

Notes from Steering group Meeting VCS Workforce Project 5th October 2005

Present

Paul Mudd, Emma Parsons, Gill O'Connell, Mark Freeman, John Thorpe, Sue Hook

Apologies

Frank Corrigan, Chris Catchpole

Skills for Care and LLLUK are both considering membership of the group and will contact Sue Hook to confirm.

The group suggested the need for terms of reference for the group and Paul agreed to circulate a set he uses with a similar group – these will be discussed and hopefully adopted at the next meeting.

Notes from the previous meeting

These were agreed by the group.

Progress against milestones

The group went through the work programme and discussed progress against the milestones due at 30/9/05. All agreed the milestone had been met and the claim should be made – much of the work via the ambassadors is just starting and more progress will be reported at the next meeting.

It was suggested that since this project is now likely to report to the cross sector board Mike Hender might be able to link from the Mandl site to this project's site so SfBN members can monitor progress – ACTION SH to contact MH

Skills for Justice are looking at using VCS NOS in their forthcoming NOS review.

Ambassadors

5 ambassadors have been appointed and have held their first meeting with SkillsActive they represent:

- Skills for Care
- Skills for Justice
- SkillsActive
- LLLUK
- Skills for Health

They are producing action plans to be returned to SH by 26th October and SH is preparing a tool kit to aid their engagement with employers and SSC colleagues.

Skills for Health are holding an SSA event for VCS employers.

NCVO update

The hub development is progressing well and Mark will be able to give a fuller update at the next meeting once he is actually in post.

Sue reminded the group re the 15th February Strategic group meeting re hub development to be held in NI – more details at the next meeting. The SfBN is likely to be represented on this group by SkillsActive

News

It was decided to publicize;

- the ambassadors and their appointment via Involve –ACTION SH to send copy to PM
- The SkillsActive Operations and Development NOS which use VCS units - ACTION SH to send copy to PM

Steering group members were asked to alert SH to any other news stories we should be highlighting.

Case Study update

Playlines had circulated a report re progress with evaluation and case studies – the evaluation is in progress and will report more at the next meeting.

One of the case studies (with Skills for Care) has been started and Play lines asked for nominations for others.

Skills for Justice, SkillsActive, and LLLUK were suggested -ACTION SH to pass contacts to Play lines.

Sue is meeting play lines on the 2nd of November for a contract update meeting

AOB

1. We need to begin planning for post March 06 when this phase of the project ends re securing engagement from the SfBN and building on the ambassadors programme etc ACTION- SH to put onto agenda of next meeting
2. John asked for an update re 30k cross sector posts – it was felt likely this update would happen at the next cross sector board meeting

Date of next meeting – it was decided to hold an steering group meeting with Ambassadors meeting in the afternoon of the same day to save on traveling etc.

14th December 10am – 12.30

7th February 10am – 12.30