**Children & Young People Third Sector Forum – Meeting Notes**

DATE Tues December 14th 2021

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| **Agenda item** | **Detail** | **Decision** | **Action** |
| **Welcome and attendees** | *Elidh Brown; tsiMORAY, Barbara Wilson; tsiMORAY, Gail Anderson; tsiMORAY, Fiona Alderson; Networks of Wellbeing, Janet McVeigh; Moray Council, Kelly Blackmore; Aberlour, Lindsay Nelson; Moray Council, Becky Poyner; Moray Wellbeing Hub, Heather Fulton; Combined to Create, Gareth Jenkins; Step by Step, Anne Pendery; Circles, Sandi Downing; Quarriers, Christine Fairbairn; Moray Council, Audrey Fleming; Moray Council, Debbie Neep; Aberlour parent and toddler group, Rachael MacIntyre; Combine to Create* |  |  |
| **Apologies** | *Fiona Herd; Moray Council, Fabio Villani; tsiMORAY, Duncan Wilson; Findhorn Bay Arts, Clair Ferguson; EYDG, Aileen Peace; Avenue, Fiona Graham; Forres Community Council, Sheila Erskine; Action for Children* |  |  |
| **Minutes of the last meeting** | Previous minutes approved. |  |  |
| **Service updates** | **Kelly Blackmore**, increase in the number of referrals. Early help services waiting list is 6-8 weeks. 2 new members of staff. Facilitating several new groups in the new year, group sessions for young people. Core side has also seen an increase in referrals. Due to covid allocated hours have increased from 2 to 5hrs. Currently processing Christmas hampers. Lossiemouth distribution was successful. Funding application has been submitted Drugs & Alcohol fund. Aberlour assistance fund is available if required.  www.aberlour.org.uk/urgentassistancefund  **Becky Poyner ‘Moray Wellbeing Hub’** – completed MFR Cash for Kids projects with schools. Parent Empowerment group. Completed first 1st-6th year ‘My Creative Life’ programme, runs until March 2022. Keith schools workshops proposed. Diversity project. Community Justice project. MWH closed 24th Dec to 10th Jan. Currently recruiting for volunteers, see website.  https://moraywellbeinghub.org.uk/2021/12/07/news-recruitment-of-flexible-paid-and-volunteer-roles-at-moray-wellbeing-hub-cic-closing-date-22nd-december-2021-9am/  **Becky Poyner ‘Revolution for Good’** - Team has grown to 7 coaches. 2 projects supporting counselling and coaching for young people. Currently no waiting lists for adult services. Working towards reducing list for young people. Closed 23rd Dec to 10th Jan.  **Gareth Jenkins ‘Step by Step’** - MFR ‘Cash for Kids' gave 36 sacks to deliver to families. Also received funding from the MFR Winter Fund. Received items from Moray Food Plus. Toddler groups now outside due to COVID restrictions. Baby group stills indoors.  **Fiona Alderson ‘Networks & Wellbeing’** - Young People free counselling services, also Veteran Service for their families and children.  **Heather Fulton ‘Combined to Create’** - Children and Young People focus in Lossiemouth in January, creative play etc. Heather@frozencharlotte.com  **Janet McVeigh ‘Moray Council’** - Early help for young people. Currently interacting with as many agencies as possible. Focusing on secondary schools.  **Audrey Fleming ‘Moray Council’ -** identifying what services for young people are missing on Moray  **Sandy Downing ‘Quarriers’** - 150 young carers Christmas box to issue. MFR to issue further ‘gifts’. Application from 45 young carers since July (pre-covid is was 5). Young people focus group up and running.  **Lindsay Nelson ‘Moray Council’**- Starting new post as Wellbeing Improvement officer for Moray Council. Mental & Wellbeing improvement programme, working with young people, long term project. Currently canvasing young people to determine needs and priorities. Development of a families based website for Moray - to empower families, provide information and resources etc. Improvement Programme in progress.  Deadline for ‘Money for Moray’ has been extended into January.  https://moneyformoray.org/  **Anne Pendery ‘Circles Advocacy’** - Gap in service due to re-tender of adult support contract. Closed over the holidays until 5th January.  **Christine Fairbairn ‘ Moray Council’**- continued online learning but face to face also offered. Closed over holidays. Family learning week recently completed. Identified home schooling issues, young people anxiety and new mum challenges due to COVID. Community Based Adult Learning courses are available in the New Year.  **Rachael MacIntyre ‘Combined to Create’** - Currently in a research period to develop connections and engage with young people, 10-15 year olds. Jabutitheatre@gmail.com |  |  |
| **Strategic updates** | **Sandi Downing, Kelly Blackmore & Lindsay Nelson** - Proposed meeting between East and West localities at the end of January to review and get back to basics. Propose to identify and provide a solution to antisocial behaviour around schools in Buckie. To identify if Keith and Speyside are having similar problems. Early Years support, identify shortfalls to COVID. Challenge to have area overview not just individual localities.  **Anne Pendery** – ‘Autism in Moray’ Group has been re-established. Contact/link in with Helena Jones if interested  helena.jones@moray.gov.uk.  Make Autism Visible (Adult Group) Extraordinary Meeting in January as group may fold. [Makeautismvisible@yahoo.com](mailto:Makeautismvisible@yahoo.com)  Note: https://www.gov.scot/publications/improving-holistic-family-support-towards-whole-family-approach-family-inclusive-practice-drug-alcohol-services/  **Lindsay Nelson** – Wellbeing Group. Evaluation of locality model taking place. Focus on capacity and holiday provision, survey for parents going out. A national Health & Wellbeing Survey being carried out through schools in January.  **Sandi Downing –** Reviewing Moray carer strategy, what it means to be a young carer, response from schools, peers etc.  **Elidh Brown** - Community Mental Health & Wellbeing Fund has an adult support focus, 16 year old +.  https://www.tsimoray.org.uk/communities-mental-health-wellbeing-fund  Keep connecting in this challenging time. |  |  |
| **AOCB** | Promise Partnership Fund – take to locality networks to discuss.  Ii was agreed that this time was suitable for everyone.  Proposed to continue meetings online until Spring. Also, propose to have winter meetings online as a precaution. |  |  |