



## **Meldrum LLCP**

### **Notes from**

### **Meeting held on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2021**

#### Attendance

Elizabeth Mahon	Meldrum Cluster
Julie Low	Key Worker – Employability Service
Peter Young	Active Schools
Rhona Davdison	AVA
David Hooper	SDS
Stuart Grant	LLA CLO Turriff/Meldrum
Emma Dobson	Public Health

#### Apologies

Vikki Carpenter	CLD Adult Learning Team
Sam Rawlins	Formartine Community Planning Officer
Sheila Waterhouse	Arts Development
Kirsty Dickson	Library Service
Calvin Little	Public Health
Ian Jackson	Meldrum Academy Head Teacher

#### **LLCP Priorities update.**

#### Transitions

##### *Early Years*

The cluster is delivering recovers 'Children University' in all schools. Delivery of the Health & Wellbeing course 'Tree of Knowledge' also.

##### *Primary/Secondary Education*

SDS has a focus on senior stage in Education. Looking at pathways to apprenticeships. The digital world is changing at great.

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Agencies find it a struggle to engage.  
Post school are finding support  
Employment service can work with Princes Trust project's and CV workshops.  
AVA have the offer of Saltire Awards for volunteering.  
Discussed that fact that Inverurie Academy were looking at promotion of Young Scot within the school. This could be something an LLCP could move on. AVA confirmed that this could be researched at Young Scot on line.

## **Community Empowerment**

*Support to local community groups*

Reported that the refurb of the pavilion is finally underway. Community Council and LLA CLO supporting this project.

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## **Workforce Development**

*Partnership CPD opportunities*

## **Using data effectively.**

*Sharing of data to highlight gaps in need.- item 3 on the agenda.*

## **Agenda items**

### 1. CLD Adult Learning Team update

Learning opportunities being delivered by the CLD Adult Learning Team.  
Please contact [Vikki.carpenter@aberdeenshire.gov.uk](mailto:Vikki.carpenter@aberdeenshire.gov.uk) for further details and course descriptors.

To give you an idea, here are some of the family learning we have facilitated within the Ellon network:

- Strengthening Families (7 week programme)
- Drugs Awareness
- Virtual Coffee Morning/Peer Support
- Emotional Literacies
- Resilience and Mental Health
- Being an Assertive Parent
- Moods and Mindset
- Gaming and Apps
- Online Safety
- STEM for Families

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- Outdoor Learning Club (before Covid restrictions)
- Positive Family Communications
- Employability Skills
- Social Media, Body Image and Online Safety
- Confidence to Cook (7 week programme)
- PX2

## 2. Aberdeenshire Literacy Strategy Current Local Community Needs

- All agreed that it has been a difficult time getting grips with the enforced digital connections now required for everyday life.
- Comments
- Young people don't mind texting replies but don't like speaking on the phone.
- Looking, reading and understanding documents sent to young people are either not actioned or ignored.
- Families stressed about home learning and working challenges.
- Broadband connections
- Future bills for upgrading tariff for internet.

## 3. How do partners identify "need"

Some use community profiles produced by Aberdeenshire Council.

Facts and figures put out by DWP highlight pockets of unemployment.

ISD Scotland and use the filter to drill down.

## 4. Useful documents website you may wish to visit.

<https://education.gov.scot/media/g0xl0dwn/national-overview-of-practice-in-remote-learning-2-schools.pdf>

<https://education.gov.scot/media/1ztpia1g/national-overview-of-practice-in-remote-learning-3-parents-carers-and-learners.pdf>

<https://aberdeenshirecldservice.wordpress.com/2021/01/18/aberdeenshire-voices-on-the-pandemic-same-storm-different-boats/>

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## 5. Update from partners during this lockdown.

Active Schools -Continue to offer online activities in schools. 'Run for Fun' certificated project 4 challenges to complete task. Project runs between Feb and May.

Public Health have had a few staff disruption due to redeployment but getting back to normal. Health is working on the annual Health & Wellbeing Festival. It had hoped to be a face-to-face delivery but may have to use a blended approach when delivering.

SDS highlighted high levels of anxiety and peer pressure among young people. Health & wellbeing of young people is high on the agenda for future plans. Struggle to get appointments in support agencies such as CAMS & SAMH. Apprenticeship opportunities are in jeopardy due to the downturn in the Oil and Gas market.

Partners noted that both use of soft drugs and alcohol use has raised due to boredom. Statistics show that alcohol sales are up but this maybe just a balance due to pubs being closed.

Employment service are seeing a rise in referrals. Noted that people are showing sign of anxiety linked to dept issues and lower self esteem and uncertainty for what employment will be like in the future.

AVA are promoting volunteering in the community. Key non vocational role in volunteering will give confidence and build community spirit.

## 6. Future dates

- 13<sup>th</sup> May 2021
- 19<sup>th</sup> August 2021
- 24<sup>th</sup> November 2021

## 7. AOCB

No additional business discussed.

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