

Minutes of the Equalities Forum meeting Thursday 19 December 2018 10am – 12pm @ CNet

Present: Ranjit Arora (Co-chair), Penny Wangari-Jones (Racial Justice Network), Nancie Esiovwa (Racial Justice Network), Jenny Scott (Peacemaker International), Sue Balcolm (Campaign Bootcamp), Rebecca Simpson (Incommunities), Stacey Dove (Incommunities), Mark Rounding (Age UK), Mohammed Dhalech (Hate Crime Alliance), Deb Collett (Artworks), Sean Dobiech (Sharing Voices), Finn Thorbrian (Equity Partnership), Salam (COEMO), Joyce Simons (Anah Project), Javed Khan (CNet), Ibrahim Maynard, Vie Clerc Lussandu, Sandra Brown (Equality Together)

Apologies: Corine Campbell, John Samuel

In attendance: Saima Ashfaq (CNet – minutes)

Item		Action	Who
1.	Welcome and introductions		
2.	Apologies As above.		
3.	Minutes of the last meeting and matters arising Actions from last meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invite police to attend Equalities Forum - PWJ clarified that this pertained to 'On the spot fingerprints'. The Racial Justice Network are taking this forward regionally and are happy to share information regarding this at the next meeting. All agreed. • Heather Paterson to forward Sheffield Universal Credit event Q&A info – no information on this currently. • Universal Credit – Sean advised that an event is being held around Brexit in light of recent events and how this effects Eastern European communities on the 11th of January 2018 at Sharing Voices. An event around Universal will still be held and the DWP has agreed to have an open conversation around this but it has been postponed. • Diversity Day to be added to next Equalities agenda: Javed explained that this was a follow up from the Your City and Your Voice event. One of the recommendations to bring people together was to hold a Diversity Day. Vie is helping to arrange a 	Forward info to Saima re: Brexit event	Sean

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	<p>Diversity Day</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anti Poverty Strategy – has been circulated <p>Deb feedback regarding the Anti Poverty Event hosted by Artworks and Bradford Credit Union. It was very successful, approximately 140 people attended. People were able to access welfare rights and debt advisors. Deb expressed thanks to CNet who supported the event. Deb presented a draft report for everyone to look at.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Equality Delivery Partners Update – was circulated 		
4.	<p>BAME task group meeting feedback (Salam)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two planning group meetings have taken place • Event to be held to follow up on Your City Your Voice event looking at BME participation at the end of February beginning of March with a view to feeding in at the Assembly Conference • Will invite people who attended previously as well as opening up to all • Impact on smaller groups and most vulnerable in community including BME • Advice to be cut be 1.7 million, and essential service will be cut, if we don't inform small groups and challenge • Annual Assembly Conference – Will look at how services are commissioned and mitigating effect of budget cuts on most vulnerable groups • Campaign Bootcamp – free training available, possibility of supporting groups in some way 		
5.	<p>Review of Terms of Ref Changes made. Draft to be sent out. Final one to be brought to next meeting. Ranjit gave apologies for next 2 Equalities meetings.</p>	Circulate ToR with amends as agreed in todays meeting	Saima
6.	<p>Forum priorities for next year Suggestions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communication with other forums – suggest members of this forum going to other forums • Hostile Environment for Asylum Seekers and Refugees – Brexit links in with this 	Invite Hate Crime Alliance to next meeting	Co-Chairs

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Policies – post Brexit migrant positions. • Integration Strategy • Brexit and impact on human lives – solidarity of people affected by hostile environment. <p>Task Groups to be developed against each priority. Members to identify which priority they wish to be involved in and or lead on.</p>	<p>Inform Saima of which priorities members would like to participate in or lead</p>	<p>All</p>
<p>9.</p>	<p>Member News</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diversity Day – celebration of all migrants led by migrants. Initial discussion, two planning meetings have been held so far. • Campaign Bootcamp – providing Everyday Activism training • Refugee Week end of June 19 – Artworks intend to launch a campaign that includes all Bradford Institutions. Will be producing marketing materials e.g. stickers, badges posters showing support for Bradford Refugee Week. Requested financial contribution • Sharing Voices on 11th of Jan • February 2-5pm safe space to share feelings and testimonies and Leeds City Museum doing migration exhibition (Vie to email Saima) 		
<p>10.</p>	<p>AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ranjit wished everyone Merry Xmas. 		
<p>11.</p>	<p>Future meeting dates, all 10 to 12 noon at CNet: Thursday 14 March 2019</p>		