

Leith Chooses Steering Group
Zoom Meeting 3 pm -4 pm Wednesday 22 April

Present – Douglas, Don, Sally, Susan

Apologies - Bruce, Caroline

Discussion

Named Contact Person / project links – update on initial contacts

Caroline – Pilmeny is confident they will be able to deliver the project. DIY Skateparks have not replied yet.

Bruce – replies received from YMCA and MCFB (circulated).

Sally – has emailed Projekt 42 & ELREC – no replies yet (Update – P42 just replied after this meeting, circulated).

Don – Dr. Bells & Citadel have replied (circulated)

Douglas – has not sent contact emails yet, doing so soon. Feniks & Food Bank

Difficult to know how soon to follow up on 'no replies' – don't want to harass people but equally need to be sure they have received email and are on the case.

Protocol

We agreed the protocol for dealing with this correspondence.

- LC member will share replies from projects with the 'working Steering Group' i.e. us 5 and Susan. Individuals can respond by email to the named person (copying in all the others) for further questions / discussion or whatever, but that is at an informal level.
- LC (via the named person) undertakes to respond to the project group as quickly as possible, possibly in two stages – (1) to acknowledge and encourage; (2) to report decision of Steering Group (from soonest Wednesday meeting). We agreed that all proposals must come to Wednesday meeting to ensure that all have seen/heard the proposed revised plan and that responses are consensual and consistent.
- Following meeting discussion the named person gets back to project group immediately with decision / advice etc.
- All project groups will therefore get a response at most within a week of their proposal (if not before).
- Important to ensure 'blind copying', not sharing personal email addresses.

YMCA

Citadel

SG agreed both were taking appropriate and proactive steps, both to address challenges of the CV19 crisis and staying within spirit of their project .

Bruce has replied supportively (YMCA). Don will reply asap (Citadel).

MCFB

A more tentative response, intending to 'delay' rather than revise and act immediately.

SG agreed this was a 'fair enough' response. Bruce has replied and will follow up.

Dr. Bells

Don wanted group to discuss DR. Bells Response. Their plans are still tentative, rapidly changing situation. SG agreed their ideas are appropriate, as families need help now. Some concerns about how much uptake vulnerable families will be able to make of online resources / activities.

They offered a Zoom meeting with LC SG. SG felt this might be too much like 'holding them to account;' and is not necessary or advisable at this point .

Don will let them know that if they wish additional support they should phone or email Councillor Susan Rae (who is interested to learn more about their current situation/ their service users), and will try to help further if/as possible.

Noted that they have Malcolm Chisholm on their Board.

Discussed the fact that YMCA, MCFB and Dr. Bells (and maybe others) are all doing / planning much the same thing and have potential overlaps in their service users.

Important to stress in correspondence with them that they are advised to liaise with each other so that eg. the same families don't get food parcels and games/activity packs from all three groups. Equally – the play channel on YouTube that YMCA is developing might be made accessible to the service users of the others groups?

Agree that we can only advise with a very light touch – the groups are the experts in how they liaise with each other, who their service users are, what they need, and how best to deliver it.

Important to remind all groups to document carefully all they do under the LC 'heading', but remind them that this is positive as it will help when their reporting time comes around