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**Minutes of an Education Theme meeting
held at the Blakenall Village Centre
on Monday 11th August 2008 at 6.30 p.m.**

In attendance

John Jones - Patch Representative 3
Mick Taylor - Patch Representative 4
Shaun Fitzpatrick - Patch Representative 15

Officers

Bob Marsh - Education Theme Manager
Paul Smith - Community Development Worker
Amy Betteley - Young Advisors
Diane Jones - Theme Administrator
Ashley Thomas - Administrator

Partners

Lisa Roobottom - ECT

Guests

Martin Houghton - Hoshin Consultant

Apologies

Graham Morris
Sue Wedgwood
Roy Jones
John Price
Colin Bedford

Agenda item		Action
1.	Introductions MT welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending. Introductions were made round the table. MT gave a warm welcome to Amy Betteley, one of the young advisors, who will be attending the Education theme meetings on a regular basis.	
2.	Notes from Previous Meeting These were declared as a true record.	
3.	Matters Arising None	
4.	Interim Evaluation Report from Hoshin on Out of School Study Support Project BM gave a brief talk on his report then handed over to MH form Hoshin to give his report.	

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	<p>MH told the meeting that this had been challenging, as the first academic year had not been completed. Getting data from Walsall Education had proved difficult. How well youngsters were getting on in exams was why the data was required.</p> <p>Schools were not engaged as hoped.</p> <p>Teachers are not advising homework clubs on what youngsters should be having help with. Walsall Education need to manage the project to better advantage.</p> <p>Few pupils have been referred from the schools. Once the schools are fully engaged in the referral process will the homework clubs work to full potential, in pupils achieving in their personalised learning targets.</p> <p>More links between the schools and the homework clubs and summer school are required.</p> <p>Walsall Education are now putting actions into place which have been highlighted, so on this point the evaluation has proved very useful and worthwhile.</p> <p>Sue Wedgwood would like to put this scheme into the entire schools borough wide.</p> <p>The meeting agreed that this evaluation should be presented at the next Board/Approvals meeting, which ever comes first.</p>	
<p>5.</p>	<p>Project Reports These progress reports were taken as read.</p> <p>Walsall EBP had 23 students and currently 21 have been able to decide what they would like to do.</p>	
<p>6.</p>	<p>Any Other Business Incom had 2 16 years old with them learning the trade. SF asked if help could be given to them regarding travel expenses. SF was advised to get the youngsters to contact Work on the Horizon who will assist with travel expenses.</p> <p>Millfield School Improvement Funding. They had used the school improvement funding for an artist in residence; unfortunately, she is unable to continue working in the school. Millfield would like to take the opportunity to send one of their teachers to the Reggio Emilia pre-school in Italy to study their creative approach, which another school has already used to good advantage. The cost is £1,800 for a 7-day trip, after a</p>	

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	slight discussion the meeting agreed to this. As this trip would take place before the December meeting an invitation would be given to the teacher involved in the trip to come and give the meeting a presentation on their trip and what they hoped to achieve in the school.	
7.	Dates of Future Meetings Monday 6 th October 2008 Monday 1 st December 2008	