

Joined Up for Jobs Partnership Forum

STRATEGIC - Formal link for two way dialogue/influence between partner agencies and JUFJ Strategy Group.

PRACTICAL- Promoting partnership working/developing new mechanisms to deliver JUFJ strategy.

COORDINATION - Exchanging good practice and enhancing coordination of services.

Note of Meeting on Thursday 6th April 2006

From 9.30-12.30 - Business Centre, City Chambers

HOSTED BY INTOWORK - THEME— SUPPORTING DISABLED JOBSEEKERS

PRESENT 38 representatives from 30 services/organisations

WISEMOVE Val Gould, Gayle Leiper

STUC Terry Anderson

Edinburgh Trades Union Council – Des Loughney

NISUS Neil Main

NEESS/CEC Lisa Moffat

North Edin Childcare Barbara Moffat

Health Care Academy Nancy Kirkland

Construction Academy – Ian Walker

Waterfront Recruitment Centre – Jim O Rorke

Midlothian Council/MTS Norma Whannell

Careers Scotland Maureen Webster

RNID Susanne Dick

ELVOS Jim Scott

Edinvar Donna Fleming (Social Care Academy)

West Edinburgh Action Meabh Bradley, Bruce Penman

CEC Econ Dev Mandy Lawson Brian Robertson

JobCentre Plus Alister McInnes Julie Skelton

CEC Through care and Aftercare Mark Brown

One Parent Families Scotland Sue Robertson, Justine Davidson

CEC Equalities Unit Alistair Dinnie

Capital City Partnership Matthew Crighton

Cyrenians Dawn Wood

Spectrum Madeleine Frissung

A4E Ross Cunningham

Engine Shed Marian MacDonald

Forth Sector Pegs Bailey

Link net Mentoring Linda Quigley

Intowork Fiona Drape, Peter Purves, David Bain, Sharon Milne

Midlothian Employment Action Network Lynne Atkinson

Real Jobs (the Action Group) Sue Horsburgh, Dughall Laing

Note of Last Meeting was- approved

Matters arising – Prison Leavers study complete _ Matthew to circulate.

Meeting on 28th April of steering group to discuss developing services– interested agencies welcome to attend

PRESENTATIONS (both attached)

**1/ Primary Intermediary Model project overview –
Pooling Together - Mapping the Disability Support Sector**

(Sharon Milne- Intowork)

2/ Welfare Reform – Meeting the Challenges Ahead

(Peter Purves – Intowork)

DISCUSSION TIME – (see attached notes)

Theme -Response to the DWP Green Paper and discussion on how support agencies and employers can work better together to help disabled jobseekers.

STRATEGY EXCHANGE

Issues from the Frontline

- **Job Centre Plus** –Julie Skelton gave a briefing on the new Job Outcomes Targets – in future performance info to come from Inland Revenue when jobseekers enter work. Stats will come by post code only (anonymous) and be collected at district level. Will be a 6 month delay – ie April /June figures will appear in Dec. This change well received at JCP level – prefer to old JET system of daily tracking of job entry targets /points tally- no longer onus on individual staff but local team. Less time ‘chasing employers’/more time to spend with disadvantaged clients. Should encourage more /flexibility and collaboration/service level agreements with intermediaries to achieve shared outcomes. More info on DWP website.

- Questions from floor

Concern JCP will no longer have access to individual outcome stats /only postcodes.

Will there be more tracking of ob retention – to maintain outcomes?

Will JCP be taking a ‘case management approach’ with IB clients? - not clear

Policy/Strategy Updates

Last meeting 1 March – minutes on JUFJ website (Matthew)

Questions from the floor

- **ETUC /STUC** – support/info will be needed for clients entering work (especially disabled) re employment rights etc.
- Focus needed to help with job retention. Voice of ‘clients’ needs to be heard
- Forth Sector – useful link NHS National Employment and Health Network

NEXT MEETING - 1st June – to be hosted by Academies Collective.

Action points

ALL AGENCIES encouraged to

- contribute/ share any responses to DWP green paper- prepare individual/collective responses re proposed ESF structural funds changes.

ACADEMIES COLLECTIVE to coordinate plan for 1st June