

Share The Vision Board meeting

Thursday, November 30th 2017, Judd Street London

Present: Mark Freeman (Chair), Mark McCree (Secretary), Fiona Taylor (Clearvision), Emma Scott (Calibre), Julie Gibson (Independent), Jackie Chelin (SCONUL), Paul McCloskey (Edinburgh/Scotland), Mark Taylor (CILIP),

Apologies: Fiona Williams (York, Society of Chief Librarians), Alex Britton (Clearvision), Jemma Francis (MALD/Wales), Anna Miller (ASCEL), Norma Millar (Northern Ireland), Jeremy Shillito (British Library)

Observers: Katie Lusty (ACE)

Agenda Items	Notes	Action
1. Welcome, introductions & apologies for absence	The Chair welcomed all to the board meeting and gave apologies for those who were unable to attend (see above).	
2. Notification of any other business	None.	
3. Minutes of last meeting	Minutes of the last meeting on 28 th September 2017 were agreed.	
4. Matters arising not covered elsewhere on the agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• TRA/Books on Prescription (6.1) - RNIB have provided a supplementary list of accessible titles that fit the scope of these collections.• Scottish Six Steps workshops - Didn't happen due to low take up. Will review in 2018.	
5. Workplan 2016/17		
5.1 Progress and responsibilities	No changes to report.	
6. Public Libraries		
6.1 SCL update	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Moving to Sector Support Organisation.	
6.1.1 Exec update	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Had AGM, where Members agreed to transition to Charity status. Business plan and Articles of Association are being developed.• Recruitment has started around the CEO, likely to be based in London or Birmingham.• Will still have membership fee, Board of Directors, and set of Trustees, HR/Finance committee and will retain regional representation. Mark Freeman will be President from June 2018.• Need to submit draft plan to ACE in January 2018.	
6.1.2 Universal Offers		
a) Learning Offer	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lead by Julie Griffiths at Halton• Have launched a Family Learning package	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tech mums project – getting young mums online. 	
b) Digital Offer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Still pursuing single sign on to library online resources – pilot ongoing. • Digital family roadshows being delivered (re. how to set up coding clubs, makerspaces etc.). • Need to update national LMS specification. 	
c) Reading Offer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reader Development Module is about to be launched on the SCL Learning Pool. • Summer Reading Challenge saw an increase in participation in 2017. Going to be ‘Mischief Makers’ in 2018; with a comic book focus. Also reviewing how SRC is made accessible. 	
d) Health Offer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Led by Julie Spencer at Bolton. • Revising mental health conditions list. Evaluation report on the TRA website (Mark Freeman to forward). Welsh Libraries are paying for Books on Prescription to roll out across Wales. • Developing case studies and infographics to better explain this offer. • Engaging Libraries programme is funding 14 projects. • Memorandum of Understanding between SCL and Public Health England. 	MF
e) Information Offer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mainly around assisted digital work – helping people get online (Government framework around this). • Pilot on the Isle of Wight re. registering census returns. • Partnership also ongoing to assist with VISA (re)applications. 	
f) Culture Offer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Was launched in Hull. • Brochures and case studies can be accessed via SCL website. 	
6.1.3 SCL workplan / other projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children’s Promise – Health toolkit in development. Looking to celebrate Children’s Laureate anniversary and Shakespeare Week 2019. • Public Library Skills – CILIP/SCL launched. Next steps are to develop a leadership programme and CPD. • <i>Ambition</i> aim ‘Stronger and Resilient Communities’ - Libraries Taskforce want to improve visibility of this work and are looking for ideas/case studies for an emerging strategy. • BBC Civilisations project (March 2018) 50th anniversary of program. Will focus on art and objects, but looking include libraries – can sign up online and be part of it. • Volunteers/Community-run libraries – Looking to produce reader development training to help vols. deliver this basic functionality. Need to consider doing likewise for Six Steps* 	All

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Combined Regions – Sue Wills and Robert Clayton and Mark McCree (TBC) to pick up Directorship of this organisation, focussed on interlending. • Data Protection – A key concern/focus for councils at present and being considered by Information Group in particular at SCL. Katie Lusty to share info. on GDPR (emerging EU legislation). • SCL Seminar/Conference 2018 is 7/8th June 2018 – going to focus on Digital and Community Engagement. • SCL have commissioned Creative Concern to do a rebranding exercise of the organisation and are carrying out review of the website. 	KL
6.2 Six Steps		
6.2.1 Training Module update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training Module is still sitting on SCL’s Learning Pool (and SCL have recently renewed the contract with them). 	
6.2.2 Six Steps Workshops plans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sussex, single authority workshop, went well; although there were some challenges. Signed Sussex up to the Six Steps promise – previously little awareness around this. They are very keen to use the training module. 	
6.2.3 Scottish Six Steps	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scottish sessions didn’t happen, but looking to revisit these (perhaps need to locate in Edinburgh for ease of transport access). Paul to speak to Pamela Tulloch and contacts across Scottish Authority regarding best / revised approach. 	PMc
6.2.4 Six Steps for Community Managed Libraries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Mark Freeman to discuss with John Vincent about developing a Community/Volunteer-managed library training around Six Steps. 	MF / John Vincent
7. RNIB Update		
7.1 Organisational update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mark McCree updated all on a current situation at RNIB. Julie Gibson and Wendi Webb have now left RNIB Library and Mark McCree is moving to be Head of Blackpool Libraries in January 2018. Mark and Julie will be staying on the Share the Vision Board in their new roles, but it is unclear as to who RNIB’s representation will be going forward – likely to be James Bartlett as new Books Service Manager or Alison Long who is the new Consumer Services Manager. • Linked to this, STV has concerns around the capacity and practical support that RNIB previously provided and the wider sector/partnership implications (MANIL; Admin; Hosting meetings etc.). MF to meet up with Alison Long in the New Year on this topic. Also, MF/Neil MacInnes have written to Sally Harvey but have yet to get a meaningful reply. MF going to write formally to Sally Harvey and Chair of Trustees Ellie Southwood on this matter ASAP. • STV could possibly take on ‘Make A Noise in Libraries Fortnight’ from RNIB and commission Julie to help pull things together around this. This would need IP rights to be handed over and contacts lists etc. to be transferred. Might also be time to possibly reshape MANIL – away 	<p>MMc, JG</p> <p>MF / Alison Long</p> <p>MF</p> <p>MF / JG TBC</p>

	<p>from campaigning and more about celebrating. CILIP have been going through a similar process around Libraries Week and is happy to share the learning around this.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Room 5 at Judd Street is booked out for STV meetings for the whole of 2018 (see dates below). 	<p>MT</p> <p>All</p>
8. Library on a Shelf	The units are out there; but recent events at RNIB have overtaken matters. Pilot is due to complete in March 2018.	RNIB TBC
9. Arts Council Update		
9.1 ACE, Taskforce and Ambition update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Changes to funding streams are coming into play from January 2018. Taskforce will also be doing some masterclasses on funding applications. ACE are also in the process of recruiting a new CEO. Taskforce are having a re-envisioning day on 7/12/17 looking at <i>Ambition</i> targets. 	
9.2 Arts Council Libraries Opportunities for Everyone fund	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Libraries Opportunities for Everyone fund projects are progressing at different paces. Stockton's project is going well with 3D printer, digital cutter etc. all being used in the new Makerspace; and are looking at how to programme activity in this area. Sensory station has also been established - looking at ways to work with people with dementia and autism in this space. 	
10. British Library Update	No update. MF to speak to Jerry about successor, 'Zina...'	MF
11. CILIP update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CILIP doing some work/thinking around the impact of community-managed libraries and the wider impact of austerity and the local government finance settlement. CILIP's Charter gives mandate to scrutinise and looking to do more of this! Could be need to campaign around the accessibility of libraries given everything that is going on and CILIP could possibly partner with RNIB around this – MMc to share contact details with MT to potentially progress this. Currently reviewing Diversity and Participation, especially around the Carnegie and Newberry awards – initial report on this is due at the beginning of December. CILIP has new membership model – bigger, better, cheaper! 	<p>MT</p> <p>MMc / MT</p>
12. Academic Libraries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Office for Students to launch in 2018. Teaching Excellence Framework looking to focus on employability. Outcomes for disabled students seem to be quite good on this front, but don't have any specific info. on students with visual impairment. JC still working on the Six Steps for Academic Libraries. Looking to discuss/share with SWIRLS and subsequently SCONUL and possibly could look to launch off the back of MANIL 2018? JC is also going to write an article around this for SCONUL Focus magazine. 	<p>JC</p> <p>JC</p>

13. Projects

13.1 Reading Sight Update

- Reading Sight website – Mark Freeman to discuss with David Fay re. getting the website updated.

MF / David Fay

13.2 Reading friends / Reading Agency

- No update since last meeting – next session is on 24th January 2018.

14. Future events 2017/18

No update.

15. Right to read Alliance

No update.

16. Communications

David Fay making good progress with Newsletter.

17. Recent and current consultations

No update.

18. Finance

18.1 Expenditure update

- Attendees reviewed the Finance Report prepared by MF. IFLA money is now almost spent. £500 coming from TRA re. Library on the Shelf additional units. Main expenditure is aligned to the production of the STV bulletins, but reserves are looking healthy at c. £62k.

18.2 Bank account updates

- Moving bank accounts - Will probably need Board Directors to attend Santander in person with ID to allow us to transfer across from Bank of Scotland.

Board Directors

19. Board administration

- MMc continuing on as Secretary for the time being and will need to do 2 returns for Companies House.
- Julie Gibson going to stay on the STV Board as an independent. MF to check that the STV terms allow for this to happen.
- MF to speak to Fiona about the SCL rep role following as she has not been able to make several meetings; also to liaise with BL about their representation. Need to take Jerry Shillito off the list of Directors.
- Board Members agreed that the STV subscription charge would remain at £250.

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21. Any other business

Edge Conference in Edinburgh – Paul highlighted this conference, which is always excellent value for money. Taking place 1st/2nd March; and theme is going to be around Social Inclusion.. Possibly consider having a STV / Six Steps presence?

MF / All

22. Next Meetings

Thursday 29th March; Thursday 28th June; Thursday 27th September; Thursday 6th December 2018

All