

Minutes of the meeting of the Karten Network held on 30th October 2008 at the offices of RNIB, Judd Street, London WC1.

Present

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

In Attendance

Ian Karten
Ceri Hibbert
Angela Hobbs

1. Apologies

Kate Gascoyne
Dave Shallish

2. Minutes of the last meeting (11.09.08)

The minutes were accepted as a true record.

3. Matters arising from the minutes

AH confirmed that RNIB had agreed for the Karten Network to hold their next four board meeting at their offices and that a donation had been sent to them.

4. Conference Feedback

CH tabled her report on feedback from delegates who attended the conference. The feedback sheets were very positive, indicating they were happy with the venue, the organisation and the presentations.

5. Chairman's Report

GJ tabled his response from the workshop groups held during the afternoon of the conference.

A suggestion was made for the Network to organise regional workshops to enable Centres to share information and spread good practice. CH to draw up a plan. A discussion took place regarding the possibility of the CTEC Centre database on the website to be extended to include funding information, bids etc. **CH**

A discussion took place regarding the next conference. A preferred time for the conference is week commencing 12th October or week commencing 19th October 2009. This will be a new style conference which extends to a wider range of delegates, additional exhibitors etc. CH to explore suitable venues. **CH**
GJ informed the board that the possible new CTEC Centre at Treloars@Lewisham will not proceed as Lewisham College have pulled out of discussions. However, GJ told the board that Treloars have plans to establish a mobile unit where disabled students will be invited to have an assessment of their equipment/training needs. GJ said that Treloars will be applying to the Ian Karten Trust for a donation to equipment this unit in due course.

Two people have expressed an interest in the possibility of joining the

Network board. It was suggested that Centres may nominate a former trainee at their CTEC for a place on the board. GJ to draw up a person specification. **GJ**

6. Network Manager's Report

CH tabled the remainder of her report which contained details of her visits to proposed new CTEC Centres and visits to existing centres. A discussion took place about updating the website. Several suggestions were made, such as listing the "Values of the Karten Network"; listing what Centres do (collectively rather than under locations); Case studies relating to Centres achievements rather than individuals. **GJ & CH**

7. Any other business

Next year the Ian Karten Trust will approve a donation for the 1,000th computer. IK said he would like the occasion to be marked by a celebration and asked the board for suggestions. AH to let CH know when the Trust is approaching the 1,000th. GJ to speak with the external affairs department at Treloars for suggestions. In due course a guest list to be drawn up and also a press release. **AH GJ**

Date of next meeting

11.15a.m. Thursday 5th February 2009, at the offices of RNIB, Judd Street, London WC1.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 1.41p.m.