

Preston Community Network

The voice of the voluntary and community sector in Preston

Children's Trust VCFS Forum Family Workforce Information Event 7 October 2010

Salvation Army, Harrington Street, Preston.



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Programme:

- 9.30 – 10am Tea, coffee registration
- 1.00 – 10.05 Chair's Opening Remarks – Bren Cook
- 10.05 – 10.15 Children's Trust VCFS Forum – update Sian Davis (Chair) and Julie Humphrey (Network Co-ordinator)
- 10.15 – 10.45 Keynote Speaker Robert Beard National Association for Voluntary and Community Action (NAVCA)
- 10.45 – 11.00 Step it up... – Harvey Hamilton Thorpe : Young Lancashire
- DVD : ***AND ACTION...!*** A short film about how young people's lives in Lancashire are being transformed.
- 11.15 – 11.30 Total Family – Gail Porter
- 11.30 – 11.45 Break
- 11.45 – 12.00 Early Intervention Strategy Joanne Stephenson
- 12.00 – 12.15 Neighbourhood Management Liz Mossop Community Engagement Manager Preston City Council
- 12.15 – 12.30 Family Workforce Update Danny Walsh – Lancashire County Council
- 12.30 – 1.00 Lunch
- 1.00 – 2.00 Question and Answer session – a panel made up of all the speakers from the morning session
- 2pm Networking
- 3pm Close



Robert Beard, Policy Adviser at National Association of Voluntary and Community Action (NAVCA) – the impact of the cuts on children's services and the VCS



Evavluation Analysis

Topic	Very useful	Useful	Average	Little use	No use
Forum update	3	6	2	0	0
Robert Beard (NAVCA)	5	4	0	0	0
Young Lancashire	3	5	2	0	0
Total Family	6	3	1	0	0
Early Intervention Strategy	5	4	0	1	0
Neighbourhood Management	3	7	0	0	0
Q & A session	4	3	1	0	0
Networking	5	5	0	0	0
Totals	34	37	6	1	0

Venue:

Poor - 0

Good – 2

Very good – 4

Excellent – 4

Level of course

Too basic – 1

About right – 9

Too advanced – 0

Will this event enable you to improve practice within your organisation and improve your services to children young people and families?

Yes = 5

No= 2

Not sure = 3

What aspects of the day did you find most useful and why?

“the updates (of sorts) and the fact that nobody is in the know”

“finding out about what issues other agencies are dealing with and their plans for coping”

“good update on where VCFS is at the moment”

“all of it”

“Robert Beard session because it is necessary to know what is going on to survive the recession/spending review – cuts and its effects on small voluntary organisations such as SEED that deliver such a vital service to a vulnerable group”

“Q & A as it was thought-provoking”

“Networking – great source of information”

“Just coming together today and knowing what’s out there – networking”

What aspects of the day did you find least useful and why?

“the fact that you had no answers on funding etc”

“everything was useful”

General comments:

“sound – difficult to hear speakers”

“conference room was too cold”

“a fabulous day”

Participants

Barbara Bidwell	Action for Children
Melanie Helliwell	Action for Children
Awais Mirza	Pukar
Judith Jamison	Preston & District Scouts
Gina Gonzales	Homestart
Moira Finley Landry	Homestart
Sian Davis	Barnardo’s
Kath Talboys	Drugline
Becky Atherton	Prescap
Salma Ali	Preston Domestic Violence Services

Farida	Help Direct
Debbie Innes	GRIP
Sean Chan	GRIP
Rebecca Morris	Intact
Hannah Laws	Preston Domestic Violence Services
Gemma Turner	SEED
Monica Nish Purdie	SEED
Sharton Seaton	Groundwork
Adam Pilkington	Groundwork
Heather Reynolds	Signposts
Ali Barkley	Intact
Mohammed Limbada	Intact
Greg Smith	
Joanne Ward	Play Inclusion Programme
Natalie Waudby	Signposts
Helen Heald	Homestart
John Billington	Lancashire Community Finance
Sue Brickett	Early Years Inclusion Programme
Sue Earnshaw	Signposts
Rosie Gorman	Early Years Inclusion Programme
Dawn Hamer	Young Carers Support Officer
Melanie Helliwell	Action for Children Lancashire Parenting Project
Ray Jones	Action for Children Lancashire Parenting Project
Sylvia Lee	Family Worker Methodist Church Preston
Jinty Longstaff	Gateway
Sarah Malone	Play Inclusion Programme
Catherine Moss	Early Years Inclusion Project
Nigel Parkinson	Preston Police
Gary Salisbury	Lancashire Police
Talha Wadee	Policy Development Officer LCC CT
Andrea	Lancashire Libraries
Diane Ashton	Early Intervention Support Team
Zoe Bidula	Preston City Council

Rachel Bland	Action for Children
Steve Boardman	Extended Services
Catherine Carruthers	Lancashire Libraries
Jane Hope	Lancashire Libraries
Melissa Coward	Extended Services Officer
Penny Craig	Family Mediator
Geraldine Dickinson	Parent Carer Support Officer
Jackie Knightingale	DPSA
Shahida Mota	Student nurse
Laura Philips	COPEC Manager

Speakers/ facilitators

Sian Davis Barnardo's and Chair of Children's Trust VCFS Forum

Julie Humphrey PCN

Bren Cook (guest Chair)

Danny Walsh (LCC)

Robert Beard (NAVCA speaker)

Harvey Hamilton Thrope Young Lancashire

Gail Porter LCC

Joanne Stephenson

Ruth Gardner CAF

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