SULCN Meeting 

Venue: Glasgow Caledonian University, Govan Mbeki Building, Room A526F

Date: 8th June 2016

Time: 4-5pm

Attendees: Malcolm Combe, Donald Nicolson (15mins), Claire McFadzean, Ian Laing, David Scott, Usman Mohammed, Douglas Kirk, Ross Wilson, Louise Thompson, Martyn Ross, Amy Riley, Katy Hood, Roisin Donnelly, Gergana Chausheva, Agnieszka Zakrzewska, Kapil Summan, Arlene McDaid, Gerry McGee, John Glover, Katrina Durie

Apologies: Rebecca McKenzie, Donald Nicolson (45mins), Rob Marrs, Rhonda Wheate, Madelaine Cassidy, Heather Gordon

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| **No** | **Agenda Item** | **Status** | **Action** | **By Who** | **By When** | **Comments** |
| 4 | Previous Minutes  2nd April 2015 | Approved by Malcolm and Donald |  |  |  |  |
| 5 | Reflections on SULCN Conference 2015 | The theme in 2015 was “Pushing the boundaries”, which looked at non-traditional clinic activities like public interest litigation. All those who attended that event and this meeting reported they found the conference helpful and enjoyable.  Malcolm has produced good online resources - <http://www.journalonline.co.uk/Magazine/60-7/1020510.aspx> https://storify.com/MalcolmCombe/scottish-university-law-clinic-network-2015 |  |  |  |  |
| 6 | Report on Workshop A | Donald Nicholson led a discussion of his yet to be published paper examining choices to make when designing clinics to maximise community impact.  Students formed two groups and decided on key points in order to bid for start-up funding. The judging panel awarded notional funding to both groups.  Both groups had similar approaches in terms of setting-up (no compulsion). Both groups were campus based, however, judges were inclined to take services to the community.  Discussion also focused on Direct Social Justice v Indirect Social Justice |  |  |  |  |
| 7 | Report on Workshop B | Rob Marrs, Senior Policy and Development Manager at the Law Society of Scotland hosted a workshop on Street Law. This is a concept used worldwide and it utilises highly-participatory, law-focused lessons to educate people about their rights and the legal process.  The Street Law session focused on the case of Michael Morton and Statutory Interpretation of the law that “No children should be allowed on the streets at night”. |  |  |  |  |
| 8 | Proposal for SULCN chair | Donald proposed that Malcolm be appointed SULCN chair for a 2-3 year period. This was seconded by Claire. | Drafting constitution (include tenure of Chair and membership requirement) | SULCN group |  | Unanimous support for the proposal from attendees |
| 8 | Street Law | Malcolm advised that he has a pdf copy of the new Street Law book by David McQuoid-Mason and is happy to forward to any law clinic that requires it. | E-mail Malcolm directly if the book would assist your Street Law provision | All Law Clinics |  |  |
| 8 | Meeting/Workshop 8th June @GCU | Malcolm thanked GCU for hosting the workshops and meeting at short notice |  |  |  |  |
| 8a | Date of SULCN conference 2016 | Abertay University suggested 20th, 21st, 27th or 28th September 2016 as viable dates for them. There was no one date that was agreed as suitable for all.  It was noted that the new theme of the 2016 Conference will be Clinical Education | Abertay University to select a date to host the conference | Ken Swinton | asap | Note: Not discussed at the meeting but it was raised afterwards -two public holidays on 23rd and 26th September, this may impact on availability of people and may be worth considering in the selection process. |
| 8b | Further Activities in 2016 | Second SULCN meeting in 2016  Which Law Clinic is to host second meeting? | Scheduling will be dependent on the date of the SULCN conference  Proposed Abertay or Edinburgh | Malcolm Combe  Malcolm to confirm location once Conference date is confirmed | After conference date has been confirmed |  |
| 8c | Date of SULCN conference 2017 | Confirmed that GCU will host 2017 conference – it was agreed that a June date would be preferable | Check room availability at GCU | Claire McFadzean & Ian Laing | September | Malcolm advised Wed & Fri have been popular days historically but not mandatory |
| 8d | Potential themes for 2017 conference | * Sustainability – original 2016 theme = potential workshop * Innocence Project = potential workshop * How to start/run a law clinic = potential workshop * Use of Virtual Reality – impact on juries = potential workshop or talking point * Cradle to grave – link with the profession = potential theme/workshop * Access – beyond our campus = GCU suggestion for theme.   Link to on-line resources & rural broadband problems | GCU Law Clinic to draft a full programme | Claire McFadzean & Ian Laing | September |  |
| 9 | Hackathon  17th -19th June 2016  Glasgow - “Tech for Justice 2016” | Presentation by Arlene McDaid from Legal Hackers on 3 day innovation lab.  Concept is for teams of 4-6 people to take part in the challenge – legal technology – build something with the potential to take forward as a start-up  <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/tech4justice-hackathon-registration-25904674579?aff=ebrowse> | Contact Malcolm directly if you are interested in forming a SULCN team for the challenge | All SULCN members | asap | Hosted by MacRoberts, Glasgow in conjunction with the Law Society of Scotland and Legal Hackers Scotland |
| 10 | Date of Next SULCN meeting | Not confirmed | To be decided following setting of conference date | Malcolm to circulate possible dates in due course |  |  |