

	<b>ACTIVITY</b>
	<p><b>Present:</b> Chris Hollins (Independent Chair), Julie Wilkes (VAWD), Jo Jones (Fit 4 Funding), Anthony Clipsom (BCVS), Dave Wears (WYLC), Jill Jones (WYCAS), David Smith (West Yorkshire BME Consortium), Val Johnson (VAK), Sarah Freeman (Voluntary Action Leeds), Tina Chamberlain (RAY), Dave Forrest (Bradford Volunteering Centre).</p> <p><b>Observer:</b> Simon Duncan (Electroville),</p> <p><b>In Attendance:</b> Lucy Beckingham (Regional Forum), Sonya Ainley (<i>fit4funding</i>) Matilda Korovesi (minuting)</p> <p><b>Apologies:</b> David Smith (SESC), Mohammed Salam (COEMO/ BME Network), Fawzia Mir (PERS),</p>
1	<p>Introduction to the day and outline of activities</p> <p>Introductions were made and apologies were given as above.</p>
2	<p>Reviewing the Aims: Reviewing the Objectives: There are 4 objectives to review; what are WYLDA currently involved with to achieve the objectives eg, relationship with other infrastructure work, modernisation projects, improving reach, BASIS, web site.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ WYLDA noted that is not currently addressing the governance needs of the third sector.</li> <li>▪ Reviewing yahoo groups, more information exchange towards development workers.</li> </ul> <p>Objective 1: To provide infrastructure services which are accessible and inclusive</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Acknowledged and noted that there are limited resources</li> <li>▪ Not done enough to support and develop collaboration and relationships between generalist support providers</li> <li>▪ More targeted support and collaboration.</li> <li>▪ Mapping being done from the mainstreaming equalities group.</li> </ul> <p>Objective 2: To provide infrastructure services which are characterised by partnership and collaboration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Are we actually helping the organisations that need support? At the moment should we be offering business development or partnership development or skills sharing? Do we need to become a provider and a planning mechanism?</li> <li>▪ WYLDA is not a provider. To rethink the word 'to provide'</li> <li>▪ For the future, WYLDA should consider if they would like to become a provider organisation.</li> <li>▪ To focus on strategy and information</li> <li>▪ Lack of planning mechanisms: should we be a body that go and do it, or plans and do it.</li> <li>▪ To help those groups that are not getting the supports from other organisations.</li> <li>▪ To look at skills sharing</li> </ul> <p>Objective 3: To provide a range of high quality infrastructure services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ To focus on workforce and skills and strategically place/share those skills with</li> </ul>

	<p>organisations in need.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Focus on training and development within organisations</li> <li>▪ As above to work in partnership and collaboration with other infrastructure organisations.</li> </ul> <p>Objective 4: To provide a range of high quality infrastructure services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ To consider what systems are currently in place</li> <li>▪ Quality insurance v quality of communication</li> <li>▪ Absence of quality assurance of the moment (currently funder led)</li> <li>▪ WI/LC focus</li> <li>▪ Low take up + time requirement + training co-ordinator case</li> <li>▪ Do other members of wylda feel they contribute</li> <li>▪ Communication/exec meeting traffic</li> <li>▪ Should wylda consider an external evaluation</li> <li>▪ How are frontlines workers involved?</li> <li>▪ Concern about development time?</li> <li>▪ Improvement in technology – reduce duplication</li> <li>▪ How we can involve wylda’s full membership</li> <li>▪ Is wylda meeting their needs?</li> <li>▪ Issues of understanding of WYLDA</li> <li>▪ Consideration of general and sectoral support.</li> </ul>										
3	<p>Training in the third sector Accreditation in West Yorkshire – David Wears, Alison Brophy</p> <p>Alison introduced the paper. She noted the 2007 changes to qualification and licensing and professional development requirements for adult education teachers has left many vcs training providers in the dark as how the changes in regulations impact their delivery.</p> <p>The reforms apply to any provider that has a contract with the LSC to deliver learning. This include providers who hold direct contracts or sub-contracts with the LSC to deliver learning within the FE sector.</p> <p>For more information please email to <a href="mailto:advice@lluk.org">advice@lluk.org</a> or telephone on 0300 3031877</p> <p>West Yorkshire Training Courses – Jo Jones, Jill Jones In recent months, both Fit4funding and WYCAS have had a number of training courses cancelled by CVs.</p> <p>WYCAS have had 24 courses planned and 10 have been cancelled. (42%)</p> <p>Fit4funding have had 82 courses planned and 23 have been cancelled. (28%)</p> <p>Broken down by district for Fit4funding this gives</p> <table border="0"> <tr><td>Bradford</td><td>33 %</td></tr> <tr><td>Calderdale</td><td>54 %</td></tr> <tr><td>Kirklees</td><td>31 %</td></tr> <tr><td>Leeds</td><td>12 %</td></tr> <tr><td>Wakefield</td><td>25 %</td></tr> </table> <p>Often courses are cancelled with a couple of days to go – all printing has been carried out, tutor time booked and preparation undertaken. In addition, project delivery outcomes are</p>	Bradford	33 %	Calderdale	54 %	Kirklees	31 %	Leeds	12 %	Wakefield	25 %
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	<p>not met.</p> <p>There are different cancellation policies between districts and different charges.</p> <p>We would welcome comments from WYLDA members</p> <p>eg Do we need to review</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Training titles?</li> <li>• Training content?</li> <li>• Marketing?</li> </ul> <p><b>National Skills Strategy – Julie Wilkes</b>  Julie highlighted the following points for WYLDA's attention:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Shift from skills rather than qualifications</li> <li>▪ Increase training to be matched by employers</li> <li>▪ Vcs not seen as skills that being economic benefits to the region</li> <li>▪ To commission more research about the sector and the impact on the economic benefits</li> <li>▪ Training has changed. It is about jobs.</li> <li>▪ OTS has created a Cabinet Committee for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sector which will consider the blockages faced by third sector organisations to securing and delivering specific public service contracts and agree actions for the removal of these blockages.</li> </ul> <p>The Cabinet Committee will be supported by an advisory group of third sector representatives and Government officials. The group is chaired by Bob Ricketts, Director of System Management and New Enterprise at the Department of Health.</p>
4	<p>Planning for the next 12 months. What needs to be developed? What could be developed?</p> <p>Work Plan: Mark Crowe</p> <p>Architecture/structure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Which orgs are part of WYLDA</li> </ul> <p>Communications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• With which orgs and what</li> </ul> <p>Consortium – provider of services or not</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provider</li> <li>• Hub</li> <li>• Quality mechanism</li> </ul> <p>Measurement/impact</p> <p>Improving governance (of infrastructure orgs)</p> <p>Future funding</p> <p>Events – bringing together projects</p> <p>Research eg.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify potential areas</li> <li>• Market research\</li> <li>• Effectiveness of services</li> </ul> <p>General evaluation processes – based on modernisation projects</p> <p>Trends – areas of growth</p> <p>2 x 3rd sectors emerging:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Locally grown</li> <li>• Large national and those of @industrial@ scale</li> </ul>

- Plus commercial such as A4E

Key areas for the future:

- Influencing
- Coordination
- Efficiency
- Not duplicating
- WY-wide picture
- Planning
- Learn from eg OCN pilot
- Trading/market research

Above all, agreed that survival of WYLDA as a funded organisation is secondary to the aim of supporting infrastructure and through them, frontline organisations.