

**Notes of the Participation Partnership Workshop
10.00a.m, Tuesday 6 December 2016
Lisburn Civic Centre**



Members at the meeting:

Geraldine Campbell (Chair)
Sarah Gardiner
Brenda Maitland
Anne Mallon
Gerard McWilliams
Maria Somerville

Present:

Mark Bradley, NISCC
Brenda Horgan, NISCC
Roisin O'Connor, NISCC
Maureen Martin (note taker), NISCC

Apologies:

Rionach Campbell
Neil Irvine
Audrey Montgomery
Joanne Sansome
Lee Wilson

Item	Welcome and Introduction	Action
	<p>Geraldine welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced new member Sarah Gardiner who has experience of working with people in the care system, and currently works with KinderCare, the organisation that supports kinship care for young people.</p>	
Item	Apologies	Action
<p>apologies</p> 	<p>Apologies were given from Audrey, Joanne, Neil, Rionach and Lee.</p>	
Item	Agenda	Action
	<p>Geraldine explained that there were two main pieces of work for discussion today:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NISCC Corporate Plan • NISCC Communications Strategy 	
Item	Pen Profile	Action
	<p>Brenda H. suggested that it would be of benefit to have a “Who we are” pen profile for each member of the Participation Partnership group. The pen profile could be a useful insight into the background, experience and capacity of each member. This could assist in ensuring that members are not overwhelmed through their commitment to the Partnership as well as helping to match up a NISCC project with the most appropriate member.</p> <p>Each member completed a short pen profile which included:</p> <p><i>What do people appreciate about me?</i> <i>What is important to me?</i> <i>How to support me?</i></p> <p>Following discussion of each profile it was noted that this exercise had been very helpful in highlighting skills and experience that had not been previously identified.</p> <p>Action: It was agreed that the pen profiles would be typed and circulated to members for review and return.</p>	<p>MM</p>
Item	Corporate Plan	Action

<p>CORPORATE PLAN</p>	<p>Members discussed the draft Corporate Plan and the following was noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members agreed that the term “co-production” as used within the Corporate Plan needs to be clarified at Council level. There was a strong feeling that the term needs to be retained and NISCC’s history of co-productive working with service users and carers needs to be acknowledged.co-production it was felt should also refer to working with registrants to develop policy; • Fitness to Practise/Committee training for Participation Partnership members to be built into capacity building sessions to ensure we all understand what the recent changes mean; • Business Plan will include mapping of the work of the Participation Partnership over the next four years; • Planned collaboration/meetings with Council to be incorporated into the Participation Partnership mapping. 	
<p>Item</p>	<p>Communications Plan</p>	<p>Action</p>
<p>COMMUNICATION STRATEGY</p>	<p>Mark explained that the Communications Plan is a high level strategy that has been drawn up with action plans for both staff and partnerships.</p> <p>Members discussed what they would want to see in the Communications Plan, without referral to the actual draft plan and an initial list of communication priorities was drawn up:</p> <p>1. Standards and Values</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We need to effectively communicate what these are; • Clear and simple language needs to be used to ensure the standards and values are embedded and there is meaningful understanding of the Codes of Practice for those that use them. 	

	<p>2. Value of Registration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Message needs to be relevant to the recipient e.g. Social Worker approach could vary from Social Care Worker • A variety of communication methods to be used e.g. new technology <p>3. Value of Regulation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The messages regarding the value of regulation need to be sent out to not only Senior staff and managers but to those working on the ground • NISCC needs to build capacity of domiciliary care workers to engage with NISCC and give them a forum to speak e.g. Social Care Ambassadors representation <p>4. Clear, relevant information and messaging required to service users and carers.</p> <p>5. Co-production can be used as a way of working and showing the value of registration and regulation.</p> <p>6. Bringing together social workers/service users and carers/social care workers voice and show how they impact on each other lives e.g. podcast.</p> <p>7. Examine and understand the challenges for Social Care workers</p> <p>Input from the Participation Partnership group will be fed into the final draft of the Communications Plan.</p>	
Item	AOB	
AOB	No further business was discussed	
Item	Next Meeting	
	17 th January 2017	

