

Minutes of the meeting of the Karten Network held on 11th February 2010 at the offices of RNIB, Judd Street, London WC1.

Present

Dr Graham Jowett (Chair)
Mubina Asaria
Dave Fullerton
Christine Price
Tim Simon

In Attendance

Angela Hobbs
Ian Karten

1. Apologies

Ben Deakin
Kate Gascoyne
Ceri Hibbert
Dave Shallish

2. Minutes of the last meeting (19.11.09)

The minutes were accepted as a true record.

3. Matters arising from the minutes

No progress regarding the recruitment of an ex-client of a CTEC Centre for appointment to the board.

GJ said that he had arranged to meet with a board member of NIACE to explore the possibility of producing a guide to innovative practice in the Karten Network for publication.

Nothing further to report on the possibility of CH getting students to write their case studies during her visits to Centres.

Nothing further to report on the possibility of obtaining statistics from the Centres e.g. how many people have passed through CTECs, into employment, now have more independent lifestyles, come back as volunteers and those who have gained a better quality of life. CH and CP to work on gathering data.

4. Chairman's report

GJ brought up the subject of the 2010 conference. Dates discussed were 21st or 28th October. CH to liaise with Queen Alexandra College as to when they have their half term. **CH**

A lengthy discussion took place regarding the planning of a celebration/profile raising event at the House of Lords. GJ had carried out research and quoted a cost of approximately £50 per head. IK agreed that the Karten Trust would bear the cost of approximately 100 invitees. The guest list would consist of a high profile celebrity (MA to approach Frank Gardner, BBC Security Correspondent) for the keynote address, heads of disability charities, CTEC Centre Managers and students. Invitations would initially be sent out by email followed by an invitation card upon acceptance. **MA**
GJ said he would speak with Treloar's External Affairs staff about the possibility of help with PR. GJ to draft a press release, compile a VIP list and have discussions with CH. **GJ**

5.. Network Manager's Report

CH, who unfortunately was not present, had distributed copies of her report prior to the meeting. The report contained details on her Centre visits and also visits to potential CTECs. GJ to speak with CH about her comments regarding the website. **GJ**

6. Any other business

Signed copies of the 2009 accounts were circulated to board members for inspection. AH to return them to Roffe Swayne. **AH**
TS announced that he would be spending a week in Israel in March during which time he would visit one or two CTEC Centres. **TS**

Date of next meeting

11.15a.m. Thursday 29th April 2010, at the offices of RNIB, Judd Street, London WC1.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 12.45p.m.