



Notes from meeting, Wed 21st January 2015

Activities

Fatherhood Institute Initiative

The working group has reviewed the actions list, prioritised and assigned these.

Actions -

- Job advert template- eg 'applications from men are welcome as they are underrepresented across our workforce',
- Workshop for college tutors around recruiting and retaining students
- Contact secondary schools re careers' events/assemblies
- Produce a fact sheet: 'how to be inclusive for your male staff' then think about a workshop for EY and Childcare providers.
- Link to SVS re volunteers—male friendly advert wording around working/volunteering in early years/ childcare/Children's centres
- secondary heads' conference in February — DW and GC to attend .
- Map when are best times to influence children and young people about working in EY and Childcare
- Produce list of EY providers who currently employ men/take male students.
- Factsheet- what setting is expected to offer male staff/students- good practice
- Produce guidance on support/advice for individual male workers/volunteers
- Podcast of case studies.
- Ensure Men into EY and Childcare is added to agendas for local authority Early Years team meetings
- Survey training establishments and EY/Childcare providers in March 2015. Make sure it differentiates between volunteers and staff.

Other

The meeting was joined by Sophie Haylock, HR Manager from Toad Hall Nurseries. Sophie had contacted us in response to a LinkedIn posting requesting contacts from others looking to develop a national Men in Early Years network. Toad Hall Nurseries are interested in setting up their own support group for their settings. Sophie is keen to partner with and learn from our experiences.

There was a very positive and supportive discussion. Sophie promised to keep in touch and to invite SAMEY to Toad Hall to attend a future Men in Early Years event.

David has had useful discussions with John Warren from Fennies nursery group and Andrew Clifford from First Class Childcare Group. He has made arrangements for them both to visit Southampton to discuss a national network.

Gary to present to a South Coast Training Colleges consortium

Opportunities

Schools / College Work

David & Gary to present to the Southampton Secondary Head's conference, February 5th.

Gary has arranged a meeting with local FE colleges, February 12th

Publicity

Items still being pursued -

- Gary organising a pull-up stand through City College
- podcasts (may be able to record these in City College studios);
- video (may be able to get City College students to produce this);
- testimonials / personal stories, quotes

Next Meeting: 7pm Thursday 19th March 2015

at The Hub, City College, Chapel Road, Southampton SO14 5GL

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