**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