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## JERSEY COMMUNITY RELATIONS TRUST

### MINUTES

Meeting of the Trustees of Jersey Community Relations Trust  
Monday 17 April 2023, Eagle Lab, Jersey Library

In attendance:

Kate Wright (KW)  
Selina Zenonos (SZ)  
Sean Madden (SM)  
Cormac Timothy (CT)  
Rachel Camara (RC)  
Fiona Vacher, Jersey Child Care Trust (FV)  
Cathy Hamer, Best Start Partnership (CH) via Zoom  
Hannah Maden-Adams (HMA)

Apologies: Kaye Nicholson-Horn (KNH), Tina Jhurry (TJ), Phillipa Galan-Caballero (PGC), Dan Read (DR), Louise Doublet (LD)

#### Meeting minutes

##### Informal Meeting –

***The Trustees were joined by Cathy Hamer and Fiona Vacher from the Best Start Partnership (BSP).***

***BSP had previously shared their written response, based on their own research and insights, to the JCRT's Social Mobility and Education report. This was written by BSP's Chair, Cathy Hamer. Helpfully, the BSP response fills in some of the gaps in relation to 'early years' in the JCRT's research (our research focused on children of school age).***

#### 1. JCRT and Best Start Partnership collaboration

BSP offers a 'whole system' approach to bring together 30 different partners from the public, private, voluntary and community sectors to ensure the voices of

children, parents and families are heard. Their ambition is to give every child in Jersey the best start in life. Research shows that differences in life outcomes are pre-set before the age of 5 and 80% of the brain is developed by the age of 3. We need to change experiences from the ages of 0-3 otherwise we'll not see better opportunities or healthy and successful adulthoods for future generations.

BSP's three priorities are:

1. Best Start for All: aim to achieve equality of outcomes for all children. Launched '50 things to do before you are 5' in Jersey.
2. Best Start Plus: aim to achieve equality of outcomes for children who have additional needs.
3. Best Start Together: aim to bring together all service agencies to enable an environment in which stakeholders have trust and confidence in their services.

The group discussed BSP's response to the JCRT's research, and it was agreed that we have several aligned goals. As such, there is much value in the JCRT and BSP keeping communications open and seeking ways to collaborate and support each other's work.

### ***Actions***

- JCRT will share CH's written response to the JCRT's social mobility research on its website and via social media
- FV to share her own research on child poverty with JCRT Trustees
- JCRT to include BSP in its forthcoming research on the migrant experience in Jersey, particularly around migrant health and education, to ensure that the impact of possible inequities on children under 5 are taken into account
- HMA to share event that took place over the weekend of 15-16 April to celebrate one year of '50 things to do before you're 5' via JCRT social media
- HMA to arrange quarterly catch-up between JCRT and BSP (it is suggested that Fiona joins us for the first 20 minutes of our meetings).
- CH to share research to support CT's SEN research

### **Formal Trustee Meeting:**

2. SZ introduced Rachel Camara who has kindly volunteered her time to help us with our forthcoming migrant research. RC has relevant research experience and interests.

### **3. Minutes of previous meeting –**

Approved.

### **4. Matters Arising**

None.

## 5. Project Outlines:

### **Poverty in Jersey Report (KW)**

Report well-received by the media.

#### ***Actions***

HMA to continue to drive via social media.

### **Public Realms Project (SM/KW)**

The aim is for JCRT to facilitate discussions with various community groups to support the Public Realm pilot projects (a paper has previously been shared outlining the project's objectives). SM is lending support to the project manager, Sasha Gibb, on data collection. KW invited trustees to help facilitate focus groups with diverse community groups if they would be interested to get involved.

#### ***Actions***

Sean developing project scope in relation to JCRT involvement.  
KW is liaising with community groups to secure their engagement for the focus groups.

### **Migrant Experience Project (SZ & TH)**

SZ is writing the brief which is almost complete. This will be submitted to Sasha Holden who has been approached by KW to conduct the research. Sasha will then provide us with a proposal. Sasha is a human rights lawyer and lecturer at the Institute of Law in Jersey and has conducted significant and relevant research previously, eg UN/Refugees, Women's Right, etc. She is also known and thought highly of by the Justice & Home Affairs Minister. Sasha is taking a sabbatical in the early summer to focus on research.

The research is likely to focus on migrants with less than 5 years as they appear to be among the islanders who are most disproportionately impacted by poverty in Jersey and who are potentially some of the most disadvantaged in terms of access to affordable/decent healthcare, housing, childcare and employment. The aim is to complete the research by end of 2023.

#### ***Actions***

- To define what a migrant is and which parts of the migrant journey we are focussing on (SZ, TJ & RC)
- Add BSP into the list of people for our researcher to include

- SZ to share completed brief with Trustees asap

### **JCRT 'internship' scheme (SZ)**

- The 'role spec' has been drafted and shared with potential candidates at Highlands. SZ to chase Highlands College for update regarding Young Trustee applications. We may need to extend the deadline if response has been low.

### **Adult SEN project (CT)**

There will be an initial focus on young people with SEN who are entering adulthood (when current support stops).

#### ***Actions***

- CT exploring what and how many services are available in Jersey, how they are accessed and whether there is equal access for everyone irrespective of background, language etc. Looking into '18-20 passport' that is with an individual for life and details important aspects of their care requirements
- CT to put in Freedom of Information request for data from OCD report
- CT will let the trustees know if/when he may need further support.

## **6. Update on JCRT accounts (SM)**

- SM currently working to produce a clear set of accounts, but held up by lack of internet banking and missing bank statements. Flora does have some recent statements, and SM will liaise with her to access the copies she has. Matt Christensen has confirmed that he does not have any and most would have been sent to the previous treasurer. However, the previous treasurer has not been able to find these copies.
- KW highlighted that we had not received funding for the last year. SM explained that we were actually due two years' worth of funding, but it could not be allocated until accounts are complete.
- The issues and delays in getting our finances into order appear to be due to the previous treasurer having been absent for over a year due to illness, combined with the previous Executive Officer having left the JCRT at a similar time. KW is pleased to have SM on board and focussed on getting the accounts in order, with support from our current Executive Officer, HMA (who is covering for Flora Newman's maternity leave).

#### **Actions:**

- KW to urgently acquire access to online/telephone banking so that we can receive copies of the missing statements.

- We will have a standing 'Treasurer's Update' agenda item at future meetings to keep all trustees updated on finances.

## **7. Current Issues**

### ***Actions***

HMA to publish Portuguese Festival on JCRT social media.

## **8. Any Other Business:**

### ***Actions***

- HMA offered to write and share a JCRT communications strategy if it fits within the allocated retainer
- HMA offered to share JCRT marketing and comms update at future JRT meetings

A handwritten signature in black ink on a light yellow background. The signature is cursive and appears to read 'Kate Wright'.

Signed:

Kate Wright, Chair