

MANNINGHAM YOUTH PROVIDERS' NETWORK MINUTES



Minutes of Meeting held 28th April 2009
Manningham YMCA

PRESENT: Alex Barker (Pines Learning), Christine Finighan (DEECD), Liam Fitzgerald (YSAS Reconnect) Judi Byrne (SFYS), Julie Ramsey (Templestowe College), Natalie Manser (Warrandyte HS) Nicole Harris (YAMHS), Amy Johnstone (Eastern Community Legal Centre), Sankaran Kasynathan (Manningham City Council) Steven Dupon, and Sandra Joseph (MYMCA Youth Services), Erica Gurner (EACH), Jon McGregor (KYM), Nicole Wong (MCC)

APOLOGIES: Susan Hillman Stolz (YRIPP), Kristen Le Gassick (DEECD), Gail Dick (Heatherwood), Judy Harris (Ss Pater & Pauls School), Karen O'Donnel (DEECD), Julia Grigg (Meridian), Pam Campbell (Doncaster Sc), Sue Cahill (st Charles Borromeo PS), Krissy Veerhuis (Doncaster SC)

Review of MYPN Meeting;

- Review of the time of the MYPN Meeting was discussed.
- There were both good and bad reactions to the change of time.
- Steven Dupon will be discussing times with SWC and will get back to the network about set times. Possibly alternating between mornings and afternoons
- Possible changes to the meeting were discussed such as; discussions about issues with young people and issues workers have faced, personal sharing etc

Funding Opportunities; (will be on the agenda from this point on)

- Foundation Y closes Friday 1st May
- National Bank \$15 million log on to schools first website www.schoolsfirst.edu.au looking at school and community partnerships
- Christine Finighan emails out a newsletter to her schools network. Any information about grants, seminars, recourses or support programs please email finighan.christine.w@edumail.vic.gov.au
- Manningham City Council grants
http://www.manningham.vic.gov.au/council/grants_and_funding.html?s=1469148447

GUEST SPEAKERS: Amy Johnstone Eastern Legal Centre: National Human Rights Consultation (attached presentation)

- Background: announced in December looks at what is promoted, who is protected in terms of human rights
- Father Frank Brennan, Mary Kostakidis, Mick Palmer, and Tammy Williams are on the committee.
- Reason to participate are;
 1. Australia had limited consultation and protection of human rights
 2. Can empower individual and improve public service
 3. A National Charter of human rights would complement and enhance existing Victorian charter of human rights
 4. Life changing legislation and once in a life time opportunity.
- What we can do:
 1. ECLC will take a stand and be promoting and putting in a submission
 2. you can write a submission yourself
 3. write a submission on behalf of your organisation

INFO SHARE

Christine Finighan DEECD

- Role in student well-being and engagement, identifies needs in schools
- <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/publications/newsinfo/default.htm>
- Currently working on a PD with students with a severe behavioural disorder, as school are finding it difficult.
- Youth commitment is create pathways for disengaged young people 15-19
- Offering Bush fire support for effected schools

Alex Pines Learning

- New to role
- VCAL has doubled is size since last year
- Senior VCAL class is planning a trip to China they are conducting fundraising and will be doing volunteer work over there.
- Volunteering with be part of the VCAL curriculum

Erica EACH

- new to role
- Works with Youth and Family and does counselling once a week around homelessness and early intervention
- For referrals must work, live or study in Knox, Yarra Ranges, and Maroondah
- Other role Community development officer drop in space 17-25 also linked to youth clinic with a GP and nurse

Judi Byrne: SFYS

- re funded until 2011
- readvertising for job share role
- working with child first focusing on lack of school attendance
- if you would like to be added to Judi's email list; email judi.byrne@maroondah.vic.gov.au

Liam YSAS

- family Support worker
- Covers eastern region not Yarra Ranges
- Reconnect is for young people aged 12-18 working with family and the effected person

Christine Doncare

- Contact child First for referrals and support
- Doncare have parenting education programs website www.doncare.org.au

Natalie Manser: Warrandyte HS

- Year 11 peer support program working with Year 7's on building friendships
- Fix it! A program for disengaged boys putting together a Manuel for fixing bikes (and practical work) and are working with primary school students
- Ninja turtles games year 12 VS teachers
- Year 8 activities on relationships and stress management

Sankaran Kasynathan MCC

- Doncaster percent consultation for youth space next MYPN Meeting
- Youth Achievers Australia; how to run a business and business ideas

Nicola Wong: MCC Metro – Access Officer

- Nicola recently started and looks forward to support LAP and other disability programs in Manningham.

Anne: Anglicare

- Anglicare continues working with families in need. Main source of referrals is from DHS.
- Current program is the Breaking the Cycle Program for parents living with violent adolescents.

Jon McGregor: KYM

- KYM provides the Youth Pathways Program to retain young people in education, training or employment.
- KYM provides affordable group-based programs "FRESH START" 10 week program/ 3days-week
- Cert II in Hairdressing remains popular. KYM provides this for 155 dollar.
- Jon noted an increase in anger issues and violence amongst teenage girls

Nicole Harris YAMHS

- YAMHS realises difficulties in working with Mental Health Services.
- YAMHS will come out to perform MH assessments
- YAMHS then can refer to appropriate MH services without going through Triage.

Julie Ramsay Templestowe College

- Young people being charged for making and distributing pornographic material. The police is involved,
- Increase in mums with D&A and MH issues and parental suicide

Angela O Brien Doncare

- Doncare continues to provide emergency and financial relief for people in crisis within the City of Manningham

Sandra Joseph & Steven Dupon Manningham YMCA Youth Services,

- Still room for school program contact Sandra 9848 9544
- LAP term programs are out refer to website www.mys.ymca.org.au
- YMCA looking to partner with Warrandyte community centre to provide more services for young people in the Warrandyte community
- BILLY to be released early May
- MYSA (youth group) planning annual event for young people with disabilities coming holidays

Meetings 2009

Network meetings are held at in the Manningham YMCA Meeting Room which is upstairs at 3 Mitchell Street Doncaster East. Meetings are held twice a term on Tuesdays between 3.30 and 5pm and some snacks and nibbles are provided. The Youth Services Director for Manningham YMCA Inc. currently facilitates the meetings.

The planned dates for meetings in 2009 are as follows:

Tuesday, June 16th
 Tuesday, July 28th
 Tuesday, September 8th
 Tuesday, October 20th
 Tuesday, December 1st