

Employment Sub Group Meeting 2008-08-31

Present Christine Rudd, Angela Seddon, Pauline Wake, Catherine Hitchin, Carol Grace and Carol Williams.

Apologies Terry Mann, Joanne Melia, John Clarke and Graham Frost.

What's Working

- 1. Collective skills and the commitment of the members of the group.**
- 2. Regular meetings.**
- 3. The current projects, World of Work and Inside Out.**

What's not working?

- 1. Web site, not enough people aware of it and it is not being updated. People who have visited it will not return if the information is not regularly updated.**
- 2. The number of people attending each meeting could be better**
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- 3. No involvement from employers.**
- 4. Decisions on funding project not made until the last minute.**

ACTION PLAN

Catherine Hitchen has offered to collect up to date information for the web site each month.

She will use the Valuing People office at Mayfield and ring everybody currently on the web to get information and to contact others who might like to get their information on it.

Angela will contact Martin at Embrace to find out how much it would cost for him to update each month. She will also check how much money is left from the amount put aside for the launch.

Carol Williams will contact Mears to see if they will attend the next meeting.

Christine Rudd will contact Anthony Mohammed from I.A.G. to invite him to the next meeting, he has a lot of information on funding which might be useful.

Carol will email everyone in the group and invite them to the next meeting, and ask if they can't attend could they ask someone else in the organisation to attend.

Everyone felt it was important to keep the project already up and running, the work Kerry has done in schools has been amazing and more schools are asking for her help, to do this funding needs to be secured for at least the next two years.

The Inside Out project also needs to keep going, to make sure that individuals who have been excluded from the job market have the opportunities to find work or develop social enterprises. More individuals need to be helped along the path to work and this can only be done on a one to one basis. Directing people along this route could be a possible source of income to help the project become sustainable.

We discussed the many small social enterprises in the borough, all the day centres and A.C.E. have mini enterprises which could benefit from advertising and outlets to sell the goods an idea was to have a stall at conferences and sell them.

The BIG CHAT event was a huge success and it highlighted that work, or the lack of it, was high on most individuals agendas

Individuals attending day centres could be trained to promote the issue of work with other individuals, family members and day centre officers. Further discussion on how best to do this is needed.

**Date of next meeting September 25th at Mears Office
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