**Culture Health and Wellbeing Alliance (North East meeting) - 17 June 2019**

Explore how the voices in the North East can be best represented at the national table

**Clean Set Up for CHWA NE**

**For this meeting to be the best it could be it will be like what?**

* Lots of discussion
* Clarity over regional and national governance structures
* Setting achievable actions
* Date of next meeting
* Sharing of information – National policy and how we fit in
* Being flexible
* Shared contacts
* New knowledge to share with colleagues and others
* Revolution
* Finding common themes
* Joining up Organisations
* Sharing good practice
* Being respectful and listening to each other
* Being kind and interested

**For this meeting to be all of the above…. What will you be like?**

* Be open to listening to other views
* Hearing everyone
* Follow through with planning – actions speak louder than words
* Collaborating
* Supportive of one another
* Contributing
* Be prepared to take action – planned actions
* Honesty about whether we understand what is being said
* Confidentiality rules
* Listening
* Generosity – give space and not hog the floor

**For you to be all of the above…. What support do you need?**

* Round up after discussion and summary of key points made
* No Power Point presentations
* Try not to talk over each other
* A round of table introductions to find out who is in the room and why
* Confidence that actions will happen
* Discussion points are visible for other to contribute to

What do we want CHWA to look, sound and feel like?

What works well, what doesn’t work well?

* Communities of practice, cross-sector/subject thinking with shared values/aims
* Look at the geography of it -- skills available and deliverables are considered

What doesn’t work -- availability for meetings/work of the network/alliance

* Challenge of the geography -- larger area, more difficult to cover
* Run by personality/ego -- who knows who, rather than the people in the room
* Clear authority -- how people are held accountable, who takes the actions and keeping visibility on this

**What do we want CHWA NE to Look, Sound and Feel Like?**

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| **Strategic** | **Goal Orientated** | **Toolkit** | **Welcoming** | **S.M.A.R.T** | **Accessible** | **Collective Voice** | **Regional Voice** |
| Relevance – to reps and population members | Leading Leadership NE | expertise | Open to expansion | Work to benefit others | Engaging.  Continuous.  Two- way  Meetings | Choir  Solo and Chorus | Evidencing regional distinctiveness |
| Reflect national aims | Action focusses/ clear direction of travel | Knowledge Bank updated useful and accessible | All inclusive, welcoming and collaborative | Leading | Jargon Free  Non corporate | Many inputs, Once Voice | Northern Powerhouse like v southern loudness |
| Purpose-  Clear what it is | De Centralised – Champions in different parts of the NE |  |  | Realistic about what we can achieve | Equal |  |  |
|  | TEAM  Best Foot Forward |  |  | Promote value and worth | Good Communication  Regular shared information |  |  |
|  | Economical of Time – Sharing Actions |  |  | Measurable impact/ sustainable | Fun  exciting |  |  |

**Reflecting on the above…..**

**What’s missing?**

    Inclusion of LENS - not named

**What do we want to do with this?**

    Needs to go back to all NE members

Sent to Victoria and sent to all NE members for agreement

    Agreement that the results could change if different people were present

    Not set in stone, could be changed

**What’s next?**

    Need a date for another meeting

    Potentially need a different host venue

**Some things to note:**

* Alliance has 3 yrs funding -- 1 yr left
* Aiming towards sustainability and establishing it as an independent organisation after this one year -- in whatever shape/form that may look like...

**Shout outs:**

* Has been a 2 year inquiry into cultural democracy - people speaking at the Sage - series of national meetings - link for tickets is [here](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/a-civic-role-for-arts-organisations-relevance-risks-rewards-tickets-60415703997)
* Event at the Stage on Monday - fundraiser for North Tyneside Art Studio - information [here](https://www.thestand.co.uk/performances/823-8455-benefit-in-aid-of-north-tyneside-arts-studio-20190624-newcastle/)