



**Positive for the Future -  
Helping Voluntary  
Organisations continue  
through tough times  
Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2011**

## **Evaluation Summary**

### **What were your expectations today?**

- To meet people and gain information and knowledge on what is on offer in the East Midlands and to meet people interested in working with young people.
- Wasn't sure
- Gain greater knowledge, initiatives, organisations, ideas, policy etc that will aid us in our own organisations and practice.
- To gain information about the national, regional and local voluntary youth sector. To gain information about initiatives that we may be able to adopt.
- TO get evidence that EMVY mattered and that it could deliver as an infrastructure organisation; secondly to hear where the youth sector is at.
- Opportunity to learn about what is happening in voluntary youth sector region-wide – funding developments, policy etc
- Networking
- To hear about EMVY and the latest position nationally and regionally.
- I expected to hear presentations on the local authority agenda and find ways forward to obtain and sustain funding for my organisation.
- To learn more about EMVY.
- To be informed, to meet new people and share good practice.
- Expected to share and be informed.
- Support for voluntary sector youth work.
- To network and gain a greater understanding of this working context of this voluntary sector.
- Discover who EMVY is and what it does.
- To have a better understanding of what other youth organisations in Nottingham are involved with and potential partnerships.
- To learn what is happening around the East Midlands with the young people sector.
- Update of Govt perceptions and support for youth organisations. Networking.
- To learn more about the aims and objectives of EMVY and meet key EMVY network members.

### **To what extent have those expectations been met?**

- Met all my expectations, thank you and I have prepared a report to share with my team.
- N/A
- There was plenty of useful information
- Good to gain a lot of information - a good variety of useful information.
- Yes, both.
- Some useful and inspiring presentations. Good networking opportunities.
- 80%

- I found today educational and informative. I enjoyed all presentations and plan on contacting people from today's meeting.
- 90%
- 100%!!
- Very much as it turned out, although quite a good set of speakers – probably more than expected.
- Most of them.
- Fully.
- 90%
- The presentations were really insightful and it was a good networking opportunity. I learnt more about what a social enterprise is and also met with others who have a similar vision for the role of youth organisations.
- To some extent, I did learn some good pieces of information that will be useful for context purposes and regional intelligence.
- Excellent speakers – good to talk to others regarding their experiences and the work that they do.
- I felt this was a really useful day with a structured agenda which provided insight into global, national and local delivery issues.

### **What, if anything, should we do differently next time?**

- As an opening programme, very good. In the future would like the opportunity to discuss in depth/detail what is on offer and what people are working on. Workshops may be the way forward.
- Less talking at; more discussion/workshops.
- Lots of sitting and listening and being 'told' stuff. It would have been good to get involved in a workshop/activity.
- Probably less presentations i.e. more chance for reflection and chat.
- Workshops rather than talks in the afternoon – topical workshops enabling delegates to choose to meet their needs/interests.
- Less presentations or more time to debate.
- Choose another venue?
- More interaction of delegates – small group discussions/workshops.
- Nothing, this was good for today.
- Effects of 'cuts' on Vol and LA.
- More workshops, less power point.
- Publish real aims/objectives and profile of work in pre-meeting papers.
- More emphasis on some of the subjects that had little time allotted.
- I can't think of anything to improve the event – it was really well organised!
- Maybe a couple more formal breaks – at times it was quite long to sit and listen to the presentations.
- Shorter lunch time so that we finish on time. Unfortunately I couldn't stay until the end as I had another meeting to attend.
- N/A

### **What would you like to see EMVY do next?**

- Follow up meetings, which allow people to share current work and allow for people to learn ideas and share knowledge
- More case studies of organisations who are putting the theory into successful practice. e.g. Just Ask
- Be a little more interactive/participative/work in partnership with people working in the sector, in terms of meeting specific issues/concerns etc.
- Double the Consultants salary! Keep running regular relevant youth events.
- Share good practice and ideas region-wide like today!

- Another conference maybe in another county to attract other voluntary organisations.
- Today was my first meeting and thought it was good; continue to support and inform.
- Increase its membership base.
- Invite back DfE when youth policy had been launched and NOS pilots have been evaluated. Invite the other forums (TWDEM and GYWPEM) to deliver the 'workshop bit' of the day.
- Firstly, keep people informed quarterly. Concentrate on info which helps members to be informed and sustainable.
- Work closely with TWDEM.
- More of same.
- Thrive.
- A similar event in which young people can come along and talk about the work they have been involved in and discuss ideas with different organisations – perhaps take part in a 'taster' session to see what different projects can offer.
- I think this is down to the members and what they would find most useful to help them continue to work and provide services.
- A regular calendar of events such as this one would be great.

### **Any further comments**

- Thank you for all the hard work. We work in difficult circumstances and in isolation. Sharing ideas and obtain contact is an excellent way forward.
- After a lovely lunch, it would have been nice to take part in a workshop/activity. This may have helped with alertness/participation/learning.
- Thanks for all that you have done to get members of the VY Service together.
- Glad to see TWDEM here!!
- Overall a good and interesting day
- Thank you for all your hard work in putting this event together – well done!
- Very pleased to see EMVY intends to cooperate with other Midlands networks but needs to retain identity.
- Very good event. Inspirational.
- Very informative.
- I found the day really useful and appreciate the list of contacts which we were given as I've attended many events where a list of attendees isn't shared and it's hard to follow up!
- None.
- Organisation was wonderful and as long as St John is kept in the loop with updates, information etc. the Nottingham SJA youth team will be more than happy. I have to step down as Commissioner but will forward on any communication I receive.
- The range of speakers was excellent.