

# Steering Group Minutes

**Purpose:** An Evening with Barney Angliss Event – Debrief, reflections and next steps.

**Date:** 19/20th August 2020

**Please note:**

The steering group held two steering group meetings using the same agenda items to enable access for members.

**Present:** SW, KB, TR, VG, ST, JW, KP, BB

**Apologies:** JJ, RJ, RWB, LD

**Agenda:**

1. Feedback following the event
2. Reflection of event in terms of processes
3. Next Steps

**1. Feedback following the event**

All members felt the event went really well and despite the challenges with the technology at the beginning it did work and was presented in a professional way.

SW fed back the thanks from BMBC Executive Director and the Line Manager for IASS.

Members who participated in helping the event come to life before in the planning stage and during the event all age up numerous voluntary hours to support its development and make sure it worked on the night, this involved being part of the production team and the development team on the night working with all members of the IAS team.

All members talked about how fatigued they felt for a days afterwards due to the emotional investment in working on the project and the come down afterwards especially knowing it was a success.

SW on behalf of SENDIASS stated it was down to the work of the steering group that this event was borne and came alive and SENDIASS were simply the conduit to ensuring it was delivered.

TWITTER portrayed the event positively with tweets from Barnsley MBC Executive Director and Barney Angliss along with his many followers and this made the event content stay in the public domain and gain further discussion.

The challenges for the event was the technology, Microsoft TEAMS Live was used and although it did work it needed to have been decided as the platform much earlier so that more practice could have taken place. Some families simply couldn't access it on the night and this needs further thought for the future.

Zoom was threaded into TEAMS to ensure the speaker could present and also speaker phone connectivity to the speaker direct ensured the QA session could take place through the Zoom video link then into TEAMS as the output.

Steering group members and SENDIASS staff feel that other platforms might be better for future events and this needs further thought and discussion.

The care packs worked and this was pulled together by volunteers and voluntary contributions of some members to purchase the goods.

The raffle is not yet claimed. JS to email all local parents carers to ask them to check their bags if the numbers not claimed all parent carers to be given another number and another draw to take place.

**Action:** To be completed by JS (SENDIASS)

## **2. Reflection of event in terms of processes**

Members felt to ensure effective engagement of families an easier and more accessible technology needs to be used - TEAMS is not accessible for all and it was families that struggled to gain entry to the event in the end and so requests were made for a recording of it but TEAMS live did not allow for this and members talked about a better virtual platform that does allow for this in future events.

SENDIASS not having on tap help from IT with TEAMS as the platform was discussed, SW explained that this was requested but it was felt we would not need it.

The event as an evening did work and it was felt the night and time of night for the event was right.

## **3. Next Steps**

Steering group members want to see more co-produced events set up, there was a feeling that families will be hit hard by the winter months and that Covid 19 is still very real and will still have a massive impact on the emotional welding of families. Members talked about the BMBC board meeting held on 19th August by cabinet members and how poverty was a concern for the council and a work stream had been set up to address this, members advised SENDIASS to link into this work stream to help SEND families who they felt will be a group severely affected going forward. **ACTION - SENDIASS to contact the relevant department for the work stream - SW**

Members asked if the slides of the night could be circulated and also if there was an over view of the key messages so that those that could not attend can get access some of the information. **ACTION: SENDIASS SW agreed to ask Barney Angliss if the slides can be circulated and also agreed to write a summary of the event to publish**

Further event ideas to continue to encourage family engagement in SEND and IAS development in our local area were:

1. 1. A family quiz night
2. 2. A Mr. and Mrs. type session interviewing parents and gaining perspective about SEND processes
3. 3. An event featuring impact on fathers in SEND
4. 4. An hour with....having a host of top specific speakers and a QA platform
5. 5. Family film nights in the winter months

Steering group members want to see the continuation of steering group meetings, all IASS staff to attend where possible so that there is full team commitment for development of further projects

and these continue to be both in the evening and day time to enable members to tap into one of the other sessions but with the same agenda items for discussion.

**Action:** To be completed by SW/JS/RJ (SENDIASS)