



**YOUNG CRAWLEY CHILDREN & FAMILIES FORUM**  
**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2019**  
**Meeting notes**

<b>PRESENT</b> Liz Roe, Home-Start CHAMS (Chair) Susan Brumpton, CCVS Charis Easter, CCVS Judi McDando, Home-Start CHAMS Wendy Arbiss, JCP Nasrin Jamal, EMTAS – WSCC Charlotte Gover, Autism Support Crawley Adam Wicking, Crawley Town Community Foundation Fatima Mirza, Relate North and South West Sussex Terina Bryant, WSCC Paula Stoleru, RCSAS Brian Eastman, Scouts and CCVS	<b>APOLOGIES</b> Lucy Bear, LPK Learning CiC Cherylee Harris, WSCC IPEH Jane Green, SEDS Kath Brooks, WSCC Mandy Webb, Bewbush Community Nursery
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<b>WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS</b> Liz welcomed everyone and asked for a brief round of introductions.
<b>MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING</b> No matters arising. Minutes agreed.
<b>Susan Brumpton – The Making Place Kitchen Sink Science Demo</b>  Susan presented a practical demonstration on how to run basic science activities with groups of children using easily available materials with no specialist knowledge.  It was an interesting demonstration which could easily be incorporated within activities being held for children.  Instructions for the demonstrations are attached and for more science demos please visit <a href="https://www.facebook.com/theMakingPlace/">https://www.facebook.com/theMakingPlace/</a>
<b>DISCUSSION – THEMES FOR 2019</b> Forum members answered the following questions:  <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>1. What is the most important thing you gain from this meeting?</b></li><li><b>2. Are there any particular topics that would be useful to discuss at future forums?</b></li></ol>

Members broke into small groups to discuss and then fed back their answers to be recorded.

Question 1 –

- Meeting new organisations
- Information sharing
- Signposting can be easier within the forum
- Opportunities for partnership working can be developed within the forum

Question 2 –

- Funding – collaboration and partnership working to draw down funds
- Sharing useful information about funding
- Invite C CVS Groups Advisor to talk about funding
- Funding Criteria
- Autism
- Partnerships, consortiums, through the forum
- IPEH
- Family Learning LPK, Rivers, Aspire
- Homelessness
- Disabilities in Young People
- Local Picture – very useful
- Young People's Mental Health

Anyone with further suggestions, please email [charis.easter@crawlcvcs.org](mailto:charis.easter@crawlcvcs.org)

## INFORMATION SHARING

**RSCAS** – There are 2 outreach workers who run groups, drop-ins and deliver workshops to women and girls. Workshops can be awareness raising around gender and consent and are delivered in schools too. They can deliver presentations explaining the work they do. They have a peer support group and a new support group around female genital mutilation. For further information please visit the website - <https://www.rcsas.org.uk/our-model>

**Homestart CHAMS** – Home based services visiting and supporting families, supported by volunteers. There is a Twiglets Family group for families who have twins or multiples, aged 4 and under running in Crawley and Horsham. There is also a group 'Little Steps' for young mums. See attached flier for further information and the website - <http://homestartchams.org.uk/get-help/twins-and-triplets/>

**Jobcentre Plus** – Universal Credit has now been rolled out across Crawley. There are 25 work coaches covering different issues such as homelessness, young mums, mental health, and support to help people get back into work.

**Ethnic Minority Team, WSCC** – advice new children in schools who are from Portugal and Bangladesh and English isn't their first language. Language assessments can be performed and support arranged. Schools make the referrals.

**Crawley Scouts** – there are about 1000 scouts in Crawley and 250 volunteers. Need more volunteers to help out. Electric cables were stolen from the scout base at Pease Pottage which will cost approx. 40K.

**Autism Support Crawley** – supports 1000 families in Sussex branching out towards Surrey. They have an open facebook page with details of meetings and other useful information. There is a closed facebook page where members can support each other. A relaxed panto

was held and 300 families attended. It enabled families to only have to pay for the children. They hold open meetings with speakers and coffee mornings where service providers come in and speak to the group. Please see website for further information - <http://www.autismsupportcrawley.co.uk/>

**WSSC** – Terina told us about 3 consultations that WSSC are holding at the moment –

Budget consultation:

<https://haveyoursay.westsussex.gov.uk/policy-and-comms/budget-comms/>

West Sussex Crowd deadline 14<sup>th</sup> Jan:

<https://www.spacehive.com/movement/westsussexcrowd>

Crawley CLC (WSSC) 26<sup>th</sup> Feb:

<https://westsussex.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=178&MId=1872&Ver=4>

**Relate** – provide counselling for families and couples and for young people which has increased by 22% last year. There are charges for counsellors but it is means tested. They need to raise funds for bursaries. They are flexible and are looking for counsellors for young people.

**CCVS** – The Young Crawley Family Credits is funded through IPEH. WSSC have been discussing how it could be streamlined. They say the priority is not to cut Young Crawley but no decisions have been made yet.

The CREW project is going from strength to strength.

CCVS are looking at their 5 year strategy. They would like to ask 3 questions -

1. **What do the CCVS Mission & Vision mean to you?**
2. **Please can you tell us three ways CCVS can best support you to do your work more effectively?**
3. **Can you think of anything new or different CCVS could do to strengthen the local voluntary and community sector?**

You can send your response to any or all of these questions to

[charis.easter@crawleycvs.org](mailto:charis.easter@crawleycvs.org)

Alternatively, if you prefer to have a face-to-face discussion we will be hosting three round table events at CCVS to explore the issues your organisation is facing on:

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January at 9.30am

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> January at 1.30pm

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30pm

**Date of next meeting**  
**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April, 10am-12pm at The Charis Centre**