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## **Buchan Local Learning Community Partnership Meeting**

**Teams Meeting**  
**Friday 30 April 2021**  
**11.30am-1.00pm**

Present:

Mags Joseph	CLDW, Community Learning & Development
Catriona Arthur	Healthy Lifestyle Advisor
Andrew Mills	Aberdeen Foyer
Brian MacKay	Aberdeen Foyer
Donna Carden	NHS
Ian Brownlee	Principal Teacher, EAL
Calum Smith	Active Schools Co-ordinator
Martin Robertson	CLDW, Community Learning & Development
Roisin Daly	Team Leader, Community Learning & Development

Apologies:

Sharon Tulloch	Skills Development Scotland
Di Faithfull	Gypsy/Traveller Liaison Officer
Peter Kennedy	Employability Officer
Karen Smith	Admin Assistant, Community Learning & Development
Gerry McCluskey	Depute Head Teacher, Mintlaw Academy
Pauline Robertson	Employment Team
Alison Brodie	Cultural Development Officer
Olive Thain	NHS Grampian
Claire Taylor	Team Manager, Children's Social Work
Joy Aiken	NESCOL
Stephen Shand	Aberdeen Foyer
Ewen Allardyce	Employability Officer, EDPS
Annette Johnston	Tackling Poverty & Inequalities Co-ordinator
Keith Byers	CLO, Peterhead Community Centre
Suzanne Connor	Depute Head Teacher, Peterhead Academy
Linda Smith	Skills Development Scotland
Wendy Harley	HMP Grampian
Melanie Johnston	CLDW, Community Learning & Development
Joanna Haggath	CLDW, Community Learning & Development
Jackie Ashcroft	Team Manager, Children's Service
Jacqui Grey	Community Hub Co-ordinator
Lynne Gordon	SCLDW, Community Learning & Development

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### **Minutes of Last Meeting**

All happy with minutes of meeting held on 26 February 2021. Bryan MacKay approved the minutes.

### **Welcome and Introductions**

In Jane's absence, Mags Joseph, CLDW with Community Learning, chaired the meeting. 'Round the table' introductions from everyone

### **Reflection and Self-evaluation of the Buchan LLCP/Mapping Exercise**

#### **Q1.**

**Do you understand what the aims of the LLCP are?  
Why are they important?**

Improve offer for learners  
Try to achieve common goals  
How we can work collaboratively with others  
Referrals – including to 3<sup>rd</sup> Sector  
Share information  
A good forum to see available support  
Ability to signpost

#### **Q2.**

**In the Buchan LLCP, how well do you work together, to collaborate as partners?**

Social capital across Partners  
Value partnership working of those who attend LLCP  
Partner referrals are vital to our service  
Positive experience of partnership working with LLCP  
Referrals from partners through LLCP has impact on learners' access to our service  
Access to partners that aren't on our usual referral pathway  
In the area, we are good at working together  
Helps build relationships with partners even out with LLCP  
On-line helps, no travel time  
Good basis background for knowing key partners and landscape of support  
We know we can access support through the network  
Committed to attending further LLCP meeting to improve partnership working

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Examples of collaboration/ partnership working.

Brian Mackay, The Foyer - identified from LLCP discussions a need for family learning and collaborated with the NESCOL funding partner to support delivery of a programme.

Donna Carden, NHS - identifies The Foyer with adult literacy delivery and collaborates/ sends referrals to them regularly.

### Q3.

**What are the potential opportunities that could unite or strengthen you as a partnership?**

Info Day-World Café  
Info Day for partners and communities  
Speed dating type event – who's who and what  
Open communication between meetings  
Open lines of communication  
Robust understanding of partner activity/offer

### Q.4.

**How well do you think the LLCP is facilitated? What could be improved?**

More collaborative working opportunities – EYF links etc  
Helpful to hear from speakers brought in  
Positive about facilitation format  
Helpful bringing in people/experts  
Partners updates are useful  
Much of agenda not relevant to specific service, so hard to put time aside  
Sub-groups  
Value small working groups/opportunities to collaborate when working with same issues/communities of learners  
Smaller more theme-specific meetings would be useful, ie. Under 5s  
Agenda management – specific learning Community demographics  
Online works, but it is nice to occasionally meet face-to-face  
Blended approach to facilitation  
Face-to-face would be welcome when permitted

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### **Q.5.**

#### **How can you refresh, energise or improve the LLCP?**

Sub-groups more appropriate to different services

Sub-groups meet more regularly and feedback to LLCP less regularly

Refresher – Re-launch of LLCP – this is what it is, and the aims are....

Refresh of CPD aims to LLCP

Opportunity to understand who partners are before/without attending meeting

Change time – Lunch and learn

Consider timing, ie over lunch is limited timewise

Donna said she could invite a service to their team meetings, especially online. Ian/Brian will both be sent invites to their meetings. She also said time of meeting isn't the best – from health point of view, 11am-2pm is lunchtime and they are advised to go out for a break.

Mags thanked everyone for their attendance and input.

#### **Date of Next Meeting**

Monday 28 June 2021 – 10.30am-12.00 noon via TEAMS.