

MINUTES OF MEETING CROSS PARTY GROUP ON ADULT LEARNING

Tuesday 13 May 2014

Committee Room One / The Garden Lobby, The Scottish Parliament

MSPs in attendance: Jean Urquhart MSP, Margaret McCulloch MSP, Michael Russell MSP

Agenda items

Welcome and introductions

Jean Urquhart MSP welcomed attendees to the third Cross Party Group meeting, and particularly adult learners, academics and providers from the UK and from over 20 European countries, attending the international conference of Adult Learning, Learning Times which was being held in Edinburgh between 12-14 May 2014.

1. Minutes of last meeting

1.1 The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed subject to one correction. In the list of attendees Stephen Jaap's organisation was amended to Fife College.

2. Learning Times Conference

2.1 Prof John Field, Chair, Scotland's Learning Partnership, updated the Cross Party Group on the discussions and themes that were taking place during the International Conference on adult learning. There followed a general discussion on different experiences around European Member States on the ways in which adult learning and practitioners engage with policy makers.

3. Award Ceremony

3.1 The Cross party meeting then moved to the Garden Lobby for a networking reception. This was not only an opportunity to show guests of the Cross Party Group around the Parliament but also a chance for Michael Russell MSP and Jean Urquhart MSP to present awards to four projects driving forward, in different ways, adult learning good practice.

4. Date of next meeting

4.1 The date of the next meeting would be agreed subject to parliamentary business and recess dates and members would be informed by correspondence.

There was no other business.

Those indicating attendance at the CPG:

Aldridge, Fiona	Foley, Malcolm	Oliveira, Susana
Allan, Margaret	Ford, Sharon	Panova, Rositsa
Anderson, Michelle	Galliers CBE, Maggie	Pehkonen, Anitta
Armstrong, Linda	Garvie, Catherine	Petersson, Sara
Armstrong, Liz	Gates, John	Petrie, Vicky
Bailey, Nick	Gemmell, Kirsty	Plant, Helen
Barrett, Esther	Giles, Gordon	Popovi , Katarina
Berney, Tom	Godding , Bernard	Prew, Helen
Black, Joyce	Halawi, Jackie	Rae, Robert
Boucher, Fiona	Harcula, Cath	Ravenhall, Mark
Bridgewood, Lesley	Havard, Essex	Reid, Dave
Callaghan, Lee	Henderson, John	Robinson, Kevin
Cameron, Carole	Hester, Cat	Russell, Michael
Catto, Derek	Heywood, Judith	Short, Patricia
Charles, Ben	Hignell, Winifred	Smith, Kay
Cheallaigh, Martina	Hoffman, Paul	Sotosek, Andrej
Collins, Pauline	Hughes, David	Speed, Phillip
Condy, Sally	Judge, Linda	Stack-Daly,
Currie, James	Kehre, Anita	Dominique
Dailly, Marie	Kerswell, Kevern	Stuart, Jane
Davies, Sylvia	Kinsella, Abigail	Sutter, Robert
Dawson, Maggi	Leith, Ian	Templeton, Peter
De La Torre, Edicio	Ljash, Kaia	Tuckett, Alan
del Álamo, Cristina	Lund, Lise	Urquhart, Jean
Deykova, Valentina	MacLellan, Graham	Urquhart, Jean
Diamond, Abigail	Manneh, Joanne	Villariba, Marianita
Divisia, Françoise	Mburu, Nene	Waddell, Tracy
Downie, Alex	McHarg, Jim	Walker, Ann
Duffen, Sue	McHarg, Sue	Watters, Fiona
Duller, David Antony	McNamara, Mae	Whitelock, Emma
Fairgrieve, Chris	McNamara, Peter	Whitfield, Eric
Fairgrieve, Katie	Minter, Chris	Whyte, Clark
Famili, Saboochi	Moseley, Carol	Williams, Loveday
Farren, Niamh	Neilands, Colin	Wilson, Joe
Field, John	Nikolova, Iva	Wright, Fiona
Finn, Josephine	Nordentoft, Agnethe	