

Northern Ireland Social Care Council Participation Partnership

**10.30a.m, Tuesday 23rd May2017
Council Suite 2, NISCC, Belfast**



Members at the meeting:

Geraldine Campbell (Chair)
Gerard McWilliams
Brenda Maitland
Anne Mallon
Lee Wilson

Present:

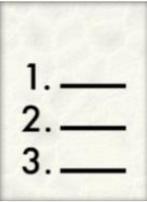
Brenda Horgan, NISCC

Roisin O'Connor (Note taker) NISCC

Apologies:

Rionach Campbell
Audrey Montgomery
Maria Somerville
Joanne Sansome

Item	Welcome and Introduction	Action
	<p>Geraldine – Welcomed everyone</p>	

Item	Apologies	Action
<p>apologies</p> 	<p>Apologies were received from Neil Irvine, Audrey Montgomery, Joanne Sansome, Maria Somerville, Sarah Gardiner and Rionach Campbell.</p>	
Item	Notes of the Last Meeting	Action
	<p>Notes for 27th February – Approved</p>	
Item	Matters Arising	Action
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A number of positions on NISCC’s Council has become available and are being advertised very shortly. There are places for service users and carers on the Council and people should consider whether they would like to be part of that stage of decision-making within NISCC. The recruitment link for NISCC Council members to be sent to all Participation Partnership members, along with Geraldine’s contact information. 	
Item	Update from Chair	Action
	<p>Geraldine requested Brenda Horgan give a brief update on the book launch on the 19th May 2017.</p> <p>Brenda H reported on the launch of the book ‘Doing Relationship-based Social Work’ which took place on Friday 19th May in University of Ulster Magee Campus. As previously discussed, NISCC had contributed to a chapter in the book which explains how we engage with and involve service users and in our decision process. Both Maria and Brenda H had attended the event on behalf of NISCC and it was noted that the publication will be available to Social Work students and other Social Work professionals.</p>	

Item	Update from Members	Action
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Anne reported that she had represented the Participation Partnership as a member of the interview panel for the recruitment Fitness to Practice panel members. Her feedback from the interviews reflected the pride and importance placed to reflect that Social Care workers place on the work that they carry out; - Brenda Horgan gave a short update on behalf of Neil Irvine and informed the group that Neil has now finished his first year of the Social Work degree and that he has been able to also attend the Social Work Ambassadors launches; - Gerard reported that he had attended, on behalf of the Partnership, the Regional Personal Public Involvement Forum. Gerard will also attend a number of external meetings with Brenda H to better understand the role of NISCC within the Social Care workforce. 	
Item	Jan Houston : Social Work Awards Update	Action
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Northern Health and Social Care Trust are overseeing this year's Social Work Awards; - Social Work Awards will take place on Friday 9th March 2018; - NISCC have been asked to carry out the initial work such as preparation of packs, panels and helping with setting up the judging process;. - Panel Members so far include David Hayes, Agnes Lunny, Lorna Cobb, Johnny Dillon, Siobhan Wiley and Dawn Shaw; - Jan expressed how important Participation Partnership involvement was in representing service users and carer perspectives on each of the judging panels; - Anne and Gerard have volunteered to participate as members of the Social Work Awards panel and it was requested that any other expressions of interest are sent to Jan or Brenda H. 	
Item	Andre McKeown : Easy Read Standards	Action
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Andre thanked Gerard McWilliams for his help through the Easy Read Standards development process; - Gerard said he was happy with the final outcome and that he felt stripping out a lot of the detail and adding more lively and practical pictures to reflect day to day work really added to the 	

	<p>finished standards.;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Andre expressed that she would like to do a launch of the easy read standards with Gerard's involvement. A number of members stressed the importance of this piece of work as part of NISCC's remit is to set standards for the Social Care workforce and this may help service users and carers to better understand what standards they can expect. It was noted that this piece of work should be celebrating in a public, more high profile manner;. - Andre requested that the group send any ideas they may have for the launch through to NISCC and informed the group that the Easy Read Standards would be presented at the next Council meeting. 	
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Item	End of year Review	Action
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	<p>Brenda gave the group a brief overview of the end of year review that once finished would go on the NISCC website and be presented at Council;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of accessible materials for the Participation Partnership including the the Agenda and Minutes • Easy Read NISCC Standards of Conduct and Practise developed with the help of one of Partnership members; • Partnership members involvement and contribution to the the chapter in the book 'Doing Relationship-based Social Work;' • Anne 's involvement in GAIN Guidelines development , interviews for committee panels; • GAIN Guideline to be published on the RQIA website on 31st May 2017. 	
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Item	Review of Principles of Participation	Action
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	<p>Geraldine explained that the Principles of Participation had been generated by the group a number of years ago and then jointly developed and agreed throughout the organisation. There are six overarching Principles setting out how NISCC wants to engage with service users and carers in all its work. There are also Quality Standards set against each Principle showing what 'good' would look like for each</p>	
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	<p>Principle along with an Action Plan to implement objectives. Geraldine noted that the Principles of Participation and Action Plan are now due for review to ensure they are still fit for purpose and a revised Action Plan will be agreed as required.. Members highlighted the following :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Quality Standards still appear to be right but the Actions against them have probably changed; - The Partnership could do more to fulfil its’ “challenge to NISCC” remit within the organisation; - We need to develop an improved tool for measuring the effectiveness of the participation of service users and carers within NISCC. This would also be useful to judge the impact of the Participation members’ contribution when they take part in external events.This information could feed into the end of year report; - The need to develop something simple so that service users could hold the NISCC to account on how effective their engagement was with service users and carers. This could take the form of six well thought out questions when we engage with service users when developing pieces of work. 	
Item	Brenda Horgan: Update from PPI Forum	Action
PPI FORUM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Regional Personal Public Involvement Forum recently met and discussed the remuneration of service users and carers when they contribute to work and decision-making with the Health and Social Care field. At present there is no budget to support this. Gerard confirmed that the issue is now with the Department of Finance . 	
Item	Any Other Business	Action
<p style="text-align: center;">AOB</p>	<p>E – Learning – it was agreed that E-learning should be made available before and after the next Participation Partnership meeting to allow members to complete the training around Personal Public Involvement and provide feedback if needed. This will be the starting point on the development of an on how the e-learning fits within NISCC’s plans for training around this area. Meetings to be reduced from seven meetings a year to four. This will encourage fuller attendance at the meetings and ensure we do excessive burden is not placed on members. Members will continue to work on individual pieces of work with staff throughout the year.Additional dates can be added for seminar type sessions if an issue is identified for further discussion. The following dates were</p>	

	proposed for the next meeting following the summer break: 11 th September and 19 th September 2017.	
Item	Date of Next Meeting	Action
	Monday 26 th June @ 10:00 am	