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**Children & Young People’s Forum   
Meeting 12 June 2018, 10am-12pm at The Inkwell, Elgin**

**Attending:** Lesley Prendergast, Who Cares? Scotland; Carol Maclennan, Elgin Youth Café; Fran Rolinck; Living Golf, Amanda St George; Living Golf; Sheila Erskine, Action for Children; Sandi Downing, Quarriers; Diane Milne, Moray Women’s Aid; Susan Stronach; The Moray Council, Tony Brown, Outfit Moray; Frances Nicol, Aberlour Childcare Trust; Elidh Brown, tsiMORAY, Fabio Villani, tsiMORAY, Anne Lindsay, tsiMORAY; Laura Cameron, tsiMORAY

**Apologies:** George Flett, Aberlour Youthpoint – Moray, Laura Russell, Earthtime

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| Item | Comments | Action |
| **Introductions & Welcome** | Quick round of introductions made. |  |
| **Service Updates** | **Franz & Amanda – Living Golf**  Currently engaging in interesting research with Keith Grammar School – more info to follow  **Sandi – Quarriers**  Spoke about the implications of the new Carers Act. Also highlighted that w/c 11 June is Carers Week.  **Diane – Moray women’s Aid**  Diane is Children’s Team Leader at Moray Women’s Aid and will have more information to share at the next meet up. Jennifer Matheson has left the organisation.  **Carol – Elgin Youth Café / EYDG**  Lots of changes at EYDG. Sarah has moved into a more generic role where she is rebooting the youth café. The Employment programme is restarting. Carol is taking on more outreach work and is hoping to do more partnership work with other youth cafes across Moray.  **Susan – Moray Council**  Locality planning has moved to a new structure. Split into East and West Locality Management Groups, with their own budgets. Eight Associated School Groups (ASG), fit within this structure.  **Tony – Outfit Moray**  Financial situation has improved although still tenuous. Has had a positive few months. The summer programme has launched but was fully booked within 24 hours. Tony is keen to hear from outdoor instructors  **Anne – tsiMORAY**  Described her role as third sector liaiser on the Chief Officers Group (COG), as well as the history of COG, which was launched following a critical inspection of children services in Moray. |  |
| **It Takes a Village to Raise a Child – next steps** | Initial introduction by Sheila as to what is meant by ‘It takes a village to raise a child’. In the spirit of the community planning partnership (CPP), we are all responsible for the welfare of Moray’s children. Questions were raised; How can we work better together and get a sense of connection and collaboration? How can we engage better with partners?  Part of the previous conversation was spent trying to benchmark how we feel engagement is with partners and awareness of the governance structure and a table was created (which can be viewed in the previous minutes)  Sheila as third sector liaiser on a number of groups, including ELG (Executive Leadership Group), is keen to feed back to the CPP on the third sector’s awareness of what the CPP is and also its awareness of what the improvement agenda is so that it can contribute in a meaningful way to service planning.  Drive to get the third sector engaged and spreading the word. Moray Women’s Aid mentioned that they recently met with Karen Delaney to discuss challenges.  Living Golf also expressed the sense of frustration that comes with trying to engage with the Third Sector/Public Sector network, particularly in reference to information sharing and awareness of services available at Living Golf. They have found that to work with schools and organisations they’ve had to approach each and every one to arrange a separate meeting.    Next steps to look at how third sector can best support the improvement agenda and create a shared understanding of structure and process, and the ways we work together.  The forum agreed they would look at   * Mapping the Governance Structure of Moray’s Children’s Services * Provide feedback on how the Moray Compact, currently under review, could work more effectively for those involved |  |
| **Moray Compact** | What is The Compact  The Moray Compact is an agreement between the Third Sector and the Public Sector on how they intend to work together. The current Compact spans 2016-2018 and so the current agreement is up for review.  How will it be reviewed?  The Community Engagement Group (CEG) will be discussing The Compact at a development session on 29th August. tsiMORAY will circulate The Compact to members of the forum and ask for feedback before the next meeting in August.  It was discussed that organisations should consider:   * What could the potential impact of The Compact be? * What could it have meant to you if a Compact was adhered to in situations you have experienced in the past? * What does the term ‘Respect’ mean for you? * Can The Compact inform the action plan for the C&YP’s forum going forward? |  |
| **Mapping of Governance Structure** | Diagram to follow |  |
| **Summer Programmes** | Those that have summer programmes shared information about what is available to support young people over the summer.  Quarriers – Quarriers has a summer programme available to young carers registered with the service. If you know a young carer who could benefit please refer them. It’s available for young carers aged 8-17yrs.  Outfit Moray – Summer programme fully booked but currently looking at adding to it and they do have a waiting list so get in touch, join the mailing list to be kept up to date as spaces become available.  Elgin Youth Café – launching summer programme on Thursday 14th June at Youth Café from 6pm – 8pm and bookings can be made then. Age range is from p7 to S6 and all activities are free. More info to follow. |  |
| **Upcoming Programme for Forum Meetings** | It was agreed that we would allocate time (1hr) at the next meeting to discuss The Compact Review.  We also discussed the possibility of The Compact informing an action plan for the forum. |  |
| **Items of interest** | **SLACK**  We would re-iterate that Slack is a much quicker (and responsive) way of sharing your updates with each other than through our monthly bulletins. You can join the workspace here:  <https://join.slack.com/t/moraycyp3rdsector/shared_invite/enQtMzY0NDg0OTI0MjQ3LTU2ZjNhZDEwY2M3NWViMTcyY2YxOTNiNWY0NTQ3ODQzN2I2Y2IzY2JmYmQ2YzU1MzY2NWU3ZjQxZGMwM2M1YmM>  Head to the welcome-to-slack channel before you get started.  **Do you have a local community group that Benefits the Community and needs funding?**  The Tesco Bags of Help grant scheme is permanently open for applications from a wide range of community groups, schools, local authorities and organisations.  Projects that get the green light as a result of the funding includes volunteer training, physical improvements of open spaces, equipment purchases, community events and sports and leisure activities.  Following a public vote in Tesco stores, three projects in each of the 70 Scottish Tesco regions will receive a grant every second month, with first place receiving up to £4K, second place up to £2K and third place up to £1K.  Bags of Help is administered by Groundwork, working in Scotland with greenspace scotland**. Full eligibility criteria and detailed application guidance is available online here:**  <http://bit.ly/bagsofhelp4>  We have a team of Community Enablers that can provide support or advice when submitting your application. **Find their details** <http://bit.ly/scotbagsofhelp>  **Moray Learning and Development Group**  Please see the below link to the training calendar of the Moray Learning and Development Group as well as lots of useful resources. The calendar will be updated shortly so please create a shortcut to the link on your desktop so you can be kept up to date [www.moray.gov.uk/moray\_standard/page\_88800.html](http://www.moray.gov.uk/moray_standard/page_88800.html)  **On Behalf of Children in Scotland**  “Children in Scotland is currently working with Moray Council to develop the use of Self Directed Support (SDS) for children and young people in the area.  Self Directed Support funding allows children and their families greater choice and control over how funding is spent in order to meet their particular needs. Some children may require very specialist services to meet their needs however many children might simply need support to access universal services.  We would like to work with organisations in the area to explore the support and resources that might be required to increase the number of inclusive services that could be purchase using SDS payments.  We will be holding a community information and planning meeting in September which will bring together stakeholders including parents, children, public, voluntary and private organisations. We hope to support the development of a local plan to increase the options available to children and their families to purchase using SDS funding.  If your organisation and the young people that you work with would be interested in participating in this project, please contact: erogan@childreninscotland.org.uk  **Mental Health Resources**  The following resources are being circulated on behalf of the NHS Grampian Mental Health Development Officer. Here's some more links and resources that may be useful to share with others  • The Moray guidance documents on helping young people at risk of suicide and helping young people at risk of self harm are available to download from the Moray Council Mental Health & Wellbeing Children & Young People website on this link:http://www.moray.gov.uk/moray\_standard/page\_117484.html  • On the above link you can also access Healthy Minds resources and access the websites and apps, as well as access to our flyer showing the mental health training opportunities for practitioners working with children and young people available in Moray  • There's some great resources from the Anna Freud Center / Schools in Mind website, including:  • Primary school resources here:https://www.annafreud.org/what-we-do/schools-in-mind/youre-never-too-young-to-talk-mental-health/  • Secondary school resources here: <https://www.annafreud.org/what-we-do/schools-in-mind/talking-mental-health-with-secondary-pupils/>  • Also to highlight that a Tool Kit for Schools, Parents and Clinical Staff has been developed in conjunction with (among others) the Suicide Research Lab at Glasgow Uni. <https://www.13reasonswhytoolkit.org/>  **GREC**  Molinda contacted us as she is having challenges around promoting her **free counselling services to young people**. The Grampian Regional Equality Council is specifically for those who have exp of prejudice or discrimination around the 9 protected characteristics ( disability, race, sexuality etc)   1. They are not getting enough referrals 2. They need more volunteer counsellors to help provide the service in Moray (great opportunity for experience) 3. They would love folk to use the opportunity while there is still funding time available   More info @ <http://grec.co.uk/>  **Universal Credit**  Universal Credit Full Service is being rolled out in the Moray area on 27 June 2018.  Universal Credit is replacing six existing benefits types including Income-based Jobseeker’s Allowance, Income-related Employment and Support Allowance, Income Support, Working Tax Credit, Child Tax Credit & Housing Benefit.    cid:image006.jpg@01D403D9.5D8E4B20    Guidance for employers is available at [Universal Credit for Employers](https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/universal-credit-information-for-employers) and [Universal Credit how it can help your business Video.](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/universal-credit-how-it-can-help-your-business)  If you would like to discuss Universal Credit in more detail or require help with your recruitment needs please e-mail [JCPmoray.employerandpartnershipteam@dwp.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:JCPmoray.employerandpartnershipteam@dwp.gsi.gov.uk). |  |
| Meeting dates for 2018 | * 2pm-4pm, Tuesday 21 August 2018, Inkwell, Elgin * 10-12noon, Tuesday 2 October 2018, Inkwell, Elgin * 2pm-4pm, Tuesday 27 November 2018, Inkwell, Elgin |  |