**SULCN Meeting - Minutes**

**02 April 2015**

Malcolm (Aberdeen):
Thank you for all coming today
Apologies from rgu for not making it

Last met 20th November
- Lindsay will minute for the meeting

Conference is 3rd June Aberdeen
Themes - public interest litigation or broad access to justice heading
Try to get David Mason - but he isn't in Scotland
Jim - going to speak to an advocate - but he couldn't come either

Donald(Strathclyde):
 - was going to speak to Lynsey
- always had a theme
- last year - social work
- not really used the information
- this year - public interest litigation
- Lynsey Reynolds - founder of Strathclyde - member of equalities and human rights litigation. She has agreed to come- "pushing the boundaries"
- street law teaching work shop
- David coming to Strathclyde on 22nd April - maybe we could do a workshop then additionally?
(Need to ask David about whether there is enough spaces to open to SULCN
- also asked Francis McCartney - practicing solicitor
- do we need a back up or a third person to speak?
- tony Kenny - human rights lawyer as another option?
- any other speaker

Edinburgh:
- some connections
- are we looking at the academic side or client based?

Donald:
- it is focussed on clinic - it by far takes precedence
- so we should focus on what the clinics are doing and what can help other clinics get started

Edinburgh:
- partnering in clinics with child law
- and charities
- ethical quandary
- maybe have an introductory session
- possible speaker Aidan O'Neil
- looks at this from the Scottish perspective

Donald:
- go back to our constituencies and prepare for litigation
- showing this is what we did for the community

Edinburgh:
- good idea to look at this work
- Aidan is a QC - good name
- Lynsey and Francis

Donald:
- if not then maybe we should get "the guys" from Johannesburg

Rebecca:
- will contact Aidan
- also maybe second session with David to host for the west coast in Edinburgh

Donald:
- one main session

Lindsay(Aberdeen):
- we did an extra session last year - about community work and projects
- question and answer session
- GWA, prisons etc

Rebecca (Edinburgh):
- good session last year

Donald:
- a break out session "pushing the boundaries"
- maybe do "wholesale" access to justice
- Aidan and
- ' friends of the earth'- Francis McCarthy

Funds?
- can't ask people to pay for themselves
- law society promised some money
Napier:
- work at CAB
- invite CAB up
Donald:
- charge them £50/25
- nothing compared to norm conferences
- if someone is talking don't ask them to pay
- Aberdeen - community engagement
- Edinburgh - follow up impact
- general - litigation
- 11-12pm, too early?
- two parallel sessions at a time
- turn out last year - about 90 people
- possible miscarriage of justice unit? Talking about it? Cardiff university had a recent success, should we invite them
- ask Lauren or Claire Francis - knows them, get them to talk about their case (Skype in or invited them up)

What other sessions would we like?
- Malcolm, ask David from Aberdeen Law Project to present his case - letting agent property case.

J. Murphie (Abertay)
- cab make referral appointment to the clinic, employment and discrimination issues. This is especially prevalent because of the new fees

Donald:
- maybe should have a few specific areas of law and discussing them
- employment, discrimination, housing, environment (Sam Middlesworth)
- immigration?

Lindsay:
- get our housing sector to come in and discuss

Edinburgh:
- step on from representing client is public litigation, judicial review
- maybe Lynsey could do a session, 3 hour?

Donald:
- break out session up to the people that attend to ask questions and discuss where they have had problems
- did we have a session on legal education. Richard came up to Edinburgh last year.
- want to share teaching ideas? Or should we focus on what we have already?
- up to academics

Malcolm:
- just a filler

Donald:
- do Dundee have a course

Dundee (Jenny):
- since we have lost Fiona maybe what we need is to hear about different models of clinics?
- problem with sustainability

Donald:
- fit in with our session on how clinics work and other works
- Strathclyde v Aberdeen's model

Dundee:
- how they work, what resources are needed?

Donald:
- we should prepare questions before you come

Sessions: DIFFERENT TYPES OF IMPACT THEME
1. how to run a clinic, pushing the boundaries
2. miscarriages of justice
3. human rights, impact
4. further on the impact theme, (debate impact work v individual client work) professional identity and the role of impact work. 20 minute paper. Edinburgh giving a paper. (Donald draft a response to the paper)
5. question and answer
6. subject specific (housing etc)
7. legal education?

Money:
- £5 for students £50 non concessions
- last year. Deficit of £53
- law soc will fund?
- Edinburgh did not get the money, problem with the accounts
- offered last year £500, plus £500 for this year =£1000
- come into Aberdeen law project account
- how many people to come up?
- £50 ticket for off peak return?
- maybe minibus ideas too much of an effort
- but would be cheaper?
- student association bus? Pull resources?
- pay our own way up and if there is a profit pay students back.
- make it CPD? People would have definitely come. Contact law soc?

Title: "pushing the boundaries" (not conveyancing)

Social media:
- Malcolm in charge of Twitter
- what about a website?
- draft content a while ago
- need a server, that would be the expense.
Andrew Maxwell, being able to host it? Law clinic.org?
- use it for communication instead of linked in
- maybe scotlawclinicnetwork.org?

What form do we take?
- last year we were a problem, but this year won't be such a problem
- still a touching shop

Who will host next year?
- Dundee? But they have having problems, slow down
- Caley, Napier or RGU?
- Caley will be first choice - talking to Claire