

## **Notes of BOS Steering Group Meeting – Wednesday 11 March 2015**

Present: Carol, Penny, Lisa, Cathy, Kate, Renate, Gill

Apologies: Anna

### **Venue from September 2015**

Discussion took place regarding a possible venue for September. Various suggestions were made and Deena reported that she had been making enquires and asked the group if they had any other venues in mind.

Kate reported that she had been to see a venue – the Old Junior School in Sharrow and thought that this venue would be very suitable for BOS as it wasn't far from our existing venue and the facilities and the room were perfect for our needs.

It was agreed by the group that Kate would liaise with Deena and pass on the details of the contact name at the Centre.

Since the meeting Deena has been in touch with Adrian (or Daniel) at the centre and has written to BOS women via email:

- *We are suggesting that we move to the hall at the Old Junior School Sharrow. It is on corner of Sharrow Lane and Vincent Road.*
- *I am sure if you google it you will find a map. Close to London Road, and not too far to walk up to it from Ecclesall Road.*
- *It has a kitchen and own small parking area. Kate spotted it and visited, and, by coincidence, I had it on my list of places to ring, as I spent an International Women's Day afternoon there a couple of years ago, representing our WaterAid group, and at the time thought what a great space it is. I must admit, I was not too optimistic of there having a space free for us as it is a very popular community centre, used by various groups, including Abundance, the community fruit harvesting group.*
- *If you want to go and visit it, Daniel told me this evening that you could call in anytime.*
- *We would like to make a definite decision by the end of this term. When I rang this evening I asked Daniel to ask Adrian if he could pencil us in to use the hall from Wed 9th September – that is when we think we shall probably be starting our new term. But of course, we will need to confirm asap.*
- *So do visit the Old Junior School if you want to, and let us know what you think of it. The hire fee would also be cheaper than what we currently pay, and there would be a caretaker service, so no need to have key holders and the bother of unlocking and locking etc.*
- *Of course, you can give feedback during our next 2 BOS sessions, but if you want to write, then perhaps make it clear in the subject that you are writing about the venue.*

## **Finance – International Women’s Day**

Discussion took place about the finance relating to the above and it was agreed that we fund the costs of the event, but for any future events we will be clear and transparent and discuss with BOS members agreeing budget spend and if they agree with going ahead with the costings.

## **Lockerbrook Weekend**

Lisa reported that we have 22 women signed up to go to Lockerbrook and a couple of women who have not made up their minds yet.

Lisa will be the Warden for the weekend and will be allowed into the building from 4pm and others would normally have to arrive from 7pm. Lisa is going to check to see if it is ok to arrive with her at 4pm.

The cost of the weekend would be £868, which equates to £41.33 per person.

It was agreed that:

- Kate would not have to pay for the weekend and would be paid for her teaching.
- Women would be charged approximately £50 which would include food for main meals and breakfast.
- If women would find it difficult to pay they should approach a member of the Steering Group who would look into the subsidising of their costs.
- Transport costs should be sorted between each car but again if support is needed speak to a member of the Steering Group.