

Victorian Child Friendly Cities Network meeting

22/06/18 1.00- 3.00pm

LGPro Offices, Level 3/58 Lorimer St, Docklands

Chair: Virginia Lloyd (City of Casey) & Kate Beveridge (Cardinia Shire Council)

Minutes: Kate Beveridge

Welcome and attendance:

Caroline Meier- Knox City Council

Virginia Lloyd- City of Casey

Jacqueline Gray- City of Greater Dandenong

Nicole Lindsay- Brimbank City Council

Molly Jones- Brimbank City Council

Anne McGregor- Moreland City Council

Wendy Jones- Ballarat City Council

Clara Yip- Boroondara City Council

Sherryn Prinzi- Banyule City Council

David Wright- KU Children's Services

Cherie Salmon- Wyndham City Council

Neil Rogers- Whitehorse City Council

Kate Beveridge- Cardinia Shire Council

Beth Guy- Melbourne City Council

Apologies:

Cath Black- Maribyrnong City Council

Claire Sideras- Monash City Council

Karina Viksne- Moonee Valley City Council

Hayley Crawford- Port Phillip City Council

Statement of Purpose - CFCC Network

We have come together as a network because we can imagine a world where children are supported and empowered to be active citizens, and individually and collectively, we can make a difference. In our network, we will discover new ways to lead our colleagues and our communities to become child friendly, and share with each other examples of good practice.

Topic/focus: A collective impact approach to achieve municipal wide CFCC engagement

Presentation: Sherryn Prinzi, City of Banyule

Collective Impact: changing the community mindset on empowering children can be achieved through collective impact. The collective impact approach and the strategies that can be adopted to facilitate powerful change.

Notes:

Collective Impact tackles 'wicked' problems

Very clear vision to address a social problem

Sue Cooper- evaluation

Key stakeholder- children

ACTION: Sherryn to send links to resources, Wendy to YouTube link

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9cudn_vSdCY

World café style: break everyone up into three groups to discuss charter principles

The key themes:

Principle 1: Freedom for children to experience environments that consider their needs

- ✓ Driver of change- challenge/prompt over time
- ✓ Children need to know structures and how they can be heard
- ✓ Forums are a good way to engage and hear children voices

Principle 2: Respect and dignity for children to express their individual opinions, participate in and contribute to decisions about their communities and wellbeing

- ✓ Youth councils, children's advisory groups
- ✓ Importance beyond consultation
- ✓ How do you engage under six years of age and the disengaged?

Principle 3: Equitable access to supportive environments and services for children regardless of gender, ethnicity, religion or ability

- ✓ Really clarify what children mean
- ✓ How do you access children safely?
- ✓ MCH bus at Brimbank
- ✓ Push boundaries- look outside the box
- ✓ Registering events- how are you making if child friendly' question added

Opportunity for anyone to share any case studies or examples of good practice with the group

Next meeting ideas:

- Share the work of international CFCC
- Increase the profile of CFCC in each organisation, and increase signatories
- Child friendly checklist at Ballarat- Wendy to present

Action: Kate to follow up with VLGA if we can add new resources/info/case studies to new website

Evaluation form summary: total 7 respondents

Q: was the meeting interesting? 100% yes

What did you like/enjoy about today's meeting?

- Discussion, presentation; peoples passion and energy; meetings are relaxed; friendly but thought provoking; hearing what others are doing
- Hearing about things that are happening at other councils; networking with others
- World café was great opportunity to share and learn what is going on at other councils
- Hearing & learning about what other areas are doing to support children's voices

- The interactive form of the meeting was great, thanks you
- Discussion on what other LGA's are doing in the child friendly space
- Workshopping/round table conversations

What would you change/improve about today's meeting?

- Sharing resources between meetings
- 10 mins at world café went so fast, so more opportunities to do that would be good
- I thought it was just right as a newcomer
- Maybe some examples of international child friendly cities work
- It would still be helpful to share what's happening/current research/emerging issues, [perhaps in different small groups

Next meeting:

Friday 14 September 1.00 – 3.00 pm

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