



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

Date: Friday 16th April 2010

Venue: Friends Meeting House, Victoria Terrace

1 Steering Group Update

Dughall Laing welcomed all to the Partnership Forum and started the agenda. Bert Craig has retired and has consequently left the steering group and any volunteers will be gratefully accepted for this role. The steering group are available for any questions or nominations.

2 Organisation information sharing

This information of organisations on the Joined Up For Jobs Directory was circulated at a later stage to any who wanted a copy. Organisations were requested to update regularly and prompt colleagues on this.

3 Strategy update - Carena Brogan, Capital City Partnership.

Carena Brogan gave a Job Strategy update on areas of development

Multi Area contract

The Tendering Panel recently met and a contract has been given for the Multi Area contract to the preferred bidder – West Edinburgh Action who will provide employment services in areas not covered by previous Fairer Scotland Funds.

Charter Mark

The first group received recognition of achievement at an award ceremony in November and 9 more are in the process of qualification. Carena requested any other services interested in receiving this charter mark to contact her.

Caselink

Caselink is an MIS which tracks clients on the road to employment. There has been a further development with Caselink Lite which needs only minimal information and enable organizations to take relevant details . This was specifically designed for the Get On project.

Halcrow Report

The report on employment services is in public domain and has been circulated to various departments with the City of Edinburgh Council. The next step is an implementation plan and timetable and will be on the agenda of the next Forum

Website

Matthew Crighton gave an overview of what was happening with the JUFJ website and updated about a questionnaire through Survey Monkey. Feedback suggested a portal for the partners eg an events calendar. Matthew circulated a paper and asked for all to break into small groups and discuss the questions on the paper and feed back.

[Presentation Available via this link.](#)

4 **Greater Customer Reach of the City of Edinburgh Council**

Brian Martin updated the group on the remit of the Greater Customer Reach group and how becoming actively engaged in participating in the network will drive the GCR agenda forward and closed by informing the group that a new Get On bus will be manned and the services will be merged with the GAP infrastructure.

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5 **Campaigning points - Hazel Smith, Women onto Work**

Hazel informed the Forum that the Steering Group recently set up would take forward issues that concern all of the partnership. Part of the remit of the Steering Group was to unite the Forum as a direct force to influence government policy. Various topics that concerned the Forum were:

ESF - The management of money eg drawing down of grant money and lobbying for future funds. Francis is happy to give an update to the forum on a regular basis on ESF opportunities. Dughall reminded the group of Jim O'Rorke who is currently on secondment to the Third Sector Employability Forum. A submission on the issues of ESF from the forum & other organizations was presented to the Scottish Government. Dughall fed back on the key points and will attach the full submission to minutes. For the future this should give the Forum a direct route to the cabinet secretary. The Forum discussed the issue and Hazel asked that this be fed to as a collective and specific issues. These were In Work Poverty. Living Wage Campaign.

[Key Points available via this link](#)

Barriers - Different areas that can be affected by the lack of any immediate response by various large organizations. A specific issue was claimants housed in the private sector and cannot afford to work. It was suggested to carry this further with case studies on the client group

Recession Academy – Common based learning programmed underpinned by FE/HE and others. George Wilson introduced how this would work. Volunteering is a key issue for the engagement of the marginal beneficiary who can not at present get on a course. A discussion followed in regards to how this would work most effectively and Hazel asked that members of the Forum talk to George later on this issue. It was also noted that colleges have been awarded £50 million. It was agreed to put this on the next Partnership Forum agenda.

Hazel asked that during the break for all to add comments on the flipchart.

6 **Skills for Scotland, Credit Rating for Employment**

Rosemary Allford, Edinburgh Napier University gave a presentation in regards to an ESF Priority 3 programme which assisted those in the workplace to get assistance in receiving certification for experience they have either formally or informally received. A discussion followed on the procedure for accreditation between the Employee/Employer and Awarding Bodies.

[Presentation available via this link](#)

7 **Employer engagement event**

Rhona McLinden, Capital City Partnership informed the Group that there would be a Health & Social Care Recruitment and Information Event on Tuesday 15 June in the Merchants Hall, Hanover Street from 10am – 4pm. She emphasised that as this was a Sector that was still growing in Edinburgh it presented good job opportunities for JU4J clients. She asked all organisations to inform their clients on a general basis about the event and the opportunity it presented. It is also an opportunity for organisations to encourage specific clients to attend and perhaps come along with those clients on the day. The Group was also asked to identify Employers that they work with within the Health and Social Care Sector and to ascertain whether they would like to book a place at the event. This information should be passed to Rhona in the first instance rhonamclinded@capitalcitypartnership.org or to contact her on 0131 630 6030. Flyers for the event will be available in May and will be circulated to each organisation as quickly as possible.

[Presentation Available via this link.](#)

Dughall followed up by announcing that a training session recently had been planned for Front Line service at Norton Park on 30th April and asked those interested to email him.

8 **Update on campaigning points and moving forward**

Hazel gave an update on the feedback about the Campaign Points and will circulate the information with the Partnership Forum notes.

[Feedback on Campaign Points via this link](#)

Matthew summarised the feedback from the earlier Website Questionnaire and will circulate.

9 **DONM**

Friday 11 June 9:30 – 12:30 in the Business Centre, City Chambers

ATTENDEES

Asim Ahmed	A4E
Seamus Spence	Access to Industry
Dughall Laing	The Action Group (Forum Chair)
John Alvarez	The Action Group
Hildegard Wylezalek	Apex Scotland
Helen Brown	Barnardo's Network
Laura McGlennon	Capability Scotland
Carena Brogan	Capital City Partnership
Ken Crump	Capital City Partnership
Mathew Crighton	Capital City Partnership
Myrtle Veitch	Capital City Partnership
Rhona McLinden	Capital City Partnership
Brian Martin	City of Edinburgh Council
Lindsay Adams	City of Edinburgh Council
Tom Reid	City of Edinburgh Council
Vivienne Robinson	City of Edinburgh Council
Frances Wheldon	City of Edinburgh Council , EPCCEP
James Riordan	Community Renewal
Nigel Green	Community Renewal
Lynne Woodman	DHP Scotland
George Wilson	Edinburgh Napier University (Steering group)
Rosemary Allford	Edinburgh Napier University
Des Loughney	Edinburgh TUC
Kate Ronson	Ingeus
Pamela Grant	Ingeus
David Bain	Intowork
Fiona Drape	Intowork
Alister McInnes	Jobcentre Plus
Ruth Barr	NHS Lothian
Anglea Wright	The Action Group
Fiona Short	SAMH Redhall
James Gillfillan	Spectrum
Robert Ronson	Spectrum
Marian MacDonald	The Engine Shed
Terry Summers	Training for Work Scotland
Emma Vance	West Edinburgh Action
Hazel Smith	Women Onto Work (Steering group)
Trish Lindsay	Women Onto Work