

Share The Vision Board meeting

Thursday, December 6th 2018, Judd Street London

Present: James Bartlett (RNIB), Alex Britton (Clearvision), Mark Freeman (Chair), Mark McCree (Secretary), Emma Scott (Calibre), Mark Taylor (CILIP), Alison Blaxland (The Reading Agency)

Apologies: Claire Robe (ACE), Katie Lusty (ACE), Jemma Francis (MALD/Wales), Julie Gibson (Independent), Anna Miller (ASCEL), Norma Millar (Libraries NI), Zina Sabovic (British Library), Jackie Chelin (SCONUL), Fiona Williams (Explore York, Libraries Connected)

Agenda Items	Notes	Action
1. Welcome, introductions & apologies for absence	See above.	
2. Notification of any other business	None proposed.	
3. Reading Friends discussion	<p>MF welcomed Alison Blaxland from TRA to the meeting.</p> <p>Reading Friends still in a pilot phase and is/was looking to extend further in 2019. Unfortunately, have not been successful in getting uplift funding from BLF. Project carrying on as is, and still looking to bring on new strands, including LGBTQ (using funding that runs through to August 2020).</p> <p>STV has been pleased to be part of initial phase, via ES, and thinking of how we might engage further in the project.</p> <p>Core focus of the project is using reading to make connections and start conversations. Using volunteers to work with participants; some working in groups and others on a more 1-2-1 basis.</p> <p>AB shared evaluation infographic.</p> <p>Initial focus was on older people with dementia and an intergenerational element has naturally come about through this emphasis.</p> <p>Reading Friends was launched in October (film launched on 30/10/18); and has a stand-alone website.</p> <p>During next phase of the pilot looking to expand work in Scotland, Northern Ireland and in hospitals (one off type of intervention). In England, looking to expand the current projects across the locality (e.g. from Oldham to Tameside and Stockport and then onto wider Greater Manchester). Had lots of people signing up via the website.</p>	

Looking at how project can be sustained and how the offer can be strengthened – perhaps via a subscription model; developing a strong package of information/resources and support (e.g. online training).

Tricky getting a balance – between numbers of participants and/or volunteers and geographical matching.

Focus is on face to face contact.

Originally looking to roll out from Sept 2019, but hope is that might be able to bring it in earlier. Should have further ideas of roll out in Spring 2019.

MM and MF stressed that the element of participation was the critical aspect that STV would like to see develop (rather than creating specific accessible resources).

STV would like to explore means of extending the reach of the project and capturing impact (with due respect to Visually Impaired engagement).

- Could use our various networks to grow participation and/or awareness; generally or re. specific strands or geographic locations.
- Could look to expand pilots to specifically include people with sight loss.
- Could create an online resource to support the established groups/volunteers
- Potential to tie into MANIL 2019, which is focussing on getting connected (in terms of digital and well-being/loneliness agendas)
- Could speak to John Vincent about developing a resource around VI, or VI + LBGTQ

Alison to consider what the TRA ask (of STV) could be - Will speak to Debbie Hicks about this, re. what would be best for the programme/best way forward, and get back to STV over the coming weeks.

AB what training to volunteers receive at present? - Half day training outlining core elements of project and befriending/support, in place.

4. Minutes of last meeting

Minutes of the last meeting on 27th September 2018 were agreed.

5. Matters arising not covered elsewhere on the agenda

In terms of matters arising, not covered elsewhere on the agenda:

1. MF has confirmed a new representative from ASCEL – Nick Fuller (Tri-Borough Libraries). He has indicated that he is happy to join the Board as a Director/Trustee but unfortunately wasn't available to attend today's meeting.
2. MF spoke to SLIC and Paul McCloskey and a 'job share' option for Scottish representation on the Board has been proposed. Naomi Kenny (Falkirk) Jennifer Stewart (Fife)
3. MM has checked all the Directors/Trustees details on Companies House and Charities Commission website, respectively and needs to confirm when Fiona Williams' formally joined the Board (MF believes Dec 2016) to update the records.

MF to send on email contact details to MM

MM to check formal date and update

	<p>5. John Vincent hasn't been in good health so MF to chase updated/final version of the Guidelines before we pursue wider dissemination in 2019.</p> <p>6. AB highlighted that next year is the international Tactile Book competition's 20th anniversary. Clearvision is the UK representative and run UK shortlisting. Clearvision have been working with Jake Hope – looking to raise profile of tactile books; around entries (closing date 16th August) and participation (via workshops) Could also look to promote via MANIL and/or pursue via ACE bid possibly? Have developed some videos with UCLAN around this.</p> <p>7. MF highlighted 25th anniversary of the IFLA of the Public Libraries manifesto; looking to publicise this further.</p>	<p>MF Dec 2018 / Jan 2019</p> <p>AB to share info with STV as this develops</p> <p>All to consider</p>
<p>6. Work Plan</p>	<p>Pending full discussion at next Board meeting (Feb 2019).</p>	<p>All Feb 2019</p>
<p>7. Public Libraries</p>	<p>Libraries Connected</p> <p>1. 'Blueprint' working with CILIP, Carnegie and other partners. Project managed by Katie Pecakar. Looking at the PL current state of play and what the future model(s) might look like (using international examples, such as Australia, Finland etc.) Ultimately, looking to direct towards the spending review.</p> <p>JB asked that RNIB be included as a stakeholder in these discussions.</p> <p>2. Universal Offers Shared Intelligence are leading on the UO review and various regional workshops are being undertaken.</p> <p>3. Accreditation Looking at how Libraries might be included/develop an accreditation standard or similar framework (looking at this with ACE).</p> <p>4 Regional coverage Looking at how LC and Libraries can be advocated for and supported at a regional level.</p> <p>5. Commercial capacity Looking at how we can work smarter in terms of our commercial operations and partnerships.</p> <p>6. AGM Had this in Birmingham this week.</p> <p>Six Steps</p> <p>1. MM has updated Sarah Mears/Shared Intelligence on Six Steps activity, plans and documentation; and is attending UO review session on December 12th in Manchester.</p> <p>Invited Sarah Mears to the next STV session in February.</p>	
<p>8. RNIB</p>	<p>Have recruited Paul Porter as a 'Digital Transformation' officer.</p> <p>Orbit Reader 20 has been launched (October 2018); sales going well. The Orbit Reader 20 features 20 refreshable eight-dot braille cells, offering braille reading, simple notetaking, Bluetooth and USB connectivity. The Orbit Reader 20 can be connected to your computer, tablet or portable device to read commercially available</p>	

titles in braille using mainstream apps like Kindle or iBooks, or read braille files stored on the SD card.

Developing new online library platform; due to launch Q1 2019. Should have the capacity to deliver not only audio, but also e-braille.

Progressing a new application form.

DAISY Board met in London in October – JB struck by libraries having similar problems regardless of where they are located. Different countries trying different models.

New Groov-e CD/MP3 player has been a runaway success – significant demand.

RNIB Library have won a CILIP PPRG Marketing Excellence Award (Social Media category) – around World Book Day.

DAISY repair volunteer has achieved the 50 year landmark! Should put forward for an honour.

9. Library on a Shelf	Still awaiting evaluation report from pilot phase.	MM to chase (Dec. 2018)
10. ACE	The Board recorded their sincere thanks to Katie for all her support over recent years.	
11. CILIP	Libraries Connected have been working with CILIP on their international strategy, which is getting relaunched next week. Mark Taylor is leaving CILIP shortly; and the Board thanked him for his input and efforts.	MF speak to Nick Poole about who will pick this up
12. Projects	Reading Friends ES couldn't attend last Reading Friends meeting; next meeting is end of January – looking to have a longer session to enable for partners to share information. ES to give potted history of/showcase STV at this meeting. LACA ES attended LACA meeting – didn't cover much on Marrakesh, but did mention that a review of the 2014 copyright amendments is going to be forthcoming (very pertinent to RNIB and Calibre, re. authorised bodies that can make accessible copies for print-disabled), so they are looking for positive feedback on the impact that the changes have had.	ES Jan 2019 (all to pass on any other key info.). ES 2019 (all to share positive feedback/info.).
13. Recent / Future events 2019	Need to consider 2019 conference attendance, will discuss as part of the workplanning.	All Feb 2019
14. Right to Read	Not met since last meeting.	
15. Communications	1. Website/Reading Sight development – Looking to review and work through a specification for change with Marsha at the next STV meeting. MF to ask her to have a look at the STV and Reading Sight sites before she comes; perhaps come up with a few ideas. Could consider combining the two sites - would need to check where there was any cross-referencing... Also is there a way of checking where people come from (to get to the sites). Plus, we need to keep domain name.	MF to talk to Marsha about this and to invite her to the Feb 2019 meeting

2. **Bulletin** - Getting interest from various parties, which is great!

3. **MANIL 2019** – MM, MF and JB have met up a couple of times since the last meeting to discuss plans for MANIL 2019 and MM had prepared/tabled a proposal.

All agreed the theme and decided to dial down on the competition idea for the time being – can re-emphasise later if can work out a way of ensuring easy administration, transparency etc. (could have pen friends as potential prizes or Library on a Shelf packs).

Now need to finalise branding aspects and communicate via the normal channels.

MF to speak to Stockton colleague to move this forward Dec/Jan 2019

16. Recent and future consultations

MF has been working on shifting to e-banking; and enabling MM and ES becoming signatories.

MM still needs to go onto the Bank of Scotland website to get access to the online banking.

MM and **MF** to check where we have got to and to complete actions ASAP

17. Finance

MF took the Board through the Financial report; and it was accepted by all attendees.

STV continues to have a healthy financial balance.

Have received another donation (City of Edinburgh) but MF confirmed that we have not received a sub from SCL so MF is going to contact SW regional chair of Libraries Connected about their subscription set up (previously signed up as a single region).

Recent expenditure has been primarily focussed on the production of the monthly bulletins.

Have now cleared IFLA performance measures project fund.

MF to contact SW Libraries Connected rep.

18. Board Admin

MM and MF met up in Stockton in November and the ceremonial handing over the files occurred!

ES is going to take on Secretary duties in 2019.

MF is going to take on Treasurer responsibilities, including production of financial reports for the Board.

David Fay still happy to produce STV Bulletins and MF to continue to share these with the STV community.

John Vincent still prepared to administer Six Steps discussion list.

19. Board member activities / AOB

None raised.

21. Next Meetings

Meeting dates for 2019 are as follows:

- Feb 21st – focussing on workshop to review website and business plan/work plan + UO Six Steps review!
- (MM to invite representation from Northern Ireland, Wales)
- May 16th
- Sept 19th
- Dec 5th (AGM)

JB confirmed that dates are in the RNIB Judd Street diary.