

Minutes of the Equalities Forum meeting Thursday 27 September 2018 10am – 12pm @ CNet

Present: Ranjit Arora (individual) (Co-chair), Corine Campbell (CNet), Sean Dobiech (Sharing Voices), Salam (COEMO), Yemi Fagborum (Peacemaker International), Deb Collett (Artworks Creative Communities), John Samuel (individual), Sandra Brown (Equality Together), Paula Smith (Healthwatch), Janet Ford (Assembly), Javed Khan (CNet)

Apologies: Penny Wangari-Jones, Racial Justice Network (Co-chair); Jenny Scott, Peacemaker Int; Aamnah Rahman, Born in Bradford

In attendance: Wendy Collins (CNet – minutes)

Item		Action	Who
1.	Welcome and introductions		
2.	Apologies As above.		
3.	Minutes of the last meeting and matters arising <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The action to invite the police to a meeting needs clarifying with Penny. • Salam reported that the BME directory is currently on hold as the future of COEMO is uncertain. • Need to check if Heather Paterson has forwarded a document of Q&A's and other info around the event in Sheffield they attended. • Universal Credit – link with other cities? Sean can put some information together on this at the beginning of October. • Helen Johnston, Policy Officer with Bradford Council, will be leading a consultation on the Anti-Poverty Strategy at the next Community Economic Forum meeting on 8th October. • Sean passed out a flyer for an event for BME young people around World Mental Health Day on 10th October. • There was some discussion around terminology, namely the use of BME or BAME. It was agreed that consistency is needed and further discussion is required. A future 	<p>Check with Penny</p> <p>Check with Heather</p> <p>Pull together info on Universal Credit</p>	Sean

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	meeting will focus on the Terms of Reference and what the forum does.		
4.	<p>BAME event feedback & next steps (M Salam - COEMO)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The event was well attended and appreciated. • The facilitator, Elaine Appelbee, has put together a draft report. • Salam has put together an action plan from this report which is aimed to be delivered by the end of March 2019. This plan is within COEMO's capacity and they are responsible for the delivery. • A diversity day was mentioned at the event; this is beyond COEMO's capacity, but could be organised by forum members. To be added to the next meeting agenda. • A monitoring form for use with Assembly forum members has been drafted. This needs more work and will be taken to the Assembly Steering Group for discussion. 	Add diversity day to next equalities agenda	Wendy
5.	<p>Pop Up Anti-Poverty event (Deb Collett – Artworks)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The event will be an Alternative Black Friday, on Friday 23rd and Saturday 24th November in the old Aspire-i building on the corner of John Street and Westgate. • This will be a free event with stalls for debt advice, food banks and creative activities aimed at helping people save money on Christmas. • The event will be officially launched at the Universal Credit conference at the Thornbury Centre on 11th October. 		
6.	<p>Anti-Poverty Strategy Consultation (Javed Khan - CNet)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Javed sits on the working group for VCS input into the strategy. • As mentioned in Item 3, Helen Johnston will be leading a consultation on the strategy at the next CEF meeting, on Monday 8th October at CNet. This will probably be the last chance for input into the strategy. All are welcome to attend this. • Bradford is looking to set up a Poverty Truth Commission. This has backing from Council leadership. • The draft consultation will be circulated to all forums. 	Circulate draft to all forums	Wendy
7.	<p>Equalities Delivery Partners Update (Equality Together, COEMO, Equity Partnership)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finn from Equity Partnership has emailed an update; Janet to circulate. • Equity Partnership has a vibrant migrant and refugee LGBT group. 	Circulate Finn's email	Janet

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bradford Disabled People's Forum are hosting an event for Disability History Month on Thursday 6th December at the Bankfield Hotel. BDPF will also be hosting their service user involvement group meeting on Wednesday 14th November. 		
8.	<p>Forum Priorities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Following some discussion it was decided to review the Terms of Reference for the forum during the next meeting. 	Circulate ToR and add review to next agenda	Wendy
9.	<p>Member News</p> <p><i>Black History Month</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sandra reported that the Black Health Forum have been unable to put together a calendar of events this time, but will be holding a flag raising on Saturday 29th September to mark the start of the month. Artworks are showcasing black Bradfordian artists. It was felt that the Equalities Forum should plan to take on Black History Month 2019. 		
10.	<p>AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paula mentioned that Healthwatch used to ask service users if they felt their protected characteristics affected their experience of health services, and wondered if that information would be helpful to the forum if they started asking it again. It was agreed it would be useful. 		
11.	<p>Future meeting dates, all 10 to 12 noon at CNet:</p> <p>Thursday 20 December 2018</p> <p>Thursday 14 March 2019</p> <p>Meeting closed at 11.55 am</p>		