



West Yorkshire Lifelong Learning Network

14–19 Steering Group Meeting – Higher Education Providers and Local Authorities

Minutes of the meeting held on Friday 20th May 2011

Start time 1330 hours

Finish time 1445 hours

Present: Steve Challenger (Chair), Joanne Beaumont, Sue Holland, Jonathan Higgins, Christine Byrne, Michael Cuthbert, Paul Butler, Lucy Wright, Bernard McNicholas

Apologies: Chris Roberts, Sue Weston, Dave Russell, Steve Smith, Randall Whittaker, Vicky Pointing, Rachel Dawson, Brian Duffy, Jon Barber, Paul Sharp, Tracy Wilkinson, Wendy Chapman, Ceri Nursaw, Alison Hedley, Julia Calver, Chris Morton and Rachel Lister

1. Welcome and introductions

2. Minutes

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 4th February 2011.

3. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

4. Update on WYLLN 14-19 Activities

4.1 Apprenticeships

4.1.1. Advanced Apprenticeships As part of national apprenticeship week WYLLN organised a half day event focused on Creative, Construction and General Sector Apprenticeships. The event was well received by the 47 attendees. There will be a further opportunity for partners to consider apprenticeship as a route into HE via a NAS led workshop at the Aimhigher/WYLLN conference to be held on the 10th June 2011.

4.1.1. Construction Sector Joanne reported that the national LLN forum, UVAC and ConstructionSkills are jointly working on the framework for the higher level apprenticeship in construction. Brian Duffy, HE Director, Leeds College of Building is involved with this development.

4.1.2. Creative Sector Joanne reported that the CCS National Skills Academy based at Leeds City College is working with NAS to develop the number of creative apprenticeships available within the region, with a particular focus on performing arts organisations. WYLLN is also linking with LLN in Lancashire to learn more about the level 3 creative apprenticeship programmes which are currently running at Blackpool College and Preston College.

4.2. Level 1/2 to Level 3 Progression.

4.2.1. East Leeds Schools, Lucy Wright provided an update on the East Leeds schools project which involves the Catholic schools in Leeds, Notre Dame 6th Form college, Leeds City College and Leeds Trinity University College and is addressing learner progression issues from levels 1/2- 3 and level 3-4. A Strategic level agreement on working together on the progression has been established between the institutions and 2 progression agreements have been developed (available on the WYLLN database). The focus for 2011/12 will be on delivering the progression agreements, maintaining dialogue between institutions and tracking learners through their progression routes.

4.2.2. Construction Sector, Christine Byrne provided an update on 2 progression agreements that have been developed to support level 1/2-3 progression across the Leeds schools and Leeds College of Building (available on the WYLLN database). Christine also reported on the West Yorkshire Construction Course Prospectus which will be available shortly in pdf format which provide information on all of the progression pathways available within construction across West Yorkshire colleges and universities. This is a resource which will be useful to young people and their parents/carers, employees and employers, business intermediary agencies, and IAG staff. The intention is to link the prospectus to the Area Wide Prospectus via LAs

4.2.3. Wakefield District Local Authority, Paul Butler provided an update on the data analysis and progression agreement identification work taking place across the schools and colleges in Wakefield. Task group members are very positive about working together to examine progression issues and to establish progression agreements. The meeting which focused on analysing attainment and progression data proved to be a pivotal moment in the project gaining momentum. It is anticipated that the first progression agreements will be agreed by July 2011.

5. **Aimhigher/WYLLN conference 10th June 2011,** bookings are going very well and attendance of 120 delegates is anticipated.
6. **Local Authority Updates,** see 4.2.3. No other local authorities were present.
7. **New Partnership-Post WYLLN and Aimhigher,** Steve Challenger explained that the West Yorkshire HE providers have agreed to establish a new, subscription based partnership from September 2011, The Higher Education Access and Progression Partnership (HEAPP) working title. The new partnership will operate out of the University of Leeds, will build on the work of WYLLN and Aimhigher, and will focus on 3 areas of activity – access & widening participation, business engagement, HE strategic voice. Jonathan noted the recent shift in the government's emphasis of social mobility in addition to access and widening participation and highlighted some of the work of the Bridge Group <http://www.thebridgegroup.org.uk/>.

WYLLN will ensure all its database members are aware of the arrangements regarding the new partnership (HEAPP) before it ceases its operations on 31st July.

8. Events

Joanne highlighted the WYLLN events which will take place over June/July:

Celebration and Award event 15th June

WYLLN Health & Social Care: Flexible Learning for Workforce Modernisation 16th June

Trans:# Engineering Launch 7th July

9. Any Other Business

Steve thanked members of the group for all their contributions and support to the work of the steering group over the 3 years and confirmed that this was the final meeting of the WYLLN 14-19 Steering Group.