

Minutes of the Equalities Forum meeting Thursday 6 June 2019 10am – 12pm @ CNet

Present: Mark Nicholson (Co-Chair) (Equality Together), Penny Wangari-Jones (Co-Chair) (Racial Justice Network), Yemi Fagborum (Peacemaker International), Deb Collett (Artworks), Stacey Dove (Incommunities), Corine Campbell (Bradford Nightstop), Vie Clerc Lussandu (In Limbo/3 Million), Joyce Simon (Anah Project), Mohammed Dhalech (Bradford Hate Crime Alliance), Janet Ford (CNet), Kursh Siddique (BAME Voices)

Apologies: John Samuel, Ranjit Arora, Jenny Scott (CNet),

In attendance: Wendy Collins (CNet – minutes)

Item		Action	Who
1.	Welcome and introductions		
2.	Apologies As above.		
3.	<p>Minutes of the last meeting and matters arising</p> <p>Item 3: all Assembly Forum meetings should now have a standing Equalities item on the agenda.</p> <p>Item 4: Kursh reiterated his disappointment that the BAME task and finish group meeting he attended several months ago was not productive and was a waste of time. Janet apologised on behalf of the forum.</p> <p>Item 6: Mark gave an update on work around the agreed overarching priorities for the forum: poverty and integration:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local authority funding for welfare advice is being reduced by £1.2 million. Equality Together, Citizens' Advice, Family Action and CHAS St Vincent's are working together on how to best support those who need the service and attended a meeting looking at the suggested model: one hub in Bradford, one hub in Keighley, and three outreach centres. <p>Item 7: Penny gave an update on the biometric fingerprint scanning that was being trailed in West Yorkshire. The Police are now rolling this out further, with more scanning machines being put to use. Penny asked the group to forward any information to her on people's experiences of this that they come across.</p>	Ensure Equalities is on all Assembly Forum agendas	Janet and Wendy

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4.	<p>COEMO update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yusuf Karolia was unable to attend the meeting. Janet handed out some of the handouts he had prepared. Following the meeting Yusuf was invited to meet with the group following the hate crime task and finish group, but he was unable to make the date. Alternative date suggestions have been circulated. 		
5.	<p>Bradford Hate Crime Alliance update (Mohammed Dhalech)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2018 saw a 20% increase in reported hate crimes in Bradford District. The NSPCC has reported that in West Yorkshire there has been a 73% rise in hate crime incidents against children. BHCA is developing more reporting pathways and is encouraging voluntary organisations to become reporting centres, training for which will be provided. BHCA can attend events with an information stand. BHCA can help in a range of situations, including hate crime experienced in schools and the home. They are developing marketing materials, including video clips, in six additional languages, which will use accessible terminology. The Hate Crime Scrutiny Panel, including members of the public and local Police Officers, comes together every six weeks to scrutinise how the Police have responded to hate crime / incident reports. Mohammed will send contact details for the panel to Janet for circulation. BHCA challenges local authority and the Police, but this always works better when working as a partnership with other organisations. A hate crime task and finish group will meet to look at this and submitting a bid to the Integrated Communities Innovation Fund. This will be at CNet on Thursday 13 June, 10.30 am. 	<p>Send Scrutiny Panel details to Janet</p>	<p>Mohammed</p>
6.	<p>Member News and AOB</p> <p>Equality Together</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Holding a transport event on the day of this meeting around disability and public transport. Corine mentioned that the current changes to bus stands in Bradford Interchange is difficult and confusing for those with learning disabilities. BIASAN – strengthening their user groups and confident they will be able to run until at least March 2021. 		

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will be running a session in the autumn around “Equalities and Me”. <p>InCommunities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stacey requested that the groups passes on to her any events that could be of interest to InCommunities residents. <p>Artworks Creative Communities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deb spoke about the upcoming Bradford Refugee Week, Saturday 15 to Sunday 23 June, and handed out programmes. These have been circulated to all forums and included in the CNet newsletter. <p>Bradford Nightstop</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Corine reported that Nightstop are trying to increase their volunteer diversity in order to have a better understanding of the needs of the diverse range of young people who access their service. In particular, they are looking to link with anyone working with the Eastern European community. Vie passed on a contact, and Kursh suggested contacting the Faith Centre for help with supporting Muslim young people. <p>The3million</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vie reported that ten volunteers in the district will be undertaking training to be able to advise EU citizens on settled status. There are a number of scams where people are being charged to obtain their settled status, which there should be no charge for. <p>In Limbo</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supporting EU citizens around mental health. They will be holding an event in Leeds City Museum on Saturday 13 July, 2.00 – 5.00 pm. • There will also be a diversity event at the Dominican Association on Sunday 11 August, 1.00 – 4.00 pm. <p>BAME Voices</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Run cancer support groups for marginalised communities. Kursh mentioned that he needs contacts to set up a group for the black community. <p>Anah Project</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joyce reported that the Anah Project is an independent organisation supporting single women and girls who are fleeing abuse. <p>Anti-Poverty Events Group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Janet reported that a Surviving Summer conference for practitioners working with poorer 		

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	<p>families will be taking place on 13 June, with a second date in Keighley on 19 July as the first one booked up quickly.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The group is also in the early stages of planning for Buy Nowt, and alternative black Friday event. <p>Racial Justice Network</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Penny reported that RJN runs training on how to challenge and resist and will be running a course for white people on unlearning racism. They will be hosting a talk on race and disability at Leeds University on 21 June. Penny and the trustees of RJN will be taking time out to assess how they work as an organisation. <p>AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Janet reported that the infrastructure review, which includes the Assembly, will be completed by the end of July. Janet handed out Anthony Clipsom's research on BME representation across the Assembly. 		
7.	<p>Future meeting dates, all 10 to 12 noon at CNet:</p> <p>12 September 2019 14 November 2019 6 February 2020</p> <p>Meeting closed 12.10 pm</p>		