

“WEST CHESHIRE TOGETHER” LSP NETWORK EVENT: 27th APRIL 2010

SUMMARY OF FEEDBACK FORMS

There were 39 feedback forms returned and the results are collated below.

(1) Did you find the event useful / informative?

Yes 95% (37 forms)	Partly 5% (2 forms)	No 0
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(2) Was the programme for the event relevant?

Very relevant 77% (30 forms)	Relevant 23% (9 forms)	Not very relevant 0
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(3) What worked well?

Presentations / speakers

- Informative presentations (x 11)
- 7 presentations – successes and what can be achieved by working in partnership
- Initial speakers really good – short, sharp, information sharing, to the point – exactly what was needed
- Focus on celebrating partnership – very informative
- Presentations were useful / good flow of presentations
- Dr Mike Grady was very good / excellent / comprehensive & applicable (x 12)
- The opening speaker – thinking differently / passion to make a difference
- All the talks, especially John Denny – what a refreshing and interesting “breath of fresh air”! More please!
- Good to have a mix of public and voluntary sector initiatives highlighted
- Quick briefing on things that are happening - SPRINGBOARD

Workshops

- Group discussion / workshops (x 8)
- Workshop raised interesting points and ways of working together
- Groups a great chance to listen to different perspectives
- Workshop discussion was particularly informative about the core problems in society and directly linked to Mike Grady’s presentation that followed
- Small workshop groups led to greater progress and concise action points
- Excellent workgroup for CYP
- Being allocated to workshops in advance minimised disruption and worked well
- Ensuring workshops had reps from various organisations

Networking

- Made some useful contacts for follow up / partnership work (x 3)

General

- Workshops – networking – whole event!
- Good time management (x 2)

- Allocated times for the partner presentations
- Good and broad spectrum – real
- A comprehensive delegate pack
- All of it – a good programme
- The structure of the event – eye opening as it set the challenges for the future
- Inequalities focus excellent – strong partnership message given
- Well attended

(4) What suggestions, if any, would you have for improvements?

Presentations / Speakers

- If presentations are to be kept short, specify the number of slides
- Not so many short presentations
- Make presentations relevant to area – the last presentation could have given way to more time for the workshop
- Move around in seating to spend time with other delegates outside of lunch/ bathroom breaks
- Felt presentations were rushed and would have liked to hear full presentation – but aware of time constraints. Perhaps agenda was a bit ambitious
- An electronic version of slides perhaps
- Include info on how we can access the info electronically on the WCT website

Workshops

- We had one person on our table who took over and this didn't give others much opportunity to input their ideas and comments
- More introduction / instruction on workshop session
- Hard to hear comments around the table – workshop was too short – as a group we weren't particularly clear what we should do/how could input best
- Workshop discussion was complicated
- Less tables in the main room – difficult to move around at break time

Venue / practicalities

- Have a more accessible venue
- Warmer venue (x 3)
- Turn the heating up!
- Venue was chilly but convenient in size
- Look at venue in respect to access for all – especially disabled (no local parking / access?)
- Room cold, either needed bigger room or fewer people as too cramped!

General

- More time / longer event to facilitate more robust partnership work
- Delegates here today be given some time to think about what has been presented and discussed today – then convene a further meeting to take matters further
- More time for questions from the floor to speakers – better interaction
- All officers should be made to attend this event in some form
- More on community empowerment, local resident involvement in the delivery of all major services
- Perhaps a less complicated way of dealing with the community strategy
- Information exchange opportunities

(5) Do you have any suggestions for future partnership events?

- Good disabled access
- Start looking at the “how” – identify what people are currently doing that they can put into the pot to deliver the overall objective
- Single issue events/sessions that would enable partners to consider issues and develop future plans in-depth
- Do this again when the Together programme has been in use for a time
- Further examples of good practice
- Set up a monitoring group to continue the good and positive work that has been done today
- Better use of focused workshops to agree what we will actually do
- Key note speech extremely relevant – it is nice to hear from the source of statistics so often cited without context
- Longer time on workshops with more people
- No – thought it was a really good event & great networking opportunity. Presentations were spot on, good mixture of subjects
- Regular updates needed but communication seems to be key part of all discussion, so maybe an event on better / more effective communication on a local level e.g. best use of meetings/events/newsletters, not consistent across Cheshire West and not effective at moment
- Celebration of “working partnerships” – examples of good practice
- Further consideration on how partners can address health inequalities and sustainability together
- Workshops focussing on individual theme challenges
- Look at diversity in our communities and how we can build on this to encourage new businesses and community development opportunities
- Perhaps mixed groups talking about key issues – talking about all issues – holistic approach
- I think the way ahead is the way you are going – with the people who can give input and shape our future are doing it!
- Consider scope for some smaller and more focussed thematic meetings
- Follow up the Marmot review and the performance of the LSP on this subject
- Hold events throughout CWAC

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