

**Regional Learning & Skills Partnership South West & Mid Wales
RLSP Board**

NOTES OF MEETING

Wednesday 19th September 2018, 2pm
TL05, UWTSD, Carmarthe Campus

Present:

Name		Representing
Jane Lewis	JL	RLSP
Sara Nicholls	SN	RLSP
Elinor Evans	EE	Third Sector
Huw Matthias	HM	Chair of Advanced Materials and Manufacturing
Judith James	JJ	Higher Education
Louise White	LW	Chair of Creative Industries and Professional Services
David Bawden	DB	ERW
Wendy Williams	WW	Careers Wales
Mike Shaw	MS	Growing Mid Wales
Nick Brazil	NB	Further Education
Nicky Howells	NH	Chair of Energy
Nigel Williams	NW	Chair of Food and Farming
Phil Lumley	PL	Chair of Construction
Rob Basini	RB	FSB
Tony Sawyer	TS	Chair of Health and Social Care
Antony Rees	AR	Cyfle Building Skills
Paul Wythan	PW	Ospreys in the Community

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1.0	<p>Welcome, Introductions and Apologies</p> <p>The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and members were asked to introduce themselves.</p> <p>Apologies for absence were received from – Paul Greenwood Barry Liles Kathryn Robson Amanda Carr Lucy Good Mandy Ifans Gareth Morgans Nick Williams</p>	



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	Ceri Stephens Nigel Arnold Kim Phelps Rhys Morgan Mark Jones	
2.0	<p>Presentation – Link Up Project</p> <p>EE informed the board of the new project set up by SCVS, they were told Link Up brings new skills and expertise to organisations in the third sector through mentoring and trustee recruitment. It empowers the third sector to plan for the future and overcome the current difficult economic climate.</p> <p>Link Up will work with the third sector to strengthen governance and skills development within their organisation, recruiting skilled trustees or volunteer mentors with experience of working within the private, public or academic sectors to offer support as a sounding board for ideas, provide unbiased guidance, honest and constructive feedback and inspire trustees and the board to reach their full potential.</p> <p>Also they were told Link Up offers a bespoke service - Mentors or Trustees will be carefully matched to fulfil the specific needs of the group.</p> <p>EE asked the board for help to promote the project</p> <p>JJ suggested the flyer be promoted on social media channels sent to NTfW and other partners.</p> <p>Contact details:</p> <p>EI Evans, Link Up Project Coordinator at SCVS on 01792 544025 / elinor_evans@scvs.org.uk.</p>	
3.0	<p>Presentation – Ospreys in the Community</p> <p>PW gave a short presentation on the Ospreys in the community, the board were told that Ospreys in the Community is a new, not for profit, foundation that works in close partnership with Ospreys Rugby. Whilst sharing a strong relationship and forming a key part of the Ospreys Strategy, Ospreys in the Community operates on an independent basis to the professional rugby organisation.</p> <p>Working in conjunction with commercial partners, public sector bodies and third sector agencies to generate financial support and resources, their aim is to create a vibrant and sustainable Foundation that utilises the undoubted power of the Ospreys brand and players in a positive fashion, to harness social good and make an impact in communities.</p> <p>Their principle aim is to use the power of sport and the Ospreys brand to empower people within Ospreylia to make positive life choices. Ospreys in the Community will play an important part in improving many people's lives irrespective of</p>	

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	<p>age, ability or gender.</p> <p>The aim to improve lives by working in partnership with other organisations to create a wide range of innovative programmes that will be contained within our four Strategic Themes; Education, Health, Sport, and Inclusion.</p> <p>LW informed the board that DVLA have worked closely with the project and members of the scheme have been visiting the DVLA.</p> <p>PW told the group that over the next few months they will be working with DWP and targeting a new age group 18 -24 year olds.</p> <p>PL suggested a closer working relationship would be beneficial as they have the access to the schools that that we need and we can captive this and showcase the apprenticeships/jobs that are on offer in the region. The importance of work skills can be embedded during this project.</p> <p>JL queried if funding was guaranteed for this project.</p> <p>PW funding is an ongoing challenge for the project, they have put a tender in for Cynnydd funding.</p> <p>PL put to the board members the RLSP needs to use this project across the region – using different sports – football, hockey or netball.</p> <p>RB would welcome the opportunity to talk with the project to look at self – employment routes for people on the scheme.</p> <p>AW this is a great initiative and this is where the RLSP needs to influence Welsh Government that projects like this is needed across all 6 counties.</p> <p>Paul Whapham Head of Community Ospreys in the Community paul.whapham@ospreysrugby.com / 01792 616515</p>	
4.0	<p>Presentation – Shared Apprenticeships Model</p> <p>AR gave an overview on Cyfle Building Skills a South West Wales Shared Apprenticeship Scheme helping to recruit apprentices to be on site for 3 days per week, and at college for the other 2 days.</p> <p>The Board were informed that over 140 contractors are engaged in the Cyfle Building Skills Ltd shared apprenticeship programme, it is delivering much needed training and skilled workers for the construction industry in West Wales.</p>	

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7.0	<p>To receive an update on the City Deal and the Skills Intervention.</p> <p>JL informed the Board that Barry Liles was unable to attend today as he was attending the first City Deal ESB meeting, which is being chaired by Ed Thomp, Valero.</p> <p>PL asked for confirmation of what employers sit on ESB</p> <p>Action: RLSP to send out ESB members once confirmed</p> <p>SL wanted confirmation of who the skills and talent's business plan is currently sitting with.</p> <p>JL informed the board that currently with Huw Morris, Welsh Government, JL informed the board that she and Barry would be meeting with Welsh Government to discuss the business plan on the 24th September.</p>	JL
8.0	<p>Update from the Chairs of the Provider and Industry Cluster Groups.</p> <p>AR suggested instead of all the colleges having their own Employer advisory boards that there be one regional board, as employers are sitting on a number of different boards and messages are being lost.</p> <p>PL agreed having one central board would encourage more employers to be a part of the process.</p> <p>JJ informed the board she attended a HEFWEC meeting and the both North and East RSPs had all universities represented on the board. Concerns that South West and Mid may not have their voices' heard at meetings.</p> <p>Action JJ to raise concern at the next provider group meeting</p> <p>HM The group have not met for this quarter and for next round of meetings the chairs really need to encourage more businesses to attend and have their say to make sure all of the region is heard.</p> <p>TS informed the board that he has been invited to sit on the Social Care Wales board</p> <p>PL said he was meeting with heads of construction in the colleges.</p> <p>The Board discussed in detail that apprenticeships should be advertised in one place to make it easier for students and</p>	JJ

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	<p>employers to access.</p> <p>WW suggested a regional approach would be the way forward and it was suggested that Welsh Government should consider this as a way forward.</p> <p>JL to raise at the next WESB meeting</p> <p>AW this would need to go to Sam Huckle and make it more streamlined.</p> <p>Board also discussed that apprenticeship week is held too late in the year and a lot of businesses have started their apprenticeship schemes.</p> <p>LW informed the board that the DVLA is hosting a coding challenge for 11 – 14 year olds in November.</p> <p>NW stressed the challenge of Brexit for the sector and the uncertainty for businesses. Engagement with schools in on the increase and changing the perception of the industry.</p> <p>SN informed the board on behalf of LG that the tourism cluster met the day before and received a talk from the Next Generation Project.</p>	
9.0	<p>For more information:</p> <p>Employing Disabled People – Welsh Government Guidance</p> <p>https://businesswales.gov.wales/skillsgateway/employing-disabled-people</p>	
10.0	<p>Future presentations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Working Wales November b. Universal Credit 	
11.0	<p>Dates of future meeting:</p> <p>29th November Lampeter.</p>	