

Hope Triangle Health Group
Thursday 27th February 2014

Present - E. Aitken, H. Levy, K. Levy, G. Johnstone, Y. Todd,

Apologies - Fiona Tait, Andy Bracken, J. Napier, C. Melville, V. Garden, K. Stewart, J. Stewart, J. Fairgrieve, M. McMillan, V. Stewart, F. Gosney, R. Livingston

This was the first time the group had held their meeting in the Oxfangs Care Community Flat. The Chair asked for her Thanks to be noted again for all the work that the Health Group volunteers have put into preparing the flat for use and wished the Craft Circle well in their new venue.

Domestic Abuse - I. Hart has completed her focus group workshops and interviews for her Domestic Abuse research study. She will produce a short resume of her work for the AGM. She will now commence her thesis over the coming months and will have a final full report for the group later on in the year. It has been indicated to her that there may be funding for her to continue/follow up her work. She asked the health group members if they would be willing to take part they agreed.

Community plant days- The local Justice team have been in and re-barked the path in Hope Triangle. Grass still needs to be cut and pruning has to be done. Recycle bins were created and we had a hut kindly donated. This was to be used for workshops, information boards and storage of wood and left unlocked as a trial to see if there were any occurrences of vandalism. Although there has been some weather damage there has been no incidents of vandalism. H.L. has applied for funding from Action Earth for basic tools and bulbs for workshops during February holiday break, unfortunately due to weather conditions and Flood defences work, these dates have had to be moved about. Funding has been secured through the Pentland Neighbourhood Partnership for a secure hut to be placed in a local members back garden with the agreement of Dunedinanmore. There was some

discussion about changing this and placing the secure hut in Hope Triangle this was agreed.

There was a discussion around the Hogweed encroaching on the Hope Triangle space. Dunedin canmore have contracted Water Gems & Green Fingers to maintain the Lochan and burn. The embankments of the burn are to be cut twice a year. It was agreed that CEC should work in partnership with this issue- Elaine and Heather to find out who would be the best person to contact from CEC (Tom Dougal? Craig Dunlop?) and keep Greg informed!

Flood defences are in just now- contractors are McKenzies.

Post with the tiles on them leading along the path in HT need to be put in with cement as they keep being removed and damaged as a result. There are four beds needing tidied up and seeds have to be replaced. Maybe look into getting a partnership with Firrhill high schools des and tech department.

Facebook -has been worked on and now holds a lot of useful information for various help-lines, contact numbers and websites. This is a two way process SAMH and other organisations regularly 'post' relevant and current information/events onto the Hope Triangle facebook pages. The Hope Triangle facebook continues to gather 'friends' 203 to date.

A.G.M- K.L is compiling the end of year report and reported that it is proving difficult to squeeze everything into 2 pages!!

Hope Triangle Health Group A.G.M will be held on Thursday 20th March 2014, in the board room of Lochan View Community Business Space, Firrhill Neuk, 6pm-8:30pm.

Health Event- This will take place on Saturday 1st March 2014 in Oxfangs Library where C.M will be the lead on distributing the Health Questionnaire for the Pentland Neighbourhood Partnership health consultation. K.S. will man the HTHG stall/display, Debbie Hind our volunteer counselor has agreed to man a stall on 'Counseling-What is it'. K.S has agreed to man the Hope Triangle health group stall and E.A has volunteered to assist with

A.O.B - Some people who have attended HTHG workshops in the past have now gained confidence in putting their new found skills into practice and are using them in their own homes e.g shelf building. 2 HTHG volunteers are now in full time employment and 3 others are coming to the end of their Community Development module it was agreed that this reflected on the low attendance of the meeting. 'We are a victim of our own success'

G.J reported that the DunedinCanmore youth team has been successful in securing funding from Woodland Trust for a "tree pack" to plant in areas around Oxfords. Elaine will arrange to meet up with Oxfords primary schools eco group.

Gardening Scotland trip will be going ahead and K.S has agreed to be the lead on this project. Names will be taken to see how many people are interested. Dove has agreed to supply a bus and driver and will get back to us with the costs. Ticket prices are still to be confirmed. Look into seeing if there is a community pot to access funds for bus costs.

All the Hope Triangle Health Group meetings are public and anyone can attend. We are especially looking for Service providers to join us and show true partnership working.

D.O.N.M- A.G.M, Thursday 20th March 2014, 6p.m in Lochan View Community Business Space, 6 Firrhill Neuk