

City of York Council
Equality Advisory Group meeting with Council Directors
Monday 19th December 2011
Priory St Main Hall

Notes from the day

- The meeting started by Charlie Croft from City of York Council welcoming everyone and introducing the Directors.

- Rita Sanderson (from York Racial Equality Network) gave a presentation on behalf of EAG on future working relationships between the Council and EAG groups

- Sally Burns, Director, Communities and Neighbourhoods gave a presentation on the Council's equality self assessment process in 2011.

- There then followed presentations by each of the Council directors:
 - The Council's budget and the Fairness Commission initial report (Ian Floyd)

 - What you told us last year and what we did about it (Sally Burns)

 - The new Council Plan and the Council's structure (Bill Woolley)

 - Co-production: What does this mean to the Council? (Pete Dwyer)

- **Group discussions**

Each director was given a table to sit at representing each directorate. Everyone chose a table to go to. Everyone had the opportunity to ask questions of the Director in relation to their own community of interest which they represented. After a short break people were asked to move to a different table and repeat the exercise there.

The main issues in the discussions were how to make funding more accessible for groups, support and protection for vulnerable people, communication, workforce issues, partnership working. Notes from the session are attached with this newsletter.

- Over a buffet lunch a presentation was made by Cllr Sonja Crisp to EAG of the “Achieving” certificate.
- The meeting ended at 3.30pm

Organisations represented at the meeting were:

- Churches Together in York
- City of Sanctuary
- LGBT Forum
- York Racial Equality Network
- York Older People’s Assembly