**Report to Forum Central from Leeds Green Activity Provider Network**

Second Funded Networking event 1.30 -4.30pm Thursday 6th January 2022 at Skelton Grange Environment Centre. Th session was run with widely spaced chairs in a well ventilated space.

The following organisations were represented: Groundwork Yorkshire x2, Leeds Mindfulness Coop, Lemon Balm, Living Potential Care Farm, Seasonwell CIC, The Conservation Volunteers x2

Apologies: Canal and Rivers Trust, Forum Central, Hyde Park Source, Meanwood Valley Urban Farm, Leeds Public Health and Running Seeds. (three of these were on the day Covid related cancelations)

**This was a workshop to explore the benefits and potential pitfalls of collaborative working**

The topics covered were (with actions under each)

**Strategic Representation**

1. *Those attending meetings to share key headlines via the periodic network meetings.*
2. *Lucy is setting up a WhatsApp group called “I am going to a meeting” to share advance notification of meetings and urgent feedback or requests.*
3. *Those at meetings to support any calls for attendance to be supported IE Paid.*

**Sharing Information**

*A second Whatsapp group was suggested, wrap into the evaluation strand for now?*

**Shared Training**

1. *Members could make spare spaces on existing courses available network members, these could be free or at cost.*
2. *Might two or three people volunteer to have a separate meeting to think about what training gaps there might be and what a LGAPN training programme might be with costs? Offer to John please.*

**Shared Evaluation and Outcome measures**

*John follow up the national work by National Association of Social Prescribers and the new grouping of Environmental Charities*

*Have a small subgroup to look at this, offer to John (Isabel?)*

**Mapping the Network**

*Thanks to those who have sent back the spreadsheet sent out by* *joe.Craig-Jackson@tcv.org.uk* *just before Christmas. If you haven’t it would be great if you could make time for this.*

**Joint delivery**

* *John seek out examples of collaborative agreements e.g. the Climate Action one.*
* *Karl Can you provide an example of a Terms of reference.*
* *All Communicating in open and honest way, and working to deadlines (set realistically)*

Collaborative working was one topic raised at the launch of the Network in November 2020, LGAPN has already been awarded £20k from Leeds Public Health Over 60s team which is being held by TCV and the work delivered by Groundwork Yorkshire, Hyde Park Source and Lemon Balm.

**Costs** TCV will invoice Hyde Park Source for £200 (plus VAT if applicable)

**Photo**. Please see attached, which was taken with permission of those present. Sorry it isn’t great.

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