

Tackling Sectarianism Trainers and Facilitators Network meeting

Note from 25 May 2015

Present

Bill Weir, VAF, Note taker
Koren Calder, Scottish Books Trust
Morven Bruce, Royston Youth Action
Julia Rodriguez Nieto, Xchange Scotland
Sarah Robinson, Youthlink Scotland (AoS)

Apologies

Heather McVey, Youthlink Scotland
Kathleen Deacon, The Spark
Geraldine Hill, Conforti

We started with a general discussion around what those present would want from a network as we all agreed that it had to work for the members mostly. It was suggested that we liaise with SCDC and their mentoring network to see where we can work together and not overlap. It was also agreed to call the network a *Trainers and Facilitators Network* and in the description also refer to it being for practitioners. Bill will update the draft terms of reference to reflect this.

There was a lot of discussion around how similar resources could be used in different situations and it was agreed that it was important not to lose the actual content and message in amongst the delivery method.

Sarah felt that it would be a good support to AoS and would support the portal to gather together as many resources as practicable in order to have a larger online set of resources. We also discussed the best way to present the resources and the need for clear introductions to them so potential users could understand what they were quickly. This could be an example of how they are to be used, which could be a film or other media.

Sarah offered her services with digital media and explained how she can film and edit showcase pieces of work for projects which can be used on AoS and organisational websites.

Sarah explained how people could search the portal through the use of the new Directory and the Partner Pages to find out what areas projects are working in and what resources they may have to share. Sarah has uploaded a series of webinars onto the AoS Portal to show users how to do this and more.

We also discussed the potential for an event which allowed projects to demonstrate their work and agreed that the event which is being planned with Leah Robinson could fulfil this purpose.

It was generally agreed that it would be a good way of understanding who is doing what across the whole of the programme.

Julia noted SALTO-YOUTH (Support, Advanced Learning and Training Opportunities within the European YOUTH programme) have an online Toolbox for youth work and training resources, which sounds very similar to what we were describing. You can find the Toolbox at <https://www.salto-youth.net/tools/toolbox/>.

Koren noted that the Scottish Books Trust resource was developed for a specific reason but that it was important to show how it can be used in other circumstances. She finds that working directly with practitioners on their CDP allows her to give this direct input.

It was agreed that we would invite a wider audience now that we were clearer of the purpose of the network and that we would describe it thus:

Trainers and Facilitators Network – a network to bring together practitioners, facilitators and trainers who represent a range of Tackling Sectarianism projects, to support the effective use of resources developed through the programme and publicise these through the Action on Sectarianism Portal and other related networks.

It was agreed that for the next meeting we would invite Yvonne Donald from Education Scotland and Sarah offered to host this at the YouthLink offices in Edinburgh. Bill will liaise with Beata from Just Festivals as the next meeting will be during the Edinburgh International Festival so if Just are running an event it could be a good opportunity for participants to attend. Bill will see if there is a good date to suggest prior to us confirming it.

Tasks which can be identified at the moment were agreed as;

VAF to offer projects support with venues from our current database of venues and suppliers (Irene to ask all projects to submit a good local venue for our database which we can then share with anyone who is seeking a local venue)

VAF to begin the development of a network map for all funded projects

Bill to liaise with SCDC to see where any mutual supports can be given and any potential overlaps avoided.

Bill Weir

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