

0-25 VCS Forum Meeting – 18th October 2023
Dorset Youth Association – face to face



<p>Attendee's:</p>	<p>Mike Bennett (Vice Chair) – Dorset Youth, Lynne Rockey (Facilitator) – Dorset Youth, Tim Wells - Future Roots, Liz Scott – CCP, Lilly Markwell – Dorset Youth, Kyra Reid – Stars Dorset, Ann-Marie Carter – The Ranch, Ian Woodbridge – The Ranch, Wendy Allwood – Help and Kindness, Karen Perryman – Alcohol Education Trust, Helen Walsh – Space Youth Project, Emma Scott – Dorchester Town Council, Helena Conibear – Alcohol Education Trust, Sophie Barton – Dorset Council, Liz Davies – The Colourworks, Eleanor Ball – AUB, Steh Lee – Stars Dorset, Lizzie Whitbread – Salisbury Diocese, Mel Lane – Space Youth Project, Emma Lee – CAN, Graham Whitelaw – Futures, Tracey Digby – Dorset Mind, Caroline Eliment – Help and Kindness, Sara Parker – Dorset Coast Forum, Jess Ledbury – CCP, Sarah Eaby and Clare Fender – Shinsin Yoku, Emma Samways – MyTime Young Carers, Roisin Lynch – Kooth, Ian Jeffries – Young Minds Coaching, Emma Letchford – The Horse Course, Joyce Spiller – PYCF, Tom Crisp – Blackmore Vale Partnership, Gina Whitcomb – Blackmore Vale Partnership, Jess Beale – Dorchester Arts, Lauren Finn – Kooth, Sandra Scott – Damers School, Jo Revill – Mosaic, Mickey Matthews – DWP, Joanna McKernan – Public Health Nurse, Kate Parish – DCHFT, Nichola King – ReThink – Libby Lloyd and Michelle Matthews – Treads, Naomi Mason – Public Health Dorset, Laura Cheney – Wessex Academy Trust, Keiron and Julie – JK House Training,</p>
<p>Apologies:</p>	<p>Tim Johnson – Circles SW, Sue Dampney – Dorset Council, Sarah Gooden – Elevate, Sian Merriott – Relate, Helen Stevens – Stars Dorset, Jeanette McPhail – Life Education Wessex, Sian Hayes – Mosaic, Danielle Hunt – JFF,</p>

Introduction & Apologies	Action:	By Whom:
<p>Mike thanked everyone for their attendance this morning at the Leaders of Education Event and noted his disappointment at the lack of attendance from the leaders of</p>		

<p>education themselves. There were only around 20 representatives from education and we had been told that there would be around 80.</p> <p>Mike is aiming to raise visibility of the 0-25 VCS in Dorset by the end of 2024 and is looking at other ways to connect schools and education to ensure the 0-25 VCS are in their spaces and places – please see attached copies of the flip chart exercise completed this morning for information.</p> <p>We have requested a list of the schools and organisations that attended this mornings event and contact details – this will be shared with VCS attendees</p> <p>The list of apologies was acknowledged.</p>	<p>Lynne to send the flip chart images with minutes.</p> <p>Not yet received but have followed up to request again with feedback from the event</p>	
<p>Minutes of the last meetings & Matters Arising –</p> <p>Actions carried forward</p>	<p>Invite someone to come and speak about the Rights Respecting work taking place</p> <p>Invite Amanda Davies to update on her role and re-engage with the 0-25 VCSF – how can we work together going forward in partnership with regards to workforce development and training.</p> <p>Invite Thomas Fowler to attend and update on progress of</p>	<p>Lynne – to include in 2023/24 planning</p> <p>Lynne</p> <p>Lynne</p>

<p>The previous minutes (18th October 2023) were agreed as a true record by all present.</p> <p>Following the closure of HSWD, Mike shared that the difficulties for the VCS in Dorset had been highlighted and that 2023/24 would be a huge challenge for the VCS, particularly with the covid relief funds now at an end. Organisations are struggling from month to month to continue with no secure sustainability.</p> <p>Fundraising strategies to avoid fear of losing services therefore needs recognition and support.</p> <p>There is still LAG funding left in the pot and there has been a low application submission from the VCS. We are looking at the process of applying with the localities for Pan-Dorset services and the different processes that are in place. Alice Deacon is addressing the issues to improve the process and will join us at a later meeting to discuss what the coming year will look like and what funds will be available.</p>	<p>Family Hubs and what the VCS can do to be involved.</p> <p>Planning for meetings and training for 2024/25 is in progress – if you have something you would like to offer at little or no cost to the 0-25 VCS Forum, please contact Lynne to arrange.</p> <p>Lynne to invite Alice Deacon to a future meeting to discuss LAG funding availability and process for 2024/25.</p>	
<p>Meeting Feedback:-</p> <p>Feedback from Board & Locality Reps –</p>		

<p>0-25 VCS FORUM MEETINGS (dorsetyouth.com)</p> <p>Strategic Alliance – Mike Bennett</p> <p>Chesil LAG – Sian Merriott</p> <p>Minutes when available will be shared here</p> <p>0-25 VCS FORUM MEETINGS (dorsetyouth.com)</p> <p>East Dorset LAF – Rep – Sian Merriott</p> <p>Minutes when available will be shared here</p> <p>0-25 VCS FORUM MEETINGS (dorsetyouth.com)</p> <p>Dorchester LAG – Rep – Sian Merriott</p> <p>Minutes when available will be shared here</p> <p>0-25 VCS FORUM MEETINGS (dorsetyouth.com)</p> <p>North LAG – Rep Julie Plumley</p> <p>Minutes when available will be shared here</p> <p>0-25 VCS FORUM MEETINGS (dorsetyouth.com)</p> <p>Purbeck LAG – Rep – Joyce Spiller</p> <p>Minutes when available will be shared here .</p>		
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<p>0-25 VCS FORUM MEETINGS (dorsetyouth.com)</p> <p>West Dorset LAG – Rep Helen Horsley</p> <p>Minutes when available will be shared here:</p> <p>0-25 VCS FORUM MEETINGS (dorsetyouth.com)</p> <p>ICS Assembly – information and updates is available here: https://www.helpandkindness.co.uk/dorset-voluntary-and-community-sector-assembly-dorset-vcsa</p>		
<p>Funding conversations:</p> <p>Helen – Space Youth Project – noted that they had not yet had funding for the coming year confirmed by BCP and had minimal to continue, they will look at using legacy funding to fill the gap but that this was not sustainable.</p> <p>CAN- volume and number of funding applications is over sourcing availability. There is no feedback from failed applications which is not helpful for organisations and demand is so very high.</p> <p>A need to re-visit Partnership working and bids was noted and its advantages but whilst working together is simple, shared finances is a really difficult challenge.</p> <p>Mike noted that there is a need to revisit and update Continuum to enable partnership funding opportunities and that he would be looking for new Board Members to seek new opportunities. The legal structure for Continuum is all in place and ready to go but</p>		

<p>there does need to be other amendments and updates made but by using Continuum it would enable VCS organisations to work smarter.</p> <p>Tracey – Dorset Mind – The State of the Sector, large opportunities for funding have become more difficult and there are huge differences between VCS and statutory organisations. The VCS have been let down and there are now trust issues ie. CAMHS beneficiaries and sustainability differences.</p> <p>Jess – Arts Development – suffered £10k cuts and can no longer be reliant on statutory organisations. A need for funding advisors to help organisations and trustee recruitment.</p> <p>Mike noted the NHS deficit and them clawing the money back, the impact that is having on the sector. The VCS need to be less reliant on statutory funding and come together and improve our partnership working to gain sustainability for services. Mike would like everyone who is struggling ‘to come to us if you need help’</p>		
<p>New Chair for 0-25 VCS Forum</p> <p>With the loss of Helen Horsley of HSWD, the 0-25 VCS Forum would now be undertaking the election process to find a new chair – please watch your inbox for more details, or let us know if you would like to put yourself forward.</p> <p>It is likely that the LAG funding for the coming year may increase (this is yet to be confirmed) but we need to ensure that we have better representation at the tables so that available funding doesn’t all go to schools. If you would like to attend the LAG groups or would like to know more, please contact Lynne who can help and put you in touch.</p>	<p>Action all</p>	

<p>Pathfinder Project – Rebecca Watson</p> <p>Rebecca will provide an update at the next meeting but noted that funding will come through from this project.</p> <p>Share slides from our last meeting</p> <p>Work in family hubs – arrange meetings to progress</p> <p>Continuing the conversations around partnership work via the LAGS</p>	<p>Lynne to invite Rebecca to a coming meeting</p> <p>Lynne to share slides</p> <p>Mike to arrange</p> <p>Mike / Rebecca Watson</p>	
<p>Updates and Information from organisations in attendance</p> <p>Joyce – PYCF - Club Purbeck Youth & Community Foundation England (admin70813.wixsite.com)</p> <p>Helen – Space Youth Project - Home Space Youth Project – Government to produce schools guidance for trans young people – contact Helen if you would like to know more.</p> <p>Emma – The Horse Course - Equine-assisted interventions - TheHorseCourse shared that the LAG funding is a simple process but you need to be very clear with your outcomes – Emma is happy if anyone would like to send their draft applications to her, she is happy to feedback before submission: emma@thehorsecourse.org</p> <p>Jess – Dorchester Arts – Creative Health Event for all ages – 29th Jan. Their Creative Health Forum is looking for new members Home - Dorchester Arts</p> <p>Ian Jefferies – Young Minds Coaching – the passion of the organisation is supporting</p>		

<p>young people and children and preventing them falling into mental health traps, working to give them a better chance, not only tackling fires but preventing them from happening. Online conference 8th February – life skills for positive mental health Home Main - Young Minds Coaching</p> <p>Autism UnLimited – Graham Whitehead – Open event 23rd January at Dorset Youth, information on website Autism Unlimited Home Page and Resources (autism-unlimited.org)</p> <p>Ella Samways – MyTime Young Carers – aiming to raise profile of young carers and looking to increase online service - MYTIME Young Carers</p> <p>Jess – Stars Dorset – is the new Engagement Officer who gave us a background of her service as ISVA and raising awareness of what sex is etc in schools and colleges with young people. Due to a long waiting list the offer of group work is delayed. They are looking for feedback from young people who have worked with Stars and other organisations. Knitters required for trauma teddies - Trauma Teddies STARS - Sexual Trauma and Recovery Service (starsdorset.org)</p> <p>Lizzie Whitbread – Salisbury Diocese – if you have services and events for church schools you would like to promote, you can do so via their newsletter. They are looking at more creative ways of using school buildings, room hire possible free or cheap rate - The Diocese of Salisbury (anglican.org)</p> <p>Wendy Allwood – Help and Kindness – is part of the rural Dorset Working Group for Community Transport – they are looking for case studies of the negative impact of transport - Dorset Community Transport Directory - Dorset Council</p>		
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<p>Divas and Dudes – Divas and Dudes is an inclusive youth and parenting group supporting neurodiversity. We meet on the first Tuesday of the month from 5pm to 7.15pm, at the Children's Centre in Poundbury, refreshments are provided. If you have a child that is neurodivergent* or suspect they may be, please come along and join fellow parents, grandparents and carers to share your experiences, knowledge and questions. Divas And Dudes Parenting Support Group Dorset FID (dorsetcouncil.gov.uk)</p> <p>Tracy Digby – Dorset Mind – Connected Minds Programme - Connected Minds is an 8-week early intervention programme for 10-13 year-olds (Year 6-8) experiencing mild to moderate anxiety and emotional problems and low attendance at school. Will be in all localities in the next two years and in Family Hubs thanks to LAG funding - Connected Minds - Dorset Mind</p>		
<p><u>Next meeting:</u></p> <p>Tuesday 30th April – 0-25 VCS Forum General Meeting – face to face, Dorchester</p> <p>Diary Dates:</p> <p>Wednesday 15th May – Dragonfly Training (via Teams) more information coming very soon with how to book. The Dragonfly Project develops community-based support for people affected by domestic abuse. Dragonfly champions are trained to provide a listening ear and a link to domestic</p>		

<p>abuse support agencies so that isolated people can access help.</p> <p>Tuesday 11th June – Loan Shark Training (to support families to recognise risks and actions they can take) face to face training in Dorchester – more to follow soon.</p> <p>Monday 1st July – The Colourworks Foundation training - a workshop that gives an introduction to our colour model of behaviours – face to face training, Dorchester. Booking will open soon.</p> <p>Monday 15th July – 0-25 VCS Forum General Meeting</p> <p>Wednesday 11th September – online event – TBC</p> <p>Tuesday 8th October – 0-25 VCS Forum General Meeting</p> <p>Monday 10th February – 0-25 VCS Forum General Meeting</p>	<p>If you have important news or updates you would like to share with members of the 0-25 VCS Forum, please let Lynne know and we can arrange a time for you to present / speak.</p>	
<p>Any other business</p> <p>Nothing raised</p>		