

London CYP Engage

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A network of CYP (VCS) networks

Vision – enhancing the lives of children in London

Ethos – supporting the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child

Membership

- The target group will be lead members who represent networks across London.
- This is a developmental group with an agreed set of outcomes; that will be reviewed in a 12 month period.
- The membership of the group is in the first stages of development and it is anticipated that this will be revised within a year to ensure that representation is reflective of the needs of the sector

Work Plan

- The group have a number of specific and tangible deliverables following on from a planning and development event on the 25th June 2008. This event was attended by both voluntary and statutory partners to review the development needs for the sector on a regional basis.
- This feedback has been collated into a regional action plan addressing specific areas for development under the following thematic headings:
 - Communications
 - Effective Engagement
 - Representation and Pan London Specialist Groups
 - Innovation
 - Quality Assurance
 - Workforce Development
 - Regional Joint Working
- These deliverables will be disseminated out to all stakeholders as a two year action plan, feedback from stakeholders will be fed into the action plan and progress reviewed and revised accordingly.

Purpose of the group

The London CYP Engage Network aim to work collectively to achieve the following:

Networking

- To provide a forum for a regional network of voluntary sector networks – acting as a gateway and a voice, enabling a communication between the grassroots to regional forums and structures
- To provide a point of access for the VCS to come together and articulate wants and needs of the VCS strategically

- To formalise how we work with each other and improving our reach
- To rationalise links and share expertise across existing networks
- To learn and share information from each other and the wider sector

Voice and Influence

- To create a regional representative voice
- To act as a conduit for regional representation of the children and young people's VCS on appropriate regional strategic groups or networks
- To influence strategies and policies that impact on the sector including elements of the sector that do not want to engage in commissioning and a focus on Interventions at a local level to support this
- To address pertinent issues – i.e. commissioning, forum for common agendas, pushing issues at a regional level, efficiency, recognising that commissioning is not the only agenda
- To flag up gaps in existing priorities and identify areas requiring further support
- To create an infrastructure communications process
- To regionally address workforce development for the sector

Outcomes focused

The London CYP Engage network aim to ensure that the work developed has an outcomes focus and progress in line with the action plan will be monitored and reviewed by the group on a bi monthly basis. The group will have the remit to guide, prioritise and review the development of the work plan and monitor its effectiveness.

Frequency of meetings – meetings will be held on a bi monthly basis initially and this will be reviewed after a year

Decision making – this will be achieved through a majority vote by members

Communications – papers, agendas and minutes will be circulated by email

Links

The London CYP Engage network will ensure that it maintains links to the following programmes or structures through its membership:

- VCS Engage
- The London Policy Group
- NCVCCO regional group
- London CYP CVS group
- 3SA

List of existing members

Gethyn William	LVSC
Delroy Pomell	NCVCCO Regional Chair
Kate English	CYP CVS Pan London Group
Sharon Long	VCS Engage

Helen Hibbert	Partnership for Young London
Ute Navidi	London Play
Rafiu Williams	ROTA
Lindsay Harkett	Action for Children
Rosemary Watt Wyness	Princes Trust (PYL)
Nick Wilkie	London Youth
Jordan Thompson	NCVCCO

Please note that this list is not exhaustive and further members will be added

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