

**Minutes of an Education Theme Group  
held at the Blakenall Village Centre  
on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2006 at 7.00pm**

**In Attendance**

- Mick Taylor - Education Theme Chair / Patch 4 Representative
- Debbie Marshall - Patch 12 Representative
- Jean Jevons - Community and Voluntary Sector Representative
- Shaun Fitzpatrick - Patch 15 Representative
- Graham Morris - Patch 11 Representative
- Paul Wright - Patch 23 Representative
- Cliff Webb - Patch 18 Representative
- Tom Perrett - Independent Chairman

**Officers**

- Bob Marsh - Education Theme Manager
- Joseph Cheminais - Administrator
- Gail Beeley - Youth Worker

**Partners**

- Sue Wedgwood - Education Walsall
- George McQueen - Education Walsall
- John Price - Walsall Education Business Partnership
- Pauline Griffiths - Prospects Education Service
- Lin Parkes - Prospects Education Service
- Pauline Pegram - College of Continuing Education
- Jan Owen - ContinYou

**Guests**

- Vicki Pagan - ERS

**2. Apologies**

- Kath Phillips - Local Councillor
- Roy Jones - Patch 13 Representative
- Alan Venables - Patch 17 Representative

Agenda Item		Action
3.	<p><b>Notes from the previous meeting</b> The notes of the previous meeting were agreed as a true and accurate record.</p>	
4.	<p><b>Matters Arising from the notes</b> There were no matters arising from the notes.</p>	
5.	<p><b>Presentations from Education Walsall on Data Collection Project Proposal</b></p> <p>George McQueen gave a presentation to the group outlining proposals for the Data Collection Project. The long and short term benefits were outlined.</p> <p>Vicki Pagan presented the group with a summary of the Project Appraisal in which it was recommended for approval and described as 'good value for money'.</p> <p>TP asked whether there would be interim benefits to New Deal from this long term study. VP stated that New Deal would receive information/ updates regularly and believed that Education Walsall would continue with the project after the life of New Deal. VP also outlined that if the project were a success; it could be adopted around</p>	

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	<p>the country.</p> <p>After further discussion in relation to the benefits of the proposed project and the research methods, the group agreed that the proposal should be recommended to the Approvals Sub-Committee at their next meeting, to be held on 17<sup>th</sup> January 2006.</p>	
6.	<p><b>Progress Report on Community Strand Projects</b></p> <p><b><u>ContinYou</u></b> Jan Owen outlined that she is currently looking for offices within the local area, and that it is likely that somewhere will be found within next the couple of weeks. She has met with all the partners in recent weeks and they have all agreed that they will to work together to move the project forward.</p> <p><b><u>College of Continuing Education</u></b> Pauline Pegram informed the group that 'Fun Week' is to be held at the Blakenall Village Centre and Blakenall Information Centre to promote learning in the local area.</p> <p>A leaflet to advertise the event was tabled – Andy Bradley to approve. It was requested that once approved, copies of this leaflet be distributed to Board Members and Patch Representatives.</p>	
7.	<p><b>Progress Report on School Strand Project Implementation</b></p> <p>BM – Projects for Primary and Secondary schools are delayed pending further development. It is hoped to take them to the next Education Theme Meeting.</p>	
8.	<p><b>Reports Learning Champions, 'You Can Do It!', Nursery Plus and Learning Interventions</b></p> <p><b><u>'You Can Do It!'</u></b> Pauline Griffiths updated the group on the current progress of 'You Can Do It!' project. There will now be two, one hour performances of the Drama Production, 'Urban Voice', in each New Deal School, which will be ready in March. A request was made for greater detail of numbers of participants and outcomes.</p> <p><b><u>Learning Champions</u></b> Lin Parkes updated the group on the current progress of the 'Learning Champions' project exit strategy. Two resource packs produced for schools and community organizations were tabled.</p> <p><b><u>Nursery Plus/ Learning Interventions</u></b> Evaluation of these two projects will be available shortly, and will be discussed at the next meeting.</p>	
9.	<p><b>Date and time of the next meeting</b> The next meeting of the Education Theme Group will be held on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2006 commencing at 7.00pm at the Blakenall Village Centre.</p>	