

**LGB & T Regional Sub Group**

**10.30 ,30<sup>th</sup> September**

**Room 222, Tower Hill Armagh**

<b>Present:</b>	Hilary Johnston (Chair)	PHA
	Deirdre McNamee	PHA
	Gabrielle O'Neill	SEHSCT
	Gail Neill	Youth Action
	Gillian Cuthbert	BELB
	Jemma Irwin	Cara Friend /The Rainbow Project
	Lee Kane	NIABF
	Nicola Doran	SAIL
	Patrick Anderson	Cara Friend /The Rainbow Project
	Rosemary McAnerney	SHSCT

<b>In attendance:</b>	Alison Foster	Children's Services Planning, HSCB
	Maurice Leeson	Children's Services Planning, HSCB

**Apologies:**

<b>What was Discussed</b>	<b>What was Decided</b>	<b>Who will take the Lead in Moving this Forward</b>
<b>Introductions &amp; Previous minutes</b>		
<b>Membership</b>		
The group welcomed Jemma Irwin to the		

<p>group. Jemma will be replacing Gavin Boyd. Gillian Cuthbert in attendance at meeting in place of Jill Trotter (BELB). Nicola Doran in attendance in place of Simon Stewart (SAIL)</p>		
<p><b>Action Plan</b></p> <p>The group discussed all actions within the plan and looked at progress since the previous LGB&amp;T sub group meeting.</p> <p><b>1.1.1</b> Having relevant information available on CYPSP and other websites</p> <p><b>2.2.1</b> Monitor samples of school anti-bullying policies in respect of LGBT issues.</p> <p><b>2.2.2</b> Identify and share Key learning across educational sectors.</p> <p><b>2.2.3</b> Influence the I matter programme</p>	<p>Hilary received several links from group members, some of which were not on the website. Hilary agreed to follow up issue with Maurice. Any information to be uploaded to the website should be forwarded on to Alison Foster.</p> <p>Lee provided an update at meeting in June. Hilary agreed to discuss with DE.</p> <p>Group agreed a definite need for teacher training across all 5 boards. Lee discussed peer mentoring programme which he is currently delivering to 6<sup>th</sup> form students at St Pauls. Patrick also spoke about the Educating the Educator training he delivered. Patrick agreed to follow up on RSE curriculum.</p> <p>Currently on-going. Group will meet again shortly.</p>	<p>Hilary Johnston &amp; Maurice Leeson</p> <p>Hilary Johnston</p> <p>Patrick Anderson</p>

<p>to ensure appropriate representation of the needs of LGB&amp;T young people.</p>		
<p><b>2.2.4</b> Use banner of the Month on C2K to raise awareness as appropriate.</p>	<p>This point has been achieved. Hilary will continue to try and secure another opportunity to appear on the site. Suggestions for the future: Sexual Health Week</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Anti-bullying Week</li> <li>• 1<sup>st</sup> December- world aids day.</li> </ul> <p>The group were asked to raise any further suggestions to Hilary.</p>	<p>LGB&amp;T sub group</p>
<p><b>2.2.5</b> Collate information from schools Counselling service.</p>	<p>Hilary has spoken to Kathy Bell, who advised that she is happy to work with the group to provide information. Kathy to be invited to the next LGB&amp;T sub group meeting.</p>	<p>LGB&amp;T sub group Hilary Johnston</p>
<p><b>2.3.1</b> Develop a hub of best practice, including from elsewhere and share this expertise with others.</p>	<p>Group had a discussion around hub of best practice. It was agreed that a sub group would be set up to develop the hub. Dates for a meeting in November to be circulated.</p>	<p>Alison Foster</p>
<p><b>3.1.2</b> Work with libraries NI and schools library service to promote and ensure adequate supplies of LGB&amp;T resources.</p>	<p>Deirdre has been in contact with Julie from Libraries NI. Julie has forwarded a list showing a selection of children's books that Libraries NI have in stock and which include lesbian or gay characters. These books can be requested/borrowed/returned at any library in N Ireland.</p>	

<p><b>3.1.3</b> Roll out training on the Impact of language used around Transgender issues(Sticks and stones Programme).</p> <p><b>3.2.1</b> Highlight the existing gender pathway for use in educational settings.</p> <p><b>3.2.2</b> Increase awareness and visibility of LGB&amp;T issues in healthcare settings.</p> <p><b>4.1</b> Participate in CCEAs review of the curriculum.</p>	<p>Julie asked if the sub group would like to identify a small number of recently published books that they feel would be useful, which Libraries NI could order in. Suggestions should be forwarded directly to Julie.Russell@librariesni.org.uk.</p> <p>Nicola to circulate to the group when printed document is made available.</p> <p>Maurice raised this issue at the last CYPSP EBD sub group meeting. Maurice asked the group to bring forward any issues to the LGB&amp;T next meeting.</p> <p>Currently on-going.</p>	<p>LGB&amp;T sub group</p> <p>Nicola Doran</p> <p>LGB&amp;T sub group</p> <p>Jemma Irwin</p>
<p><b>Conference 22<sup>nd</sup> October</b></p> <p>Unfortunately, the ‘silent voices’ session at the conference will now be taken forward by a Southern LGB&amp;T group.</p>		

<p>Further details of the conference will be uploaded to the CYPSP website.</p>		
<p><b>E-zine</b></p> <p>Maurice advised that he is happy for any stories from the LGB&amp;T sub group to appear in the monthly CYPSP e-zine.</p>	<p>Any stories for the e-zine should be forwarded on to Maurice directly. If not already, group members can sign up to the monthly e-zine via the CYPSP website.</p>	<p>LGB&amp;T sub group</p>
<p><b>AOB</b></p> <p><b>Family support NI</b></p> <p>Maurice reminded the group to check the Family Support NI website for accuracy of services and up to dateness.</p> <p><b>Cara Friend Youth App</b></p> <p>Patrick informed the group of the new Cara Friend Youth App. App includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Youth &amp; professional sections</li> <li>• Live calendar</li> <li>• Signposting</li> </ul> <p>App will be formally launched once glitches have been fixed.</p> <p><b>Child exploitation</b></p> <p>Group discussed the CSE campaign.</p>	<p>Any amendments should be forwarded to Helen O'Neill.</p> <p>Group agreed that it would be useful to invite Sharon or Marjorie from SBNI to update on the progress of the campaign.</p>	<p>Maurice Leeson</p>

<p><b>Family Support Hubs</b></p> <p>Nicola queried the best way to engage with family support hubs.</p> <p><b>Pastoral Care Awards</b></p> <p>Hilary informed the group of the 'Pastoral Care Award' for primary and post primary schools. Closing date-end of October.</p>	<p>Maurice advised that Helen Dunn is the contact person for family support hubs and can be contacted on <a href="mailto:Helen.Dunn@hscni.net">Helen.Dunn@hscni.net</a>.</p> <p>Hilary encouraged group members to follow application process if they can recognise a particular school excelling on LGB&amp;T issues. Further information available via the DE website.</p>	
<p><b>Date of next meeting</b></p>	<p>Alison to circulate potential dates for the next sub group meeting in January. Venue to be confirmed.</p>	<p>Alison Foster</p>