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MEETING TITLE: Children and Young People's Voluntary Sector Providers Forum		MEETING DATE: 26 th June 2009			
PARTICIPANTS: Laurence Alfred (Camphill Schools) Chair, Bruce Wallace (Children 1 st), Emma Watson (Archway), Pauline Gerrard (ACVO), Sarah Irvine (ACVO) Minute taker, Sohail Faruqi (ACC)					
APOLOGIES: Lynn Gill, Alayne Jones, Sue Barnard, Shona Pennycook, Diane McCabe, Jenny Whinnet, Jackie Hothersall					
NO	AGENDA ITEM	NOTES OF DISCUSSION	ACTIONS/ DECISIONS	BY WHOM	WHEN
1.	<u>Welcome</u>	<p>Laurence welcomed everyone to the meeting and all present introduced themselves.</p> <p>As Archway were hosting the meeting, Emma was asked to give a bit of background on the service.</p> <p>Emma stated that Archway has been in existence for 18 years and offers respite care to adults and children with learning disabilities at 4 units across the city. She stated that there is a huge waiting list for the service and that they would like to expand the service, but this was difficult under the current financial climate. She added that they are looking at making one of the units for children only, as many places are taken up by adults who entered the service as children, leaving fewer spaces for children.</p>			
2.	<u>Minute of last meeting</u>	The minute of the meeting held on the 26 th May 2009 was accepted as an accurate account.			
3.	<u>Matters Arising</u>	<p>Laurence stated that he had forwarded letters to Sarah to be sent out to Sue Bruce and Sue Devlin inviting them to future meetings.</p> <p>Annette Bruton, Director of Culture, Learning and Sport also to be invited.</p>			
4.	<u>CYP Rep Feedback</u>	<p>AEYCP Feedback provided – see attached</p> <p>JADAT Alcohol Strategy response provided – see attachment</p> <p>Rapid Improvement Event – Learning Disability Day Services</p>			

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		<p>feedback circulated to group. Emma stated that this had been a good event, and that perhaps the group should, along with the AVSPF, look at having a Learning Disability sub group. She stated that there would be further information to be circulated and that a follow up event is being held in August. CYPMG – meeting cancelled.</p>			
5.	<p><u>Learning Strategy</u> <u>Sohail Faruqi</u> <u>ACC</u></p>	<p>Sohail stated that he had been in post for 8 months and is involved with the Learning Strategy, the core of which is schools but also includes Community Learning, family education, sports, culture and arts. ACC are looking at what they're doing as a provider and are working with partners to allow every Child and Young Person to reach their full potential. He added that this is not about creating a new strategy, and that they want to look at a vision as a city of learning.</p> <p>Sohail acknowledged that there is a real financial pressure, which has meant a great deal of focus so far has gone on buildings, and school closures. He added that no schools were identified for closure but that some schools identified themselves with low roles.</p> <p>Sohail handed out packs to the group (more available at ACVO for members not present at meeting) which included a leaflet, which gives an 'at a glance' picture of what the learning strategy is trying to do, with more information available in the fuller document.</p> <p>Sohail stated that the City Council is looking for feedback. Pauline stated that they CYPVSPF have already put in a response.</p> <p>Sohail stated that following consultation, further decisions will be made about schools.</p> <p>He finished by saying that the strategy will go to committee in September.</p> <p>Laurence thanked Sohail for attending, adding that it was a good thing that consultation was happening.</p>			
6.	<p><u>CYP Forum representation on Committees</u></p>	<p>No discussion.</p>			

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7.	<u>Visitors to Forum meetings</u>	Sue Bruce, Sue Devlin – invitations sent. Annette Bruton – to be contacted.			
8.	<u>AOCB</u>	<p>Pauline informed the group that, following discussion at the AVSPF meeting, information on pandemic influenza is available on the ACVO website. Go to http://www.acvo.org.uk/PandemicFlu.html</p> <p>Pauline stated that she and Bob McDonald will be attending a meeting with Murray Leys on the 5th July to look at the draft commissioning strategy and how best to engage the sector. Laurence stated that it was important to get the message across the City Council that strategy must look at best value across the board, both cost and quality should be considered.</p> <p>Laurence stated that Camphill are considering holding a conference/workshop in the New Year led by Bruce Perry, and were looking to find other organisations interested in partnering sponsorship of the event, which would cost £5,000. Bruce Perry is a clinician and researcher in children's mental health and the neurosciences, and an internationally-recognized authority on children in crisis and currently Senior Fellow at the ChildTrauma Academy, which is a leading center of research and education on child maltreatment.</p>			
9.	<u>Date of next meeting</u>	The next Meeting will be held at Barnardos, 20 Carden Place on the 7 th August at 10am It was suggested that we could begin each meeting with prologue/tour by the hosting organisation			
10	<u>Future Dates for 2009</u>	18 th September, 30 th October, 11 th December			