

West Partnership
Family and Communities Work Stream Meeting
05 September 2019

Attendees: Ruth Binks; Inverclyde Council (Chair), Helen Brown; West Partnership, Elaine McLoughlin; Inverclyde Council, Rosamund Rodriguez; East Renfrewshire Council, Jackie Ballantyne; North Lanarkshire Council, Elaine Johnstone; North Lanarkshire Council, Robert Hynd; South Lanarkshire Council, Laura Radcliffe; West Dunbartonshire Council, Craig Melrose; Education Scotland, John Galt; Education Scotland, Elizabeth Morrison; West Partnership, Aimee Glen; West Partnership

Apologies: Kathryn Farrow; Glasgow City Council, Colette McElroy; Renfrewshire Council (Not in post yet)

Progress with Action Plan

Welcome and Introductions

R Binks welcomed the group to the meeting and introductions were made.

R Binks advised that H Brown had been appointed as the workstream lead for Families and Communities. R Binks advised that she would now become the sponsor for the workstream however would still like to be involved within the group and meetings.

Regional Plan

H Brown distributed handouts of the “Families and Communities Regional Improvement Plan 2019-22”. E Morrison advised that the plan was submitted to Education Scotland on Monday 2 September 2019.

H Brown outlined the actions for the group as detailed in the plan:

1. It was discussed that J Ballantyne had created self-evaluation story boards for good practice (Sway) after the families and communities conference that took place in April 2019. It was agreed that moving forward each local authority should submit 3 story boards each year and these should be uploaded onto the west partnership website.
2. E McLoughlin advised of the tool created for schools “learning together – audit tool for schools”. It was advised this document was distributed at the conference in April. The group discussed creating one document to highlight all family learning. It was agreed there would be a working group developed to look at this.
3. The group agreed that there were not enough parental engagement. It was agreed that Joanna Murphy from NPFS would be contacted and a copy of the regional improvement plan and evaluation would be sent onto her. The group agreed that NPFS representatives should meet at least once within the next year. R Binks advised that parents are welcome at the workstream meetings and any local authority is welcome to bring along any representatives they may have.
4. The group discussed that there is limited training for home-link and it would be helpful for training to be offered on a RIC basis. It was agreed there would be a subgroup to take this forward.
5. R Rodriguez advised that she was on the network for home education within the RIC and would be the spokesperson for families and communities within this network. It was also agreed that H Brown will meet with Caroline Darroch in Glasgow City Council.

6. R Hynd provided the group of an update from the CLD subgroup, R Hynd advised the CLD subgroup are in the early stages of planning a conference on 30 October 2019 however it has been highlighted that Scottish Government are planning a similar national event on 14 November 2019. The group had a lengthy discussion in regards to the conference and it was agreed by the group to delay the RIC CLD conference until beginning of December.
7. The group discussed ensuring young people voices are represented. It was discussed that five young people who are active in participant networks will attend an event on 9 November to represent pupil voice. The group agreed that questions should come from all workstreams and pupils should be fully representative of whole communities.
8. H Brown updated the group on Children's Neighbourhoods Scotland and encouraged the group to go onto the website for more information. H Brown advised Alison Drever from University of Glasgow will attend future workstream meetings to provide more information. The group also agreed that Alison could do a slot at the CLD conference too.

Networks

The group discussed who should be involved on what networks/subgroups:

- Home Education – R Rodriguez to be spokesperson for this
- CLD – R Hynd to be spokesperson for this
- Self-evaluation Framework – H Brown, E McLoughlin, E Johnstone, C Melrose, K Farrow, J Galt, R Hynd and E Morrison (Critical Friend)
- Professional Learning – A Brien, L Radcliffe, J Walls (nominated by R Rodriguez), K Farrow and H Brown will ask Educational Psychologists for nominations.

The group agreed that H Brown will identify dates for network groups to meet and will send out meeting requests.

It was also agreed that a calendar of workstream meetings should be arranged to enable parents to attend too.

ACTIONS

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Send regional improvement plan to group • Story boards to be taken forward/added to website • Working group to take forward self-evaluation • CLD Conference • Network/subgroups to be arranged • Calendar of workstream meeting to be arranged | H Brown
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Future Meetings

- **Friday 6th December 2020 at 9.30am**
- **Friday 20th March 2020 at 9.30am**
- **Friday 19th June 2020 at 9.30am**