

Minute West Partnership Forum Meeting

25th November 2019 – 5.30pm
Holyrood Secondary School

Attendees: Ruth Binks, Corporate Director of Education in Inverclyde Council, Communities and Organisational Development and sponsor for the Communities and Families West Partnership Workstream, Joanna Murphy, Chairperson of the National Parent Forum for Scotland (NPFS) and Glasgow City Council NPFS, Cheryl Burnett, Co Vice Chair of NPFS and Chairperson NPFS South Lanarkshire Council, Gail Baxter, Chairperson NPFS Inverclyde Council, Barrie Sheppard, Chairperson North Lanarkshire Council, Helen Brown, Lead Officer in the West Partnership

Apologies: David McDonald, Chairperson Renfrewshire NPFS, Joseph McLachlan, Chairperson East Renfrewshire NPFS

There are presently NPFS Chairperson vacancies in East and West Dunbartonshire

Progress with Action Plan:

Communities and Families Workstream Action 3: To work with NPFS representatives across the region to develop family/community learning and parental engagement.


Discussion around the West Partnership Action Plan 2019-22 identified key roles and actions for the West Partnership Parent Forum

- To identify practices that demonstrate schools, families and communities working together for all families with a focus on seeking to engage “seldom heard” parents
- To collate and share the common barriers that can result in “seldom heard” parents feeling disengaged. The National Parent Forum have developed a workshop that shares and reflects on potential barriers.
- To consider ways that interesting practice can be shared across the West Partnership so we can learn from one another. Potential methods were discussed:
 - o Creating a network of shared practice on a digital platform that can be easily accessed by parents and practitioners - some storyboards have already been collected by the Communities and Families Workstream with a commitment to collect a further 24 over the next year (3 per authority)
 - o Parent Forums and local authorities having access to a menu of presenters from across the West Partnership willing to share their interesting practice at locally organised events
 - o Organising a larger event where parents and/or practitioners are invited to share and learn about interesting practice

Agreed Actions:

To focus on collating interesting practice by:

1. Helen will share a storyboard template that can be used for describing interesting practice
2. Helen will look through the already collected storyboards for examples of parental engagement themes
3. Helen will contact each local authority to collate examples of interesting practice in parental engagement (1 per authority)
4. All the NPFS chairpersons will share an example of interesting practice in parental engagement at the next meeting, using the storyboard format



Intended Impact: To develop a culture of families, communities and schools working together to improve outcomes for young people through the open sharing of interesting practice in parental engagement

Dependencies:

Open sharing of interesting practice cross all authorities

Date of Next Meeting: Proposed date: Monday 9th March, 5.30pm in Holyrood Secondary (to be confirmed)

