

## NYSP Equalities Task Group

### Minutes of the meeting held on 9 June 2009

**Present:**

Neil Irving (Chair)	North Yorkshire County Council
Tony Clark	Richmondshire District Council
Helen Black	North Yorkshire Forum for Voluntary Organisations
David Walker	North Yorkshire County Council
Tom Bryant	North Yorkshire County Council
Kay Ritchie	North Yorkshire County Council
Sharon Carey	Scarborough Borough Council
Marinder Kaur	North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue
Gail Hodgson	Broadacres Housing Association
Jill Gathercole	North Yorkshire Police
Harriet Steventon	Craven District Council
Chrys Mellor	North Yorkshire County Council, Library Services
Jamil Bostan	NY Probation Service

**Apologies:**

Rosie Qureshi	North Yorkshire Police
Guru Naidoo	Broadacres Housing Association
Stuart Pudney	North Yorkshire Police Authority
Graham Purdey	NHS North Yorkshire and York
Drew Fussey	Selby District Council

Item	Notes	Actions
Matters arising from the last meeting	<p>NI has raised the issue of joint member training with NYCC Learning Services who will pick the issue up with partners.</p> <p>TB to circulate final version of the Strategic review on the impact of inward migration action plan as agreed by the NYSP Executive. Action plan to be monitored by this Task Group.</p> <p>A decision expected by 15 June on the NYSP bids to the Regional Migration Impacts Fund.</p> <p>All other issue picked up on the agenda.</p>	TB
Third party tension monitoring system	<p>CM gave a short presentation on NYCC library services' involvement in this project. The project is being led by NY Police and libraries have been chosen as one of the locations where the reporting forms are made available as they are seen as a neutral and safe location. Forms can be completed anonymously by victims, people who have witnessed an incident or those who have</p>	JG to invite Nick Hunter to attend the next meeting of the group

	<p>participated in an incident. These forms are then sent to the local Safer Neighbourhood Team.</p> <p>There was a discussion about the importance of feedback, making use of intelligence gathered, making reporting forms available in other locations e.g. community offices and promotion of the project. It was felt that input from the force lead on this project would be beneficial to address these comments.</p> <p>CM also touched upon a project with the Hambleton and Richmondshire Adult Learning Disability Partnership around promoting libraries as 'safe places' to adults with learning disabilities.</p>	
Celebration of Many Cultures events	<p>DW provided an update on events held in Richmondshire, Scarborough and Selby (to be circulated). This included a short talking heads film about migrants' experiences of living in NY. All the events have been successful and demonstrate evidence of practical intervention. DW willing to discuss support for any District wanting to lead on a similar event in their area. Suggestion that information on future events should be circulated to members of this group.</p>	<p>Contact TB if you would like a copy of the talking heads film</p> <p>TB to investigate uploading film to NYCC/NYSP websites</p> <p>Contact DW to discuss support for any similar events in other districts</p>
Association of North Yorkshire Councils (ANYC) community cohesion summary	<p>The ANYC requested a summary of the key issues from a community cohesion perspective for a number of groups across NY. TB presented the draft report, which is still a work in progress and has a number of gaps. Several comments were received, including the need to get more of a district focus. A request was made for additional information / suggested content. Further version, incorporating amends, to be circulated for comment before being submitted to NYSP Exec.</p> <p>DW provided an update on the BME housing needs review. This is now expected late August/early Sept. There are problems with trained interviewers being released which has affected responses in Richmondshire, Hambleton, Ryedale and Selby – DW is addressing the issue.</p>	<p>All to consider the document and provide TB with additional content where appropriate</p> <p>TB to contact district LSPs seeking contributions</p>
Engagement (equalities focus)	<p>The NYSP have developed and adopted a community engagement and neighbourhood management framework. This process highlighted the need for an emphasis on equalities. District LSPs are taking the lead on local arrangements and discussions are ongoing with</p>	<p>TB to circulate link to the framework</p>

	partners around area structures that all partners can sign-up to.	
Place survey and community cohesion	TB presented the report. It was agreed that a breakdown by age and gender could help identify key issues. Scarborough have done this analysis and agreed to share emerging issues that may be indicative of the county wide picture. NI 1 seen as one of the key questions for this group where a breakdown would be beneficial.	SC to share Scarborough analysis  TB to investigate whether a breakdown for NI 1 is possible.
Proposed NY Equality Officers network	KR provided an overview of the proposal for this network which will focus on operational good practice sharing. There was general consensus that such a network was needed, but concern about additional meeting commitments. Suggestion that it could be more of a virtual network. These issues can be discussed at the initial meeting on 2 July.	
Welcome Pack promotion	A list of where the Welcome Pack will be promoted was included with the papers. Members of the group were encouraged to identify named contacts to assist with distribution of materials in each location. Updated postcard, business card and poster will be printed and available on NYSP website. It was also suggested that partners should promote the pack in relevant newsletters etc.	All to consider list and provide named contacts for distribution where possible  TB to re-circulate standard text for promoting the pack
Challenge Innovation Fund – preventing violent extremism	There is funding available, but to date no firm proposals for NY. Any bid will be developed by the Prevent Board. Please send any ideas to NI.	
The Big Lunch	TB to circulate a short briefing note on the event. Partners encouraged to promote the project to relevant community organisations.	TB
Dates of future meetings in 2009 (all 10.30 am – 12.30 pm)	- 8 September 2009 - 15 December 2009	