities co-chair</li> <li>• Ranjit gave an introduction to her background</li> </ul>		
5.	<b>Feedback from Poverty event</b> Penny began by explaining how the migration and poverty events came about. Many things were highlighted at the event. Equality Together are taking forward the agenda of online applications not being viable for all claimants.		

	<p>Discussion took place around what could be done. Main points as follows:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Online form poses many barriers for marginalised communities</li> <li>• Applications over the phone are available for those who are physically unable to complete the online process – no exception for poverty or under education currently</li> <li>• Promote Credit Union Jam Jar account to help people budget</li> <li>• Changes to Universal Credit are likely to stretch other resources like food banks and charities</li> <li>• Suggestion to ask Council to come back and look at the outcome of the anti-poverty strategy as it links in to Universal Credit and the impact it will have on people</li> <li>• Suggestion to invite Soo from CABAD and Citizens Advice Bureau /Credit Union to next meeting</li> <li>• Task and Finish Group to take this forward – Corine and one of the Co-chairs</li> <li>• Suggestion to hold a multi agency event</li> <li>• Suggestion conduct a mass consultation on survey monkey</li> <li>• Suggestion for online petition</li> <li>• Take this issue to the next ASG meeting</li> <li>• Jenny could put a report together and put to Health and Social Scrutiny Committee</li> </ul>	<p>Forward a document of Q&amp;A's and other info around the event in Sheffield they attended</p> <p>T&amp;FG to take issue forward –</p> <p>Invite Soo from CABAD and CAB or Credit Union to next Equalities Meeting</p> <p>Take issue to next ASG</p>	<p><b>Heather</b></p> <p><b>Corine and a Co-Chair</b></p> <p><b>PWJ/RA</b></p> <p><b>PWJ/RA</b></p>
<p><b>6.</b></p>	<p><b>Update on BAME participation event</b>  Event taking place on 10 July 10am -1pm at Carlisle Business Centre. The aim of the event is to increase BAME participation in the Assembly. Appreciative enquiry approach will be used, led by Elaine Applebee.</p>		
<p><b>6.</b></p>	<p><b>Feedback to and from representatives / issues to take forward</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Salaam informed all that Yemi had recently received an MBE and congratulated her on this achievement</li> <li>• Penny attended a meeting looking at consultations on integration in Shipley, Keighley and Centenary Square – Penny will share dates for people to give views on integration.</li> <li>• Hostile Environment Policy – the policy was spoken about at the Migration event in December last year, Just West Yorkshire began the Yorkshire Resist Hostile Environment campaign. Stuart said he would be happy to take this forward with Bevan Healthcare.</li> </ul>		

<p>7.</p>	<p><b>AOB</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Windrush celebration in Bradford was a great success. Event around Windrush in Thorpe Edge Festival Sunday 8 July 12pm - 4pm at Rockwell Gardens</li> <li>• Uma is happy to start a petition which can be transferred online</li> <li>• <u>Equality Together</u> holds 4 service user involvement meetings per year, tel: 01274 481590</li> <li>• <u>Incommunities</u> are looking to recruit people to join their Operations Committee. Contact Incommunities if interested.</li> <li>• <u>CRC Conflict Resolution</u> focuses on migrants in general, peace for integration, inviting host community</li> <li>• <u>QED</u> looking to set up new partnerships with new organisations. Provide ESOL classes at all levels, job classes and workshops</li> <li>• <u>Sharing Voices</u> are setting up front line support group for organisations working with Eastern European Communities, launch taking place on 24 July at Sharing Voices. Contact Sean if wish to attend</li> <li>• <u>Together Women</u> – VIBE at Carlisle Business Centre – looking at where girls and young women can have a voice have a say on issues affecting them, raising their profile using various methods</li> <li>• <u>Equity Partnership</u> is an LGBT organisation working with many other organisations on issues affecting LGBT communities. Offer training, space to hire, safe space for service users</li> <li>• Government published LGBT action plan – largest survey of LGBT £108,000 and 4.5 million of Equality spending</li> <li>• Salaam highlighted Rohingya situation in Bradford</li> </ul>		
<p>8.</p>	<p><b>Future meeting dates, all 10 to 12 noon at CNet:</b>  27 September 2018  20 December 2018  14 March 2019</p> <p>Meeting closed at 11:50pm</p>		