

Voluntary sector Social Justice planning meeting

13 October 2021, 10.15am-11.45am

Notes

Attendees

- David Cook, WCVA
- Ben Lloyd, WCVA
- Lucy Wilkins, WCVA
- Hayley Richards, WCIA
- Alun Evans, Citizens Advice Cymru
- Hadassah Radway, Race Council Cymru
- Peter Williams, DTA Wales
- Susie Ventris Field, WCIA
- Rhian Stangroom-Teel, Leonard Cheshire
- Karen Balmer, Groundwork North Wales
- Chris Johnes, Building Communities Trust
- Noreen Blanluet, Coproduction Network for Wales
- Gethin Rhys, Cytun
- Cadi Cliff, Wales Coop Centre
- Sarah Germain, Fareshare Cymru
- Joshua Reeves, Leonard Cheshire
- Bethan Edwards, Marie Curie
- Jane Fenton-May, Wales Assembly of Women

Minister for Social Justice's portfolio

Jane noted the issue of violence in the community and domestic abuse.

Gethin noted that the group needs to pick agenda topics with particular asks to ensure commitments and actions are made by the Minister.

Discussion re items to be raised at initial Ministerial Meeting

- Topics highlighted included:
- The Social Partnership Bill
- Human rights for Wales
- Issues around banking for voluntary sector organisations – not devolved, but in Minister's portfolio
- Coproduction as a thread through all portfolio work
- Universal Basic Income trial
- Creating a post of Commissioner for Disabled People
- Digital inclusion

- Ensuring the socio-economic duty has the right impact
- Policing and community safety
- Community rights, rights to bid, community assets, community empowerment
- Poverty – child poverty, fuel poverty, food poverty – need for a Tackling Poverty Action Plan

Proposed agenda for initial Ministerial Meeting

- Update on the Social Partnership Bill (no paper)
- Policing and community safety (paper - Jane and Hadassah to send updates to Ben)
- Call for single Anti-Poverty Strategy (no paper)

Digital inclusion and a human rights framework to be prioritized for a future planning meeting.

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Cadi highlighted the invitation to join Digital Inclusion Alliance Wales - <https://www.digitalcommunities.gov.wales/diaw-network/>

Actions:

- *Circulate SPB Bill text and WCVA response*
- *Chris and Gethin to share experiences of problems their members have had with banks and Post Offices recently.*
- *Circulate the Human Rights report - <https://gov.wales/strengthening-and-advancing-equality-and-human-rights-wales>*
- *WCVA to consult with Stefan or Ellie from the Anti-Poverty coalition re material around anti-poverty strategy*
- *Jane and Hadassah to sent material to Ben for policing and community safety paper*