

Social Justice planning group meeting

Friday 7 October, 1.30pm-2.50pm

Notes

Attendees

- Diana Fologea, Community Justice Cymru
- Adele Harries-Nicholas, Business in the Community
- Gethin Rhys, Interfaith Council for Wales
- Sheila Hendrickson-Brown, C3SC
- Lilla Farkas, WCVA
- Debbie Shaffer, Fair Treatment for Women in Wales
- Chris Johnes, Building Communities Trust
- Alun Evans, Citizens Advice Cymru
- Evan Jones, St Giles' Trust
- Jane Fenton-May, Wales Assembly of Women
- Greg Pycroft, Tenovus
- Jocelle Lovell, Cwmpas
- Susie Ventris Field, WCIA
- Ben Lloyd, WCVA
- David Cook, WCVA

Discussion re items to be raised at initial Ministerial Meeting

Ben noted need for this group to come up with specific items that would not be heard by the Minister for Social Justice in her TSPC Chair role.

Group discussed:

- Situations where young people commit crimes aged under 18, but after delays are tried as adults after they have turned 18.
- Overlap between poverty and cost of living, how to capture the voices of people in poverty, and how communities may recover.
- Ensuring implementation of the Istanbul Convention on Violence Against Women, empowerment of women in work, and the impact of Cost of Living on women.
- The Social Partnership and Public Procurement (Wales) Bill
- Impact of Cost of Living on people with cancer
- Impact of Cost of Living on sector services – increased demand, but increased costs. Need for Minister to gather experiences of grassroots organisations.
- The impact of Cost of Living on people seeking sanctuary, who have no recourse to public funding. The need for Wales to remember its international responsibilities, despite the crisis.

- The links between social justice and climate change, for example around insulation and energy.
- The rise in hate crime and need for leadership from Welsh Government on this subject.
- Funding issues – e.g. funding arriving late in the financial year which has to be spent by end March.

Proposed agenda for next Ministerial Meeting

Cost of living: social justice and equality impacts

Demonstrating the differential impact of the crisis on marginalised groups

Highlighting the need for the voice of marginalised groups in developing solutions

Noting the social tensions coming from this work; especially regarding hate crime and a narrative around the “undeserving” poor

Action: WCVA will be writing a paper for the TSPC, which the group can then form the basis for this more in-depth paper.

Hate crime

Presenting evidence about the rise in hate crime.

Understanding the links between the Welsh Government and the Police Commissioners/police forces.

Action: WCVA to contact key groups in order to collate this evidence.

Social Partnership

Raising the issue of globally-responsible procurement in this bill.

Action: WCVA to liaise with Susie Ventris-Field and Gethin Rhys on the best way to raise this.