

JERSEY COMMUNITY RELATIONS TRUST

Minutes

Meeting of the Trustees of Jersey Community Relations Trust held on Tuesday 7 March 2023 at 3.45pm at Jersey Library, Eagle Lab (EL CWS).

In attendance:

Kate Wright (KW)
Kaye Nicholson-Horn (KNH)
Selina Zenonos (SZ)
Tina Jhurry (TJ)
Sean Madden (SM)
Cormac Timothy (CT)
Hannah Maden-Adams (HMA)
Deputy Helen Miles, Justice and Home Affairs Minister (HM)
Beth Flambard, Personal Secretary to the Minister (BF)

Apologies Louise Doublet (LD), Phillipa Galan-Caballero (PGC), Dan Read (DR)

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Update from KW

JCRT is considering changing its constitution so that a States Member is not required to sit on the board. That does not mean that we would not invite applications from States Members to join us, but it would give us a level of control to help improve diversity on the Committee and reduce the potential for conflicts of interest (at present the States Trustee is selected by the Justice and Home Affairs Minister). A member of the States Diversity Forum would provide an opportunity to engage more regularly and constructively with Government on shared agendas, for example.

HMA to write a communications strategy for the release of the Poverty in Jersey Report.

KW to attend Council of Ministers on 14 March to present the Poverty in Jersey Report and feedback from two events with senior representatives from Government, and the third and finance sectors.

A 'public realms' project has been commissioned by the Government of Jersey and is being run by Sasha Gibb. The aim is to create improved outdoor community spaces that promote better health, inclusion and wellbeing. JCRT can support in helping the project to understand the community for which the spaces are being created.

Currently three areas in the centre of St Helier has been identified. JCRT should support Sasha in engaging with community groups such as secondary schools, the Salvation Army Café and JET. There is potential for running a competition, e.g., if this was your space, what would it look like, how would it feel, what would it be used for?

The JCRT Trustees agreed to support this.

The 'Community Compass' project is being run by Paul Millbank, Director of Arts, Culture and Sports at the Government of Jersey. He has been given funding to give grants of up to £5,000 to community groups to support inclusion and reduce isolation following the Covid Pandemic. KW attended the presentation regarding the project and suggested that our migrant research could contribute to this project.

• Update for HM, Minister For Justice and Home Affairs:

KW updated the Minister on the Poverty in Jersey Report.

TJ shared her experience relating to not being able to register with a GP despite being visibly unwell. The Minister confirmed she is investigating health inequality but that there is a lack of data. JCRT will facilitate conversations with people in the community regarding residency issues, including the 'D&I cluster group'. Academic input is required regarding the issue of residency.

CT updated the Minister about JCRT's exploration of SEN support in Jersey. CT made the point that we need to understand what the pathways are for people with SEN and what happens to them. CT also advised there is now a new definition of neurodivergency in Jersey. There is a lack of data relating to SEN.

KW updated the minister on JCRT's plan to review Discrimination Law implementation 10 years on.

KNH updated the Minister on JCRT's review into same sex parental rights. She advised that a report would be ready by the end of 2023 due to the complexity of it tying into many other pieces of legislation.

SM updated the Minister of JCRT's drive to build knowledge and original data. He confirmed that JCRT will explore how we build data, collect it in a responsible way and get new ideas. SM mentioned a company called Social Value who do research and work with the Government of Jersey and how we could work with them.

KW updated the Minister about the Public Realms and Community Compass projects.

KW updated the Minister on the JCRT's strategy - our 'who, what, why and how'.

All Trustees and the Minister discussed women's digital equality in light of International Women's Day.

Next meeting: 20 March 2023 with Vic Tanner Davy

Signed:

Kate Wright, Chair