CYP Together

The network for CVS development workers in London

Conference 23rd March 2009

CYP Together Conference: Evaluation Report

10 responses

What did you find most useful?

- The Networking and reps' involvement on key strategic children partnerships
- I think getting an overall picture of what is happening in other London boroughs on Children Trust and meet other CYP colleagues.
- Group discussions
- Meeting others in similar roles and making links to useful information. Helped take away the feelings of isolation when you are the only person in your org doing the role and others don't always understand what you are talking about. This group do!
- The part about representation
- Being new to my organisation, I found the following extremely useful:
    - to hear about the challenges affecting other members of the network
    - to find out that other organisations have resources available and are willing to share these
    - that there was only a relatively small number of people present which meant that everyone got the opportunity to input into discussions
- The sharing of information and ideas on VCS CYP work across London.
- I enjoyed the opportunity to speak with others who face similar challenges and hear of innovative ideas as well as having an opportunity to discuss and explore particularly pertinent issues.
- Finding out what other areas are doing
- Networking
- The discussion groups were all very good
- Very useful to clarify what participants want from this network

How could it have been improved?

- More feedback what is happening on local CVS re children's services
- It was quite long; maybe by making it an afternoon session only. It is difficult to stay away from the office for the all day.
- 'primed' facilitators
- It was a good day. Perhaps some poly bags to take away the left over food!
- The facilitator was a skilful organizer but throughout the day he projected skepticism about the usefulness of the network (beyond playing 'devils advocate', which is fine), creating some negativity. In future, more preparation time with the facilitator – they need to be on board
- It was great!
- I cannot think of anything that needed to be improved. It might be worth allowing the network to grow in its own way to allow it to meet the needs of those attending rather than to try and shape it.
- More people attending?

- I think a wider representation of Boroughs would be really useful – this brings into focus what other Boroughs are doing and what their commitments to this agenda are
- It was well organised
- Better attendance

3. Ratings for each session, expressed as percentages of best possible feedback:

a. Facilitated networking – influence 90%

- Useful comments from people 'in the know'

b. Presentations – Representation and Commissioning 92%

- Good value

c. Open discussion – Representation and Commissioning 89%

- Always useful for me

d. Open space – what are issues for VCS organisations locally, and what solutions can this network provide? 89%

- I would like to see the network used in a lobbying/campaigning role taking joint issues to the top

e. Open space – what are issues for VCS organisations locally, and what solutions can this network provide? 79%

- I'm not sure we captured this

Further comments

I do appreciate the work a few have put into making the network a reality.
I was only able to stay for the first part of the day (so unable to comment on the later sessions)– I would welcome the opportunity to attend further events

I found the meeting highly informative. It was a big support to me as I was new to my role and it gave a great opportunity to see similar work to my own cross borough level.