

25 September @ 2.00pm

Thurrock Adult Community College

<p>Present</p>	<p>Maureen Wilcox Sharon Walsh John Burton (JBU) Tiffany Bright Jane Babbage(JBa) Mike Dawson Brian Miller Kirsten Heydinrych Eunice Southam Sharon Grimmond Jan Hutchinson Nana Berchie Debbie Brisco Sally Smith</p>	<p>Thurrock Learning Partnership - Chair Thurrock Adult Community College - Vice Chair Thurrock Library Service Learning & Skills Council Workers' Educational Association Impulse Leisure SEEC South Essex NHS Partnership Tilbury Resource Centre Thurrock Thames Gateway Development Corp South Essex NHS Partnership South West Essex NHS Partnership Thurrock Learning Shop Thurrock Learning Partnership - Minute taker</p>	
<p>Apologies</p>	<p>Jacqui Payne Angie Holland Karen Cosans David Bryan Zara McLean Gerry Cook</p>	<p>ngage Community Mums Community Mums Together - Oasis Resource Centre University of East London Mind</p>	
Ref	Item	Action	
<p>1</p>	<p>Welcome and introductions</p> <p>New members provided a summary of their area of work.</p>		
<p>2</p>	<p>Minutes of meeting held on 10th June 2009</p> <p>The minutes were passed as a true representation of the meeting.</p> <p>Matters Arising not covered by agenda</p> <p>SS to forward copy of mapping spreadsheet to Debbie Brisco</p> <p>SW provided an update on the October Learning Festival. . There is now a website to add events that are taking place.</p> <p>JBU Thurrock Libraries have a number of events planned for the Learning Festival. Draft paper detailing proposed events circulated. These include ' Big Day for Little Ones' on 10th October and a Heritage Walk in Tilbury Town on 17th October.</p>	<p>SS</p>	

	<p>MW circulated the 'Learning Revolution: October Festival of Learning' to Partners. SS to forward electronic copy.</p> <p>MW it was unfortunate that there was no capacity to put in a bid for monies from the Transformation Fund. Will speak to Ray Wilkinson (UEL) to see if there is the opportunity to work collaboratively next time.</p> <p>MW re Consultation on Learning – Citizens Panel will bring the results of the survey back to this group. These results should help with further planning.</p>	<p>SS</p> <p>MW</p>
<p>3</p>	<p>NHS SE Trust Open Arts Project / TACC PCDL Collaborative project</p> <p>KH provided an update on the Open Arts Project. The Open Arts Steering Group would like to bring together some of the good practices that are happening here in Thurrock. Would we be interested in having Open Arts as part of this group or as a special interest group? It would be useful to help share this project and other arts projects and opportunities.</p> <p>SW a special interest group could include members from the Thurrock Society for Disabled Arts and the Thurrock Council Arts Council. It would be good to arrange a special interest group and, as a central point, they would be welcome to use TACC as a venue for meetings.</p> <p>MW Happy to invite the above to this group if that would be helpful. The Royal Opera House has a Community Engagement Group. Will raise this at the next meeting to see if there is any potential to link up in any way. Is very happy to have the Open Arts Project as a standing item on the PCDL agenda as well as there being a separate group if that option is preferred – whatever is best for the programme.</p> <p>KH confirmed they would like a small slot to update this group on a regular basis.</p>	<p>MW/SS to add</p>
<p>4</p>	<p>The New Thurrock Learning Shop</p> <p>DB provided an update on the Thurrock Learning Shop and circulated papers including details of the proposed layout.</p> <p>The building work is progressing well and the building should be up and running mid to end of November 2009. Work was held up due to the discovery of asbestos and incidents of flooding. The Shop is in the old Post Office building in George Street, Grays between Morrissions and the High Street. More tours to view the building will be arranged when it is safe to go in.</p> <p>The purpose of the shop is to engage people and inspire them to go into learning. The design will be open plan and will be welcoming and inviting. It is to be a collaborative venture with Partners from all sectors. They are hoping to get many Partner organisations spending time in the Shop each week.</p>	

	<p>Unfortunately November is not an ideal time to open as this month is traditionally low in footfall (experience with other similar projects). Initially they will be opening 3 days a week, with a late night opening on Thursdays, building up to 6 days.</p> <p>They have recently secured some funding from the Transformation Fund to a run a series of 7 Saturday events. The purpose is to encourage participation and these events can be fun and creative. The first 2 sessions are:</p> <p>21st November – Talk on history of the Post Office and the local area followed by a mini-bus tour of the area.</p> <p>12th December – Christmas arts and crafts.</p> <p>Help and ideas are needed in arranging a further 5 sessions. Possibilities include; a visit to RSPB, IT sessions, healthy living promotion, introduction to foreign languages and a concourse event for car enthusiasts.</p> <p>It is their intention to arrange for an information sheet to be available after each event.</p> <p>MW will advise DB of contacts for the Healthy Living Team and also make introductions with Graham Loveland, Local Business Enterprises.</p> <p>BM may be able to help with the event for car enthusiasts as in his personal capacity he runs a business organising classic car events.</p> <p>JBa asked about staffing arrangements at the Shop.</p> <p>DB advised that she will be there full time plus one member of staff and partners will be there on a rotational basis.</p> <p>JBa would be pleased to meet with DB and discuss working collaboratively with the WEA.</p>	<p>MW</p> <p>JB</p>
<p>5</p>	<p>Sharing Information</p> <p>BM courses for 16-19 year olds at the new Thurrock Learning Campus are virtually full. The adult take up is disappointing and there is to be a marketing drive on these courses.</p> <p>ES there is a very enthusiastic team at the Tilbury Resource Centre that has many new ideas for participation but do not know how to put in bids for funds. Ideas include going into complexes for the elderly with young people to show older people how to use computers. They have been working with 'V' Involved with this project and parties have been CRB checked they now have problems regarding insurance.</p> <p>SW the Geton2Geton bus could help in this situation by bringing volunteers and the bus together.</p>	<p>SW/ES</p>

	<p>MD suggested to ES that Carol Spencer, Funding Advisor at Thurrock Council could be helpful in putting forward bids.</p> <p>ES also advised that the Tilbury Resource Centre is available for meetings etc. SW very interested. Will arrange for a member of TACC staff to visit.</p> <p>MD advised that there is an Intergeneration Day at the Civic Hall on 26th September. This event is open to all and will include arts and crafts. There is now free swimming for the over 60's in Thurrock. There is also free transport available for Thurrock residents to go to leisure centre and visit open spaces in Thurrock. Will send publicity to MW and forward leaflets to SW for display.</p> <p>JBu Corringham Library is being refurbished and will include a new meeting room. Thurrock Libraries will be running Healthy Initiative session at all libraries in October.</p> <p>KH Open Arts are funning their first training courses for artists and professionals next month. This is a pilot project. Interested parties to contact KH. Open Arts are interested in setting up an art studio in Thurrock where artists can display their work.</p> <p>SG TTGDC has a Community Fund for up to £20k for new social enterprises. Many community groups have been successful. This could help with the Open Arts funding. Will forward funding application and will be happy to help people with their applications. Quotes for work must be attached to applications (applications over £10k require 2 bids).</p> <p>TB the LSC is adopting a new approach to ESOL and will be utilising existing partnerships. This group would be useful in ensuring that we reach the hard to reach. The Action Plan is to be completed by end of December. Will feed back progress at next meeting.</p> <p>MW it would be useful if Partners email which areas require help in this area (ESOL).</p> <p>MW the Royal Opera House is running 4 special events in November at the Thameside Theatre in Grays. showing how a production goes on stages the events are 1) make up, 2) stage design, 3) costume and jewellery, 4) demonstrations and showing how an opera works. Will email dates to Partners.</p>	<p>ES</p> <p>SW</p> <p>MD</p> <p>SG</p> <p>TB</p> <p>All Partners</p> <p>MW</p>
6	<p>AOB</p> <p>There was no AOB</p>	
	<p>Next meeting:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">2nd December 2009 at 2.00pm Thurrock Adult Community College, Richmond Road, Grays</p> <p>(NB since the above was minuted this session will be for the Adult Learners' Week workshop, still at TACC)</p>	