

Meeting : Congleton Youth Forum – Meeting No.30

A sub group of The Congleton Partnership.

Date : Tuesday 2.2.16

Time: 3.30pm

Location: Eaton Bank Academy.

In attendance : Glen Williams (Chair), G.Hayes (Chair),Kevin Browning (Cheshire East Youth Service), Steve Foster, Jessica Shore (PCSO),Helen Weeks (Cheshire Police), Leohna France (carerstrust4all) , Emma Sneyd & Usman Ashiq (Plus Dane), Laura Whitaker (Visyon) ,Lisa Alcock (Cheshire East Community Engagement Officer), Matthew Jones (Youth Committee) Tom Heyes (Plus Dane)& M.Smith

Guest : Thaibi Mpofu (Visyon on placement)

Item	Agenda Item / discussion	Action / comment
2.	Apologies: I.Bartley, C.Eckersley, J.Cutts, K.Hatton, Cllr D.Brown, J.Money,L.Minshull & J.Roworth	
1.	Welcome &Introductions. Glen welcomed everyone to the meeting. The group introduced themselves to each other as we had quite a few first time attendees (L.Whitaker,M.Jones,H.Weeks,L.Alcock & T.Heyes)	
3.	Minutes of the last meeting (1.12.15) / Matters Arising. The minutes were accepted as a true and correct record of the meeting 1.12.15 Matters Arising. Item 1. Missing / Lapsed Members. GH/GW to contact missing/lapsed members and reconfirm their commitment to the forum. They have a few more to contact over the next few weeks	GW/GH contact missing/lapsed members

	<p>Item 1. Secondary schools student representatives. C.Eckersley to discuss with secondary schools student representatives to see if they would be happy to get involved with this forum. No feedback to date.</p> <p>Item 5. Basket Ball Hoops .Purchased, stored at Bromley Farm for use by members on request. Hopefully as weather /daylight hours improve we will be able to make the most of them.</p> <p>Item 5. Skateboard Coaches. Leohna France reported back that her contact did not do coaching. Lisa Alcock agreed to check with Middlewich if they had anyone they used to support their annual skateboarding event.</p> <p>Item 6. Substance Misuse. SF raised the issue with CCeP, no feedback from them at present.</p>	<p>C.Eckersley to report back on these discussions.</p> <p>Basket Ball Hoops available on request.</p> <p>Lisa to check with Middlewich re coaches.</p>
4.	<p>Update from Mike Smith.</p> <p>E.Stanton. Numerous e-mails since our last meeting</p> <p>Recent issues include-</p> <p><u>Volunteer Police Cadet Programme</u></p> <p>The Volunteer Police Cadet post has been introduced to provide an opportunity for the young people of Cheshire to become formally involved with the Police service. The programme will include 12 training sessions and the opportunity to engage in practical community based volunteering projects which support local policing. We will be running cadet programmes from Runcorn and Crewe Police Stations starting in April 2016. The young people will graduate at the end of the course with new skills, improved social responsibility and the knowledge to make better informed life choices in the future. (16 to 18)</p> <p><u>Childnet - CPD training events</u></p>	

For schools to know about preventing and responding to cyberbullying. Taking place in London (14th March) and Manchester (21st March), the events will mark the launch of our government-funded guidance for schools and multimedia teaching resources. The interactive events will include speakers from across government, internet industry, education – and young people themselves – and will provide teachers and school leadership teams with the training and advice they need to manage cyberbullying within their schools. To book onto either of the events please visit www.childnet.com/cyberbullying-events

Safe Internet Day – 9th February

Share a heart event. Hearts can be downloaded from ES e-mai

No One Eats Alone Day – February 12th

Last year, over 700 schools participated coast-to-coast in No One Eats Alone Day (NOEA) – [have you signed up to bring NOEA to your school for free?](#)

NOEA takes place at lunch time during school and is led by students themselves. The day is Friday, February 12 – right before Valentine’s Day – and we’re hoping you’ll participate. (If the date doesn’t work for your school, that’s OK. Do it another day!)

You know this already: students are influenced by their peers. Teaching students to be inclusive and kind is one thing – but when students the lead the way, the change can be rapid and extraordinary. We’ve seen it again and again.

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	<p>Ann-Marie Morgan – New network structure / strategy for Youthfed</p> <p>Finally. Thank you form MS for support offered re shout out for First Aid information for CHS.</p>	
5.	<p>Laura Whitaker – Visyon Programme.</p> <p>Laura reported that Visyon had been successful in obtaining 5 years of funding support and been able to put together a comprehensive programme of activity both drop in and referral.</p> <p>Monday Creative activities groups Age 13-16 yrs 4.30—6pm Age 11-13 yrs 6:30– 8:00 pm</p> <p>Tuesday Support and activity session Age 13 yrs + 5.30—7.30pm</p> <p>Wednesday Creative Space Projects Contact Laura to find out more</p> <p>Thursday Therapeutic Group Contact Laura to find out more. The Space Information and events Café Age 12 yrs + 6-8pm - no booking required</p> <p>Saturday Well-being walk 16+ 1st Saturday of the Month 10.30am</p> <p>For further detail please contact Laura direct on 01260 290000. The full programme of activity and information will be circulated under separate cover.</p> <p>Referrals can be made by anyone including self-referral.</p>	<p>Contact Laura for more information as required.</p>

	Laura also indicated that she had some funding support to be able to work in schools with year 6 onwards.	
6.	<p>Stitch Ltd. (Kate Carney)</p> <p>Unfortunately Kate could not make the meeting because of illness. MS has spoken to Kate who reiterated her interest in coming along and sharing their consultation results. She is writing a small report on their activity which MS will circulate to all members. It would appear that Congleton Schools may well be covered by a Cheshire East commissioned project through Salford University and the Healthy Schools Programme. Lisa Alcock is trying to get more detail on this.</p>	<p>MS circulate Kates report.</p> <p>LA to check out Salford University project.</p>
7.	<p>Mental Health Awareness and Assistance.</p> <p><i>The following comments were noted during open discussion on what we knew about service availability, issue across Congleton / CE that we are aware of and some ideas on what we need to do to help address some of these long term.</i></p> <p>There is some provision put there (example Visyon) but we are not aware of the full extent.</p> <p>Kevin is attending various training workshops / courses and will bring learning back to this group.</p> <p>GH commented that CEBC was working across 3 key centres, Eaton Bank, Buglawton & Havannah Primary Schools and either Daven or Marfields Primary Schools.</p> <p>Cheshire East (CEBC) have put in for funding for the newly launched government Futures In Mind Programme to help develop their own projects</p> <p>We believe that there is support out there for young people in Congleton Schools but not sure what they actually offer.</p>	

	<p>The police have a mental health nurse working in their units, and they pass clients onto NHS Mental Health teams.</p> <p>Waiting list for CAMHS</p> <p>Jessica reported that she had a contact who could advise us on “Legal Highs”.</p> <p>Difficult in targeting what Mental Health is and there is a need to educate people to recognise the symptoms without scaring them.</p> <p>Visyon building capacity for whole family support in Congleton</p> <p>Question asked about information available and how it is advertised.</p> <p>How do we put pressure on the services to make them aware of the size of the problem.</p> <p>Need to know what consultation is currently being done in schools, if this is low could student councils run this.</p> <p>Should we look to lower the age to include under 11’s.</p> <p>Helen Weeks to attempt to get some figs from within the police force as to the size and age range of the issue.</p> <p><i>Obviously a lot more needs to be known about this subject before we can draw up a targeted plan. There can be no quick fix and should be one of our major planks over the next few meetings.</i></p>	
8.	<p><u>Congleton Carnival 16th July 2016.</u></p> <p>The last Carnival (2 years ago) proved to be a fantastic family fun day, likewise the Uth Fest</p>	

	<p>in 2015.</p> <p>We are looking for opportunity for youth involvement at this years' carnival, both in the Procession and Family Fun Day in The Park.</p> <p>Matt Jones is currently working with students at CHS and The Youth Committee on this.</p> <p>GW and MJ to work up the Family Fun Day element taking the best of what worked for Uth Fest including Bands /Performance, a dedicated area / youth zone.</p> <p>They will also look at group involvement. Suggested that groups / organisations indicate there desire to be involved in either or both of these elements so that an application for some funding support can be made to The Partnership</p>	<p>GW / MJ working up the project.</p> <p>Groups / Organisations please indicate their level of involvement to MS</p>
	<p>In Bloom 2016.</p> <p>Community involvement is the key, over the last 2 years The partnership has supported some of our organistions for them to become involved with various projects. If you wish your organisation to be involved please let Mike Smith know.</p> <p>If schools are find it difficult to let pupils operate outside of their ground, the Duke Of Edinburgh Scheme may be a way to overcome this.</p> <p>GW to put a funding bid into The Partnership.</p>	<p>Let MS know if you wish to be involved.</p> <p>GW put in funding bid.</p>
	<p>A.O.B</p> <p>KB. Going on a legal high / substance abuse training day 11th Feb, will report back to the group at the next meeting.</p>	

	<p>SF. Comment that the Congleton Creative Art Group are looking to involve more young people in their social media Blog SF has passed some relevant names to Vince Cutcliffe (Chair), Emma suggested that Drama and Music teachers may also be a good area of contact. Could CHS and EBA let MS have the contact names of the teachers within these departments.</p> <p>SF. Steve felt that there was good networking going on across forums, and that there was now an opportunity to get more interaction between to age groups. The Carnival may offer an opportunity to develop this and we should look at ideas to take this forward. Congleton Creative / EPH may also be a good place to start through Art and Music.</p> <p>Leohna France that Mother and Carers could offer somewhere to show case the results of this activity.</p>	<p>EBA /CHS let MS know of Drama and Music teacher contacts.</p>
	<p>Meeting Date.</p> <p>Wed 16th / 23rd March (TBC) Tues 26th April Wed 8th June</p>	