

Edinburgh Community Learning and Development Partnership

Notes of Meeting held on 23 June 2020

1. **Present:** Paul McCloskey, Hana McKechnie, Helen Bourquin, Jackie Stewart, Caroline Lamond, Sheila Duncan, Michele Mulvaney, John Heywood (all CEC), Laurene Edgar (LAYC), Rebecca Dey (NHS), Julie Coyle (SDS), Archie Campbell (WEA), Ian Brooke (EVOC)

2. **Election of new Chair and Vice Chair**

Laurene Edgar elected as new Chair unopposed.

Jackie Stewart/Helen Bourquin elected as Co Vice Chair

3. **Review of existing actions in CLD Plan and creation of new actions in the context of Covid-19**

I. **Improving Life Chances for People of All Ages**

a. Communities are able to benefit from different routes into learning opportunities

New actions in re-drafted plan

b. Youth Workers are able to access training to better support young people

New actions in re-drafted plan

Agreed to combine Action 1 and 2 and to place an increased emphasis on Digital Youth Work.

A new Action 2 will be created that draws on the findings of the Lockdown Lowdown survey of young people and their particular concerns regarding worries about the future and the impact on mental health. John, Laurene and Jackie will meet to finalise the wording.

II. **Building Stronger, More Resilient Communities**

a. Communities, especially the hardly reached/seldom heard, are able to feel they are equal partners in identifying and addressing issues of local concern

b. Communities feel supported to influence decisions affecting them.

The Partnership will host a 'lessons learned' event regarding seldom heard communities by reflecting on effective participation methodologies utilised during Covid-19.

1 Host an event

2 Produce an evaluation of the event

Consideration to be given to the audience: workers, members of the public, members of BAME communities.

Consider revisiting the community activist pack *only if* there is relevant new learning from the above event.

Action: Each group should re-convene to agree the final text of their new action and circulate to the group within two weeks (by July 7th).

4. AOB

Further nominations are required for the CLD Partnership Board. Names to be sent to Paul McCloskey.

5. Date of Next Meeting

27 August, 9.30 – 11.00am. Teams invitation will be sent out in advance