

## Scottish Co-production Practitioners Network Meeting Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2012

### Practice and information exchange

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#### 1) Ewan Kelly, NHS Education for Scotland

Ewan shared his experiences of visiting Jim Dyers at the Seattle Department of Neighbourhoods, and the ABCD Institute also in Seattle. The Dept. of Neighbourhoods engages with community groups by match funding activities which focus on 'process' not 'outcomes'. Each Neighbourhood Dept. has a community development coordinator. Ewan shared some really interesting examples around engaging and consulting with communities and using people's assets to prepare for living in the community in later years. His visit to the ABCD institute and meeting with Deborah Putney was very useful. Ewan has contact details for Deborah and also Cormac Russell, both potentially interesting speakers and useful contacts. Please contact Ewan if you would like any more information. ([Ewan.Kelly@nes.scot.nhs.uk](mailto:Ewan.Kelly@nes.scot.nhs.uk)).

#### **Discussion:**

- See [Jim Diers YouTube videos](#). Jo Kennedy reported these had been used to support work with a community-led health organisation recently who found them very useful in exploring how to make the links between what goes on on the ground and at policy level.
- How can we make the most of these international links?
- Recognition of the great wealth of activity and knowledge in Scotland – how can this be exploited rather than looking elsewhere? The network could have a role in capturing this, for example showcasing local work at national events (several methodologies were mentioned: open space, participative appraisal, story dialogue etc).

#### 2) Niall McMurtry, RNIB (based in Newcastle)

Niall is Project Development Officer for the Department of Health (Third sector Investment Fund) 'Finding Your Feet - Next Steps Project' across England. Based in Newcastle Niall has been keeping a close eye on the Scotland group and nipped across the border to share with us a summary of the project. Finding Your Feet supports adults who are new to sight loss, in particular in coping with the changes this brings later in life. It works using peer support to help build a sense of community and provide emotional support by building on people's assets to bridge the gaps for those who would otherwise be waiting for services to provide support. Like the examples from Seattle, Niall shared that the focus is very much on the process of building on people's assets, and an outcome of this has been the development of strong peer support networks. More information can be found in the following clip <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4e6dbrqQvyk> or by contacting Niall ([niall.mcmurtry@rnib.org.uk](mailto:niall.mcmurtry@rnib.org.uk)).

#### 3) UK update - Julia Slay, New Economics Foundation

Julia shared some 'hot topics' from other co-production networks across England and Wales.

- (i) [‘What Makes Us Healthy? The asset approach in practice: evidence, action, evaluation’](#) is a follow up to [A Glass Half Full](#) report. What makes us healthy? has information on the evidence for the beneficial effects of assets such as social relationships and networks on health and wellbeing; ideas about how to put asset principles into practice; and help with assessing whether these new ways of working are having an impact.
- (ii) nef are currently producing a catalogue of co-production including a detailed bibliography and links to resources to support co-production and broader themes. Still in draft format but Julia will circulate on completion.
- (iii) [People Powered Health](#), a NESTA initiative has produced some great examples of co-production (particularly the mental health services in [Lambeth example](#)) around challenging the structural and cultural barriers to commissioning. They are looking to develop a co-production skills academy and use Timebanking to support local networks. Visit [Lambeth Living Well Collaborative](#) for more info.
- (iv) In Birmingham and London the co-production network meetings are hosted by practitioner organisations and are co-facilitated by services users and staff. This has been really successful model.
- (v) Norfolk County Council is producing a guide around co-production in commissioning – Julia will send on info when this is launched
- (vi) With reference to the discussion on process vs outcomes, nef has been using the theory of change model used in SROI frameworks along with appreciative enquiry and [‘crowdwise voting’](#) often used in Participatory Budgeting. Nef are hoping to develop an evaluation framework which captures the link between process and outcomes, e.g. [In Control](#) – captures process and outcomes questions in personal budget surveys separately so explicit links can be made in analysis.
- (vii) Nef are considering producing an ‘evidence wiki’ – Julia would welcome members’ views on whether this would be a useful format compared to a literature review. Contact Julia for more info [Julia.Slay@neweconomics.org](mailto:Julia.Slay@neweconomics.org)  
*Discussion:* It was noted an issue can be making the links with evidence from England and Wales, in Scotland as often differences in language can give the perception that evidence is not relevant. Could a role for the network be to ‘tartanise’ such evidence and distil relevant examples?

#### 4) Information Exchange

- (i) [Governance International](#) has been commissioned by JIT, Scottish Government to deliver co-production workshops in Scotland with 3 training sessions taking place in April. It has been agreed with JIT that all participants in these workshops will be invited to join the network.
- (ii) [The Oxfam Humankind Index](#) - ‘the new measure of Scotland’s prosperity’ was launched on 24 April. More information including useful media clips at the above link.
- (iii) Trevor Lakey (NHSGGC) shared information about the [Mind Waves](#) project - an initiative developed by NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde and its local partners. It is based around recruiting and supporting a group of Community Reporters, to create and share news stories around local programmes aimed at promoting mental health and wellbeing of communities. Also at [@mindwaves1](#) .

- Action:** Trevor requested members notify him of any similar initiatives or other useful examples relating to the use of media /social media in communities.
- (iv) SCDC is involved in a national event around Participatory Budgeting on 13<sup>th</sup> June. More information will be posted on the [SCDC website](#) soon.
  - (v) 2 new resources from SCDC and CHEX - '[ARC – A practical guide to Community-led Action Research](#)' and '[Community-led Health for All: Developing Good practice](#)'
  - (vi) PLUS Perth has begun building networks of people interested in co-production and created a local social network. A project they have been working on to integrate communities and promote community spirit is being launched in Perth on 22nd May. PLUS would be happy to give network members more info if they are interested. [www.facebook.com/PLUSleaveslinks](http://www.facebook.com/PLUSleaveslinks) or contact [plusperth@msn.com](mailto:plusperth@msn.com)
  - (vii) Independent Living in Scotland project (ILiS) have recently launched a new online co-production guidance produced by <http://www.ilis.co.uk/co-production-toolkit/>