**Tayside & Fife PL Alliance**

Monday 1st March 2021 at 2pm - MS Teams

**Mins**

**Present: Tricia Ryan (chair), Sue Holland-Smith (mins), Vicky Wilson, Gwen Bowles, Jenny Glen, Susan Epsworth**

1. **Welcome and Apologies**

Tricia welcomed everyone.

Apologies have been received from Ross Martin, Pete Glen, Sarah McEwan

1. **Minutes of previous meeting**



Agreed as an accurate record.

1. **Matters Arising:**

Purchase of resources for each area-e.g. ‘Impact of Community Work’ book has been suggested. We will carry over this item to next meeting.

We discussed previously agreed access to Dundee university library via CLDSC membership, and wondered if it might be possible to access online resources. Jenny will check if anyone has accessed to date and will confirm arrangements with the librarian going forward. See below

Hi everyone

I spoke to Iain in the library yesterday and he has confirmed that the offer of use of the Library under the terms identified will remain but it's likely to be a while before the service is realistically available again.  The library is presently closed due to Covid restrictions.  As soon as we get further information about library opening times I will let you know.

Thanks

Jenny

Digital platforms – carry forward discussion to next meeting

1. **Updates:**

**Dundee University**: placements and internships have gone ahead over the past year despite the many challenges and supervisors have been very supportive, 3rd year placements are still underway and will finish shortly. For 2021, 2nd year placements will run 6th Sept-Dec and 4th year internships, 6th Sept – 11 March 2022. For lots of the students it has been a blended experience between workplace and online. Vivas take place this week and next. For next academic year 2021-22, agency forms will go out very soon. Jenny is very happy to work with any of us to think about possible placements and would welcome placements in local authorities for the coming year. Jenny will ask Sarah to send info regarding the upskilling route.

Applications will be welcomed on the workbased qualifying routes.

Sue to share updated framework. 

**Education Scotland**: online sessions have been very popular and useful. Ongoing programme of webinars. Tayside family learning webinars starting next month, Susan will send link. <https://www.education.gov.scot/education-scotland/what-we-do/inspection-and-review/chief-inspector-report/national-thematic-inspections/engaging-families-in-learning-a-thematic-inspection-of-family-learning/>

Children Rights for youth workers have been oversubscribed and will run again. HMI Family learning report has been published.

**Plans for webinar event** (22nd and 29th April):  Gwen outlined the proposed event. Vicky suggested having a more regional focus at the end of day 2, perhaps Marie and Ross double act at the end on what it all means for us in Tayside and Fife. Admin and publicity will be done in Dundee CC.

**Evaluative Writing** (proposed 26th May am and 22nd June pm): Vicky and Tricia have met and started to look at Fife and Aberdeenshire workbooks with a view to run a 3 hour workshop based on this. Susan suggested Alona or Sheila Brown may be happy to help with this. Possible production of hard copies of TFPLA workbooks- will get costing for this.

**Adult Learning**: Ross has sent update on ESOL subgroup. He has suggested inclusion of Literacies with this group- we agreed this would be welcomed.

**Youth Work**: no new update

**Community Empowerment**: Do we need a sub-group? Previously there was a working group that produced the joint e-learning module, ran conference in Dundee and SCDC seminar in Perth. Would need to re-establish purpose and remit. e-learning resource may need to be checked and updated, the Fife links are not working. Vicky has the update link, and it needs uploading. PKC had produced a resource/toolkits, update from Sharon Dec 2020:

We had just completed a training pack that would support groups to be aware of The National Standards for community engagement and the plan was that we would pilot this with Fife.  Lockdown then happened in March so it never happened.  In the current situation we have reviewed whether it is still relevant to deliver this training.  In the past 8 months community groups have demonstrated that they have engaged with their communities really well and it does not feel right to deliver something like this now.   Funny how things can change so quickly.  However we still have the pack and may use it in the future, I would be really keen to see what Pete has too.

 **CLD Standards Council**: no new update

**CLDMS**: core PIs have been agreed. Gwen will circulate. Aim to collect national stats for last 2 years (local authorities only).

1. **CLD Plans 2021 – 2024:**

Useful Tayside and Fife meeting was held with support from ES. Looking at having a common format regionally. There is a template from CLDMS on things to consider when putting together your plan. Also challenge questions from HMI. Suggestion from Susan that we look at workforce learning and development on a regional basis. Suggestion is that first year is a recovery plan, with developments years 2 and 3. Ross is working on a template to share across T&F.

1. **National CPD Network Meeting (10th March)**

Sue Briggs is chairing this meeting. Discussion will include events run by regional alliances that might be opened up to wider audiences. Sue and Tricia will attend.

1. **AOCB:** annual newsletter- we agreed to consider this in our June meeting, along with updating of our work plan
2. **DONMs**

Thursday 29th April at 2pm, Sue to chair

Thursday 3rd June at 2pm

Monday 30th August at 2pm

Monday 1st November at 2pm