

Minutes for Meeting: Board meeting **Date:** 30/8 2011

Minute Taker: Katrin Auld **Chair:** Karen Sheader

Present: Karen Sheader, Janice Irving, Pauline Heath, George Wallace, Geof Armstrong

Apologies: Carolyn Roberts, Paula Greenwell, Stuart Bracking, Helen Atkin, Kirsty Trimming, Ann Fletcher-Williams, Katy Saunderson

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| KS | Apologies Last minutes presented Last minutes accepted | |
| GA | Apologies for last minutes paper copies not being sent out <u>Kitemark</u> Project is moving forward and there has been a meeting with Voluntary Arts England and National Mencap discussing the Kitemark as a whole and possibilities for it to spread further than North East. We would allow others to use it as long as Arcadea is credited for developing it. The meeting also led us to conclude that we should base the Mark on the Human Rights Act this will give the Mark added value and promote the understanding of Human Rights and make it easily transferable to other areas. | |

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| GA | <p><u>Arts Council</u> Annual review is held on 4th Oct and will be the last one for current funding. Arts Council is changing and so is their way of funding. We need to discuss if we should to change with them to attract this funding.</p> <p><u>Newsletter</u> Plans for the newsletter has started. It will be an electronic version where we will post what is available in the area (events, grants, opportunities etc.)</p> | |
| KS | <p><u>Board development</u> Is it appropriate for me to leave the position as chair for someone who has got more time?</p> | |
| GA | <p>Don't do that just yet.</p> | |
| JI | <p>We need to make more use of our resources within the Board and recognise the skills and qualities the members hold. We should review the Board. This could be done from the office.</p> | |
| GA | <p>It would be useful to add someone from the youth service to our Board.</p> | |
| JI | <p><u>Name change</u> It is not a good idea to change the name at this point. We have started to many projects and have advertised the current name through this. It would be too confusing to change it now. The name doesn't change who we are and what we achieve-it would be more disturbing than beneficial to change it at this stage.</p> | |

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| <p>PH</p> <p>GW</p> <p>GA</p> <p>PH</p> <p>GA</p> <p>KSaunderson</p> | <p>Instead we should re-identify the current name.</p> <p>Yes, we need to continue building up our reputation with our current name-changing it would just confuse people.</p> <p>Agrees. Not a good time to change the name. Perhaps re-visit the issue in a year's time to see how things have developed.</p> <p>We could add <i>Arts, Disability and Culture since 1990</i> as a tagline</p> <p>We could also add case history to the web page to reinforce this.</p> <p><u>Arcadea Generating income</u> A couple of deadlines for funding are coming up in the nearest future.</p> <p><u>Family Sculpture Day</u> This project has been dropped because we cannot make the investment at this stage. We will keep it in mind for next year since it is very important to have a presence at other people's events.</p> <p><u>Other points from last minutes</u></p> <p>GA has visited community centres in Fawdon and Walker to establish contacts for the HUB. Also on-going work with Riverside Community Health Project.</p> <p>The idea for literacy and numeracy courses suggested by PH in last meeting is still considered to be a good idea but there is no time at this stage to develop something.</p> <p><u>Finance</u></p> | <p>Aug 2012</p> |
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BiHR

12 artists will deliver 3 workshops in the community. We will get £2500 for 3 workshops in the community (3 groups of 4 artists)

We will focus on articles

3- Prohibition of Torture. This includes the right to be treated with dignity and respect.

8- Right to respect for private and family life.

10- Freedom of Expression

30(from the Convention on the rights of People with Disabilities)- Participation in Culture Life, Recreation, Leisure and Sport.

Each workshop will be held in existing groups in the community.

Suggestions of groups from the board:

Redcar Real Opportunities' Centre- Jane Rest

Headways

Torch Centre (Hexham)

Northumberland Disabilities Forum

Northumberland Deaf and Disability Forum

Disabled student groups

SYMO is a part of it but will do a separate project with BiHR where they will re-do the Human Rights rap video.

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| JI | <p><u>Schizophrenia 101</u> Invite by Aidan Moesby to be the steering group for this project. 2011 marks the 100th year since Schizophrenia was identified as a diagnosis and the plan is to establish a season of arts and academic events</p> <p><u>Kitemark-see earlier discussion</u></p> <p><u>Artists we are Mentoring</u></p> <p>John Alison Photographer. Christian but might need to tone down the religion in his. Has also worked with musicians and nature photography. GA and John to meet with Gateshead Council in October to see if we can get a project started in allotments. Annual Gateshead flower show? Short project.</p> <p>Aidan Moesby GA helped him before his interview in Dundee It would be really good if Aidan could do a write up for us of how we helped him getting his work in Dundee so we can keep that as a case study to add extra value to organisation.</p> <p>Maureen Gardner Actress. Studying at Gateshead college. Found Arcadia through website</p> <p>John Wood Really good illustrator. Doesn't recognise how his disabilities inform his work. Finding it difficult to move away from his benefit to start a practice. Scared of the risk of start making money and losing benefits.</p> <p>Alison Carr The work with AC needs to be reviewed so she knows what her 'contract' with us is like. We need to know what she wants the end product to be. She needs more structure to the practice</p> | |
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| | <p><u>NVQ</u> Katrin and Katy are doing NVQs. Katy is finished and Katrin is on her way. Katrins aprentiship i working very well and she tells us if she is stuck.</p> <p><u>Website</u> Website is good and can be built up according to what is appropriate in our current projects.</p> <p><u>HUB Website</u> Funded through Newcastle City Council. Constructed by Fabric IT and designed by Katy S. Accessible site for Learning Disabled people to find activities in the area. Not many things out there.</p> <p>JI We need to keep contacting all venues and find everything.</p> <p>GA We can help disabled people to get to the events, to buy better services with their personal Budgets and make sure that there are assistants to go with them.</p> <p>End of Directors report.</p> <p><u>11-12 report</u> Discussion between GA and JI</p> <p>JI We have to be aspirational and optimistic but also realistic and sharp about what we can do. We are a small organisation but we have really good ideas that we need to market properly and prove the benefits of.</p> | |
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