**Interim Youth Work Board**

**Monday 15 April 2019**

**Venue: Valleys Kids, The Factory, Welsh Hills Works, Jenkin Street,**

**Porth, RCT, CF39 9PP**

**Agenda**

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| **Item number** | **Item** |
| 1 | Minutes and Actions from last meeting |
| 2 | Feedback on Stakeholder engagement meetings |
| 3 | Welsh Language provision |
| 4 | Digital Services – Board expectations |
| 6. | Presentation from Hayden Llewllyn, Education Workforce Council |
| 7 | Opportunity to meet young people on placement at Valleys Kids |

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| **Attendees – Members** | |
| **Name** | **Role** |
| Keith Towler (KT) | Interim Youth Work Board Chair |
| Dusty Kennedy (DK) | National Partnership Lead - Early Action Together Programme, Public Health Wales |
| Sharon Lovell (SL) | Executive Director for the National Youth Advocacy Service and Vice Chair, Council for Wales of Voluntary Youth Services (CWVYS) |
| Efa Grufudd Jones (EGJ) | Chief Executive of the National Centre for Learning Welsh |
| Joanne Sims (JS) | Blaenau Gwent Youth Service Manager |
| Simon Stewart (SS) | Dean of Faculty of Social and Life Sciences at Wrexham Glyndwr University |
| Eleri Thomas (ET) | Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent |
| **Attendees – Welsh Government (WG)** | |
| Donna Lemin (DL) | Senior Youth Work Strategy Manager |
| Michael Maragakis (MM) | Head of Youth Engagement Branch |
| Dareth Edwards | Youth Work Policy Manager |

**Item 1:**

The Board agreed the minutes of the last meeting as an accurate record of discussions.

Matters Arising: SL reported on the inaugural meeting of the Youth Engagement group. The initial priority is to elicit the views of young people on the draft strategy. ET raised a concern about the need to retain a focus on consulting with young people not currently engaged with youth work. Terms of Reference have been written to accompany a call for additional members.

**Item 2:** **Stakeholder Engagement Meetings**

* KL provided feedback on the meetings held with stakeholders to discuss the draft strategy and confirmed that the sector is broadly supportive of the direction of travel. The Board discussed some of the key themes emerging from discussion with stakeholders.

WG officials will now work through detailed feedback and incorporate final comments before meeting with the Minister on 30th April. The Strategy will be launched by the Minister during Youth Work Week at the showcasing event taking place in the Senedd on Tuesday, 25 June.

* The Board agreed that an Implementation Plan will be published in the autumn.

**Item 3: Welsh Language provision**

* EGJ reported that a draft Terms of Reference has been produced for a Welsh Language Task and Finish group. A number of interested parties have already been identified but an open call for further expressions of interest will be made to ensure broad representation. The group will look at current provision and make recommendations for improving access to youth work through the medium of Welsh.

**Item 4: Digital Services**

* The Board agreed on the need for greater definition and clarity on what they would like to see from this area of work. A key underlining principle is to ensure there is a consistent offer across Wales and that proposals are cost effective. The Board were mindful that previous initiatives had been expensive and difficult to sustain/refresh beyond the initial funding period. DK agreed to take the lead on this workstream.

**Item 5:** **Presentation from Hayden Llewellyn, Education Workforce Council**

* The Board discussed the shortcomings of the current legislation relating to registration and the need to address this as part of the work of the Board.
* HL advised that a new Code of Conduct for registrants would be launched in September 2019.

**Item 5: AOB**

* MM asked that standardised Terms of Reference (ToR) be agreed for each new group as well as the existing Marketing Group. The ToR should reference the Nolan Principles.

The meeting concluded with a discussion with young people who were currently on placement with Valleys Kids.