

## **Meeting Report**

2<sup>nd</sup> November 2010

Trecenydd Community Centre

35 people attended the meeting from 18 organisations ([appendix 1](#))

### **Presentations**

Lynne Bosanko Williams – Children & Young People's Partnership

Christine Short – Barnardo's Young Carers DVD

Sandra Davies – GAVO Funding Awareness

Rebecca Meredith – Safer Caerphilly Drug & Alcohol Awareness

Steve Berry – Core Aim 5 Complaints Charter

Dave Brunton (Chair) welcomed everyone to the meeting and was pleased to see it so many people. Everyone introduced themselves and the organisation they were from.

### **Caerphilly Children & Young People's Plan 2011-14**

Kim then introduced Lynne Bosanko Williams who was there to speak about the development of the Caerphilly Children & Young People's Plan. Lynne outlined 4 key considerations for developing the plan which were the Children & Families Measure (Wales), WAG Poverty Agenda, the WAG 13 Broad Aims in relation to Poverty and the timeline in which the plan needs to be developed. It is likely that the plan will be written in November and then out for a 12 week consultation in December, January and February. The plan will consist of themes currently in draft but likely to be

- Families are supported & children & young people are safe
- Improved basic & work related skills for all children & young people
- Children, young people and their families make choices that enable them to be healthy as possible with access to services that meet their needs as necessary

There are 2 draft cross cutting themes

- All children & young people are listened to treated with respect and have their race and cultural identity recognised
- All children & young people are not disadvantaged by poverty

Once the consultation period is complete the plan will be finalised and published by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2011.

### **Drug & Alcohol Awareness - Rebecca Meredith**

Rebecca Meredith then gave a talk about her work as a Media Officer for the Drug & Alcohol Awareness and how they are trying to raise awareness among young people with planned events, school visits and publicity materials.

### **Complaints Charter – Steve Berry**

This was followed by Steve Berry who told the group about the complaints work that Core Aim 5 are developing for services and organisations to adopt so children and young people have clear guidelines and methods of complaining about services they receive.

### **Barnardo's Young Carers DVD – Christine Short**

The final presentation before breaking for coffee was given by Christine Short from Barnardo's. She introduced the Caerphilly Young Carers DVD which was then shown to the group. This powerful DVD has been produced to show young carers experiences, worries and problems they encounter. It has been produced using their drawings and words, spoken by the young carers themselves. It is planned to show this powerful DVD to a wide range of professionals across many different settings. From the evaluation forms this had a real effect on the people present and many left comments on their evaluation forms

- “Young Carers DVD – Very powerful”,
- “Young Carers DVD sent a powerful message, raises awareness and the possibilities that our organisation work with young carers.”

### **Group Exercise**

The session resumed with members breaking into 5 groups. The idea for the exercise was to carry out a SWOT analysis looking at the voluntary sector's Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats at this difficult and uncertain time. Each group then highlighted some key points from their discussions. Kim will pull together the information and look at possible actions that VOLUME can take forward ([Appendix 2](#)).



**Everyone hard at work**



### Group Discussion

#### Funding Awareness – Sandra Davies

The final presentation before lunch was Funding Awareness from Sandra Davies, Grant Co-ordinator with GAVO. She outlined the current grant schemes and then looked at what makes a good application and gave some top tips for completing the forms and being successful. Her presentation finished with the quote from A.A Milne “Organisation is what you do before you do something, so that when you do it, it is not all mixed up”



### Sandra Davies Funding Awareness Presentation

Kim then thanked everyone for attending and handed over to Dave Brunton to make the closing comments. Dave highlighted the thread running through today’s meeting was collaboration, a word we are going to be hearing a lot in the next few years.

The meeting then closed for lunch and a great networking opportunity.

#### Evaluation Comments

What was the best thing about today?

- Network opportunity
- The group activity looking at positives
- Information & support
- Everyone contributing
- Young Carers DVD- very powerful
- Having an overview of the CYP Plan development
- Coming together of likeminded organisations

- Venue was good, and good range of topics

What was the worst thing about today?

- Never seems long enough
- Acoustics in the hall, it was hard to hear at times

### Appendix 1

Name	Organisation
Alyson Carey	GAVO Play Service
Carly Jones	GAVO Play Service
Carol Charles	Clybiau Plant Cymru Kids Club
Catherine Davies	GAVO
Christine Short	Barnardo's Caerphilly Services
Danielle Lynch	Llamau
Dave Brunton	SYDIC
Dilys Wood	Homestart Cwm Rhymni
Gina Jones	GAVO
Hannah Evans	GAVO Play Service
Jackie Prosser	GAVO Play Team
Jill Lubienski	Action for Children
Julia Baker	Wales PPA
Kelly Capel	Llamau
Leah Salter	Action for Children
Lee Bateman	GIGA Bytes
Lesley Bruno	Llamau
Lisa Williams	GAVO Playteam
Lorraine Davies	Your Way
Lowri Jones	Menter Iaith Caerffili
Lynne Bosanko Williams	Children & Young People's Partnership
Melanie Snowden	Home Start Cwm Rhymni
Menir Williams	Law Yn Llaw
Nicci Davies Williams	GAVO Play Service
Nicci Gill	Mudiad Ysgolion Meithrin
Nicola Evans	NCMA
Rebecca Meredith	Safer Caerphilly
Rhiannon Tucker	Menter Iaith Sir Caerffili
Sandra Davies	GAVO
Sian Northey	Caerphilly Parent Network
Suzanne Foster	Barnardo's
Toni James	GAVO Play Service
Steve Berry	CCBC

## Apologies

Mike Bridgeman	GAVO
Ann Fritter	Caerphilly Parent Network
Lynne Meghji	Right from the Start
Diane Williams	Caerphilly Women's Services
Juliette Tobin	Snap Cymru
Elaine Simpson	Action for Children