

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

Present: Javed Khan (CNet), Penny Wangari-Jones (Co-chair, Migrants Organise/Racial Justice Network), Dr. Salam (COEMO), Anne Kendall (Equity Partnership), Jenny Scott (CNet), Sam Keighley (CBC/ASG Chair), Vie Lussandu

Apologies: Rebecca Simpson, John Samuel, Janet Ford, Sean Dobiech, Mathew Henderson, Frances Evans, Ranjit Arora

In attendance: Saima Ashfaq (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>i). BME Directory Salam: The directory is ready – although not 100% accurate as there are a number of discrepancies. CABAD staff have helped to identify BME groups and orgs on DivaBradford database, Salam has checked those not on DIVA. Salam will update the directory.</p> <p>The number of organisations has reduced drastically as many are no longer operating. The directory is divided into two sections:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Organisations managed by BME groups 2. Those that provide services to BME Groups <p>The directory will not be printed and will only available electronically. Amendments can be made by contacting Salam.</p> <p>JK expressed concern about incorrect information being circulated in the directory and asked how much verification was done by CABAD. JK suggested that Salam should</p>		

	<p>enquire as to whether the groups were contacted. Salam suggested recirculating the initial survey sheet. SK suggested that Salam contacts Soo (CABAD) to discuss the possibility of more accurate verification. At least 3 orgs details are incorrect on first glance.</p> <p>Agreed The directory should not be circulated until more verification has been done.</p> <p>Salam suggested everyone letting him know of any inaccuracies. Also JK questioned if authorisation had been received by orgs to publicise their details in accordance with GDPR.</p> <p>Agreed SK suggested speaking to Rabia or Penny at CBC for wording to comply with GDPR.</p> <p>ii) BME Task & Finish Group JK: Many people was unable to attend the first meeting. T&FG includes: Sam Keighley, Tony Dylak, Salam, Mark Nicholson, Javed Khan, Nasim Qureshi and Penny Wangari-Jones. Invite all to attend next task group meeting.</p> <p>iii) Hostile Environment Policy This was talked about at the Migration event in November. Available on CNet website http://www.cnet.org.uk/bradford-district-assembly/Equalities-Forum/Representatives-and-Feedback/ and Racial Justice Network. Pilot on fingerprinting by Police taking place in West Yorkshire targeting undocumented people.</p> <p>SK suggested inviting Scott Bisler or someone else from police to discuss this further. Equality Forum expressed concern about tension being caused and people don't know their rights.</p>	<p>Send invite to T&FG</p> <p>Invite police- get contact from SK</p> <p>Send SA info on Hostile Environment Policy to promote via twitter</p>	<p>SA/WC</p> <p>NQ/PWJ</p> <p>PWJ</p>
<p>4.</p>	<p>Update on Poverty event planning The Equalities Forum planned to do two events over the year, one on Migration and the other on Poverty. The migration event was well attended and successful.</p> <p>The Anti-Poverty and Universal Credit event is scheduled to take place on 24 May 2018. The next planning meeting to be scheduled – details to follow. The event will be promoted when details are finalised.</p>	<p>Contact Hope Rising as speaker for Poverty event</p> <p>Send SA info for planning meeting for consideration</p>	<p>PWJ</p> <p>PWJ</p>

5.	<p>Equalities Forum Co-Chair election An election pack sent out to members of the Equalities forum and also available on website.</p> <p>Elections for each Assembly forum are taking place on a rotation basis.</p>		
6.	<p>Feedback to and from representatives / issues to take forward</p> <p>Networking Breakfast (SK) – Cross sector networking events; the idea came out of conversation with SK and Helen Hirst called the Big Think. The plan is for the VCS, Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCG's) and Council to meet and look at how they can work better together, and how Public Sector can support the VCS. HH is particularly worried that many VCS organisations will be out of business and no longer be able to delivery valuable services.</p> <p>Commitment made to organising 4 cross sector networking events a year. The second one was held at Cellar Trust in Shipley where it the idea of launching a cross sector mentoring programme was pitched. Trying to find different ways of building contractor/provider relationships to enable more collaborative working. SK explained that the details about cross sector mentoring will be circulated within the next few months. This is another reason why we need a central place where as many organisations as possible are registered and they can access this information. SK will</p> <p>SK has been elected as the Bradford District Assembly Chair until March 2019. Her key aim is to promote the VCS as key player in district; i) support the next generation of voluntary sector leaders to step forward, make sure we are reflective of the district ii) harness the voluntary sector into what it could be – think of different ways of connecting on with people</p> <p>CEF election – Nasim Qureshi has been elected as Co-chair. The next election will be for the Equalities Forum Co-chair.</p> <p>JK Young leadership programme also operating over the next 18 months. Also youth services have been decimated, need better relationship with YLF JK to speak to Peter about this.</p>	<p>Forward dates and venues of upcoming events to SA.</p> <p>Speak to Peter Horner about better relationship between YLB and Assembly</p>	<p>SK</p> <p>JK</p>

7.	AOB <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual Health Mela at Bradford University - Tests for diabetes available Saturday 21 May. • Tuesday 17 April there will be a meeting called Bradford Response to Rohingya Crisis – 12noon at Council Chambers • Promoting and using social media send Saima information or tag @CNetBradford in via twitter • Central Library event 7 – 9pm – IWD event that was cancelled Vie sharing testimonies • Love a Muslim Day 3rd of April – counteraction to Punish a Muslim. Event in City Park well attended by different communities. 		
8.	Future meeting dates, all 10 to 12 noon at CNet: 5 July 2018 27 Sept 2018 20 December 2018 14 March 2019 Meeting closed at 12noon		