

WISCV National Committee Meeting – Wednesday 25th January 2012

Present: Sara Fernandez (SF), Amy Anderson (AA), Katharine Mullen (KM), Judy Challis (JC), Fiona Addison (FA)

Volunteering England

- VE will not do any specific volunteering, but it will be embedded across all of the work that they do.
- VE will not run Student Volunteering Week next year.
- WISCV will let members know about VE's new direction and let them make a decision about the future of their relationship with VE.
- * AA to put together questionnaire about how members engage with Student Volunteering Week and what they would want from it in the future.
- * SF to let Justin know about the surveying process.
- * SF to talk to Justin about who from VE (if anyone) should be on the WISCV mailbase.

Regions

- London
Chair: Alex Britton and Lucy Kerrigan
 - London Students' Volunteering fortnight – should the date be moved?
 - Should the concept be spread across the year, rather than being in one 2 week block?
 - Should the universities work towards big 'one-offs' throughout the year instead?
 - Good turn out at the London region event.*FA to send minutes of the London meeting to KM

- South East
 - Discussed various ideas for volunteering, Christmas volunteering etc
 - Deemed a generally successful meeting for brainstorming ideas, networking, sharing best practice etc

- Midlands
 - Asia Alder from Derby to take over as chair.
 - Should the Midlands split into two regions (East-West?).
 - Should all regional meetings be open to all members – giving them to attend the regional meeting that is most convenient for them? General feeling is that yes, they should.
 - Next meeting on 4th April – decision will be made on splitting the region.

- North East
- Jane Villiers at Teeside will kick them off, but chair will be a rotating role.
First meeting is 26th January

- South West
- Lexy Browning, Bournemouth will chair
- Meetings to take place in Bath, Exeter or Bristol
- Provisional dates in March and April for meetings.

*JC to begin talking to remaining regions.

Increasing the membership

- James from Student Hubs has been compiling a master list of student volunteering centres and has been encouraging more institutions to join WISCV.
- Some FE colleges starting to apply.
- *FA to organise the workers gathering for June.
- *AA to add to survey question about speaker/ theme preferences for workers gathering.

Impact

- Tickets are still on sale.
- *KM to liaise with James to organise a dinner for workers.
- *National Committee to have a 'research booth' on the state of the Student Volunteering sector at Impact, the results will then be written up.

Website

- KM has been working to streamline and update
- *AA to send through contact details of chairs to KM so that we can update personal blurbs.
- *All to send through photos and blurbs to KM to update WISCV national committee blurbs.