

# **MINUTES OF MEETING CROSS PARTY GROUP ON ADULT LEARNING**

Tuesday 25 March 2014

Committee Room 6, The Scottish Parliament

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**MSPs in attendance:** Jean Urquhart MSP, Margaret McCulloch MSP, Margaret McDougall MSP

External attendees – (attached)

## **Agenda items**

### **Welcome and introductions**

Jean Urquhart MSP welcomed attendees to the third Cross Party Group meeting, which would look specifically at men and adult learning.

### **1. Minutes of last meeting**

1.1 The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed.

2. Dr Rob Mark gave a presentation to the group (slides attached) 'Men Learning Through Life'. There followed a number of questions and discussions.

### **3. Exemplar projects**

There followed three presentations from exemplar projects in relation to men and adult learning: -

Monday Night Group – young adult men (West Lothian)

Men and family learning (Dumfries and Galloway) – presentation attached

The Meolej Experience (Dundee)

### **4. Open Discussion**

There followed a general discussion on the importance of men and boys in pursuing adult learning. A general theme running through the session was that men often faced specific barriers in accessing and fulfilling their involvement in adult and family learning. The presentations highlighted innovative and relevant ways over overcoming those barriers.

5. **Date of next meeting**

5.1 The date of the next meeting was set for 13 May at 6.00pm to coincide with the International Adult Learning Conference on Adult Learning being held in Scotland

There was no other business.

<b>NAME</b>	<b>SURNAME</b>	<b>ORGANISATION</b>
Allan	Margaret	National Learners Forum
Anwar	Mohammed	National Learners Forum
Armstrong	Linda	Action on Hearing Loss Scotland
Boucher	Fiona	Scotland's Learning Partnership
Callaghan	Lee	Scotland's Learning Partnership
Condy	Sallie	Community Learning, Argyll & Bute Council
Cooper	Jim	Dumfries and Galloway Council
Crighton	Ronald	The Menolej Experience
Dailly	Marie	Dundee City Council
Donohoe	Sean	West Lothian Council
Downie	Alex	Scotland's Learning Partnership
Duffy	Jane	Skills Development Scotland
Duguid	Scott	West Lothian Council
Farquhar	Kevin	West Lothian Council
Ferrie	Andrew	The Menolej Experience
Field	John	Scotland's Learning Partnership
Fleming	Alex	Nifty Fifties
Fullerton	Ryan	West Lothian Council
Gallacher	Joe	West Lothian Council
Gallagher	John	Stow College
Green	Craig	Glasgow Kelvin College
Jaap	Stephen	School of Communities & Learner Development
Johnson	Mike	The University of St Andrews
Kennedy	Anne	EDLCT
Leith	Ian	Scotland's Learning Partnership
Mackie	William	Dumfries and Galloway Council
McAuley	Mairi	Nifty Fifties
McDougall	Margaret	Scottish Parliament
McGarry	Oonagh	Scottish Borders Council
McGouldrick	Tom	The Menolej Experience
McHarg	Jim	North Ayrshire Council (3TFM)
Parks	Danny	West Lothian Council
Paul	Shona	The Glasgow School of Art
Petrie	Vicky	City of Edinburgh Council
Rae	Robert	Scotland's Learning Partnership
rankin	Paul	West Lothian Council
Reekie	Jenny	West Lothian Council
Riddell	Mary-Ann	Dumfries and Galloway Council
Rutherford	Ken	Scottish Funding Council
Schumacher	Jay	West Lothian Council
Simpson	Peter	Dumfries and Galloway Council
Sinclair	John	The Menolej Experience
Taylor	Bob	The Menolej Experience
Waddell	Tracy	Scotland's Learning Partnership
Whitlock	Emma	LEAD Scotland
Whyte	Clark	Clackmannanshire Council