

MAYOR OF LONDON

Notes from the Deaf and Disabled Stakeholders Group meeting

Monday 18 May 10.00 – 13:00, City Hall, Committee Room 1

Attendees

Amanda Coyle, Assistant Director, Health and Communities (Chair)
Huma Munshi, Diversity and Social Policy (HM)
Henrietta Doyle, Inclusion London
Sue Elsegood, Greenwich Association of Disabled People
Alan Kerr, Artsline and Greenwich Association of Disabled People
Rena Sodhi, Graeae Theatre and Liberty Festival
Rebecca Edwards, Deaf London
Tom Lichy, Deaf London
Gary Williams, Deaf Plus
Michael Jeewa, Asian People's Disability Alliance
Farah Aslam, Asian People's Disability Alliance
Adrian Whyatt, London Autistic Rights Movement

Presenters

Natasha Plummer, Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime (NP)
Sarah Barrow, Events Team, GLA (SB)

Apologies

Jon Abrams, Redbridge Concern for Mental Health
Maria Stella Nash, London Autistic Rights Movement
Dr Sarfarazi, Iranian Disability Support Association
Mabel Nwoko, Lewisham Disability Coalition
Eleanor Briggs, NAT
Graham Welton, British Deaf Association

Item	Minutes	Actions
1	Welcome and Introductions	
	Chair welcomed guests followed by introductions.	
2	Minutes of the last meeting and any arising actions	
	HM to send the BSL Charter to the Health Team	Completed
	Health Team to engage with the stakeholder group in the planning of the events	On course when the planning of the annual conventions begins
	HM to circulate BSL Charter to MOPAC	Completed
	MOPAC to send the list of organisations which the MET use for third party reporting to the group.	Information to be collated and sent to the group.
	MET's training plan to be circulated to the group	This is still being developed. MET to be invited to the next meeting to engage the group on this.
3	Chair's update	
	HM to send link to the Friendly London report.	HM
	HM to send link to the Digital Inclusion Strategy	HM
	HM to send link to the London Survey results.	HM
4.	Update on the delivery of the Hate Crime Strategy, Natasha Plummer	
	Natasha Plummer provided an overview of the implementation of the hate crime strategy.	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The phone app should be publicised at the Liberty Festival. - The app should be free and accessible to people with a range of impairments. - Deaf people should be able to report hate crime using BSL. Deaf Plus had developed a skype app which would be effective. HM to facilitate contact between MOPAC and Deaf London and Deaf Plus. 	<p>cascade it further</p> <p>NP and SB to promote the app at the Liberty festival</p> <p>HM to facilitate contact between MOPAC and Deaf London and Deaf Plus to discuss the app</p>
5	<p>Engaging Deaf and disabled people in the political system:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Feedback from Deaf London on event held at City Hall , Tom Lichy, Deaf London ii. Inclusion London - Our election 2 campaign', Henrietta Doyle, Inclusion London 	
	<p>Tom Lichy presented on his work with Deaf London. The objective was to get more Deaf Londoners engaged in the political system and to confidently contact their local councillors and MP's. The event at City Hall had been really useful for the participants particularly when they did role-plays with "fake" MP's.</p> <p>Henrietta Doyle from Inclusion London discussed their work on encouraging more disabled people to vote. This was part of "Operation Disabled Vote. They had held hustings with representatives from the main parties to ask them what they would be doing to support disabled people. They had also campaigned on issues such as accessible polling booths.</p>	

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6	Liberty Festival – engaging Deaf and disabled people, Sarah Barrow, Events Team, GLA	
	<p>Sarah Barrow presented on the plans for this year's Liberty Festival which would again be presented with National Paralympic Day. She urged delegates to cascade information throughout their networks and help to increase the number of disabled people attending.</p> <p>The group raised the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - It was important to ensure that there were sensory rooms for people to have a quiet space. - Holding the event on a Sunday could present a challenge for people to attend because of transport issues and people with faith commitments. - It was important to ensure accessible information was available about the event. This should engage with people with a range of impairments. - It was important to ensure that the Liberty Festival was not overshadowed by National Paralympic Day. SB replied that this also provided an opportunity to develop additional audience members. - The group agreed that QEOP was a particularly accessible venue. - HM would disseminate information on the event nearer the time. 	
	The chair closed the meeting and thanked all the delegates for attending.	