



SUFFOLK VOLUNTEERING FEDERATION

Feedback Report

Title of Meeting:	England Volunteering Development Council
Meeting date and time:	11am - 3pm, Thursday 17 th July 2008
Place:	The London Lighthouse West
Attendees:	6 x regional EVDC Regional Chairs, 1 x Regional VC representative, Chair of VE Trustees, 6 x VE staff, BitC and other national organisation representatives (about 50 people in all)
Purpose of meeting	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Campbell Robb, Director of the Office of the Third Sector, spoke to the Council about the Office's response to the findings of the Commission on the Future of Volunteering. 2. Saskia Daggett, the newly appointed Senior Strategy Manager at Volunteering England updated the Council on the implementation of the Commission's recommendations. 3. Patrick Scott, National Support Services Implementation Manager at Volunteering England, updated the Council on the progress of the National Support Services modernising volunteering workstream being taken forward by VE 4. Updates on the work of the regional EVDCs were provided by the Regional Chairs 5. The Volunteering Infrastructure Strategy for the North West was presented to EVDC 6. Basic feedback on the results of the Volunteer Centre Summit held on 14th July was given. The main conclusion appeared to be that there was no argument about the need for change in Volunteer Centres structures and delivery but how that change is made to happen 7. John Knights, Policy Manager for volunteering at the Office of the Third Sector, presented the new guidance for CRB checks for volunteers. 8. Susan Lee, the newly appointed Head of Policy and Information at Volunteering England, discussed the latest policy developments relating to volunteering. 9. Roundtable discussions about the DCMS 2012 Action Plan and the Conservative Green Paper took place
Comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A meeting prior to the EVDC meeting took place between the Regional Chairs and Baroness Joan Hanham, Chair of EVDC. This meeting was to ensure that the EVDC regions, whilst allowing for regional priorities, were "singing from the same song sheet" • Most interesting and encouraging presentations from OTS representatives. On the matter of the Commission's recommendations of a VC match fund, VE on behalf of its VC membership needs to make a better business case to Government especially on impact measurement
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