

**Employer Network Meeting
held on Wednesday, 1st October, 2003
at Cheadle House, Cheadle**

PRESENT:

Louise Parrott-Bates, Employment Services
Rachel Roberts, Employment Services
Paula Duffy, Employment Services – Senior Employment Officer (SSP, Sainsbury's)
Julie Mee, Employment Services – Senior Employment Officer (SMBC)
Yvette Macklin, Select Service Partners
Debbie Cross, Co-operative Bank
Diane Davies, Employment Services (Co-Minutes)
Chris John, Employment Services (Co-Minutes)
Amanda Crank, Co-operative Bank
Karen Spilling, Smile The Internet Bank
Linda Lunn, Sainsbury's
Carmel McKeogh, Stockport MBC
Fiona Wright, BBC
Caroline Turner, Employment Services – Senior Employment Officer (BBC, Marks & Spencer)
Dionne Duffill, Employment Services – Senior Employment Officer (NHS)
James Palmer, Stockport NHS Trust
Rachel Clarke, Employment Services
Natalie Comrie, Employment Services – Senior Employment Officer (Co-operative Bank/Smile.co.uk)
Michael Foley, Employment Services – Senior Employment Officer
John Craig, Employment Services – Senior Employment Officer
Denise Heslop, Select Service Partners
Annalie Burns, Employment Services – Senior Employment Officer
Clare McLoughlin, John Lewis PLC
Dylan Nicholson, Sainsbury's
Gill Moss, Employment Services
Kathryn Walker, Marks & Spencer
Katherine Brookes, Marks & Spencer

APOLOGIES: Alison Booth, Co-operative Bank
Jayne Beer, Co-operative Bank
Vicky Stewart, NHS Trust
Liz Dickinson, Marks & Spencer

INTRODUCTIONS:

Lou Parrott-Bates welcomed everyone, especially new members, asking if everyone could introduce themselves and say where they are from.

Lou explained the reasons for today's meeting:-

- What did members want from this group
- Members to set out the terms of reference
- What do members wish to be achieved from this group and how to do this.

Lou also informed the group that Carmel McKeogh would be giving a Good Practice Presentation and would be happy to answer any questions asked.

Rachel R explained to the group that this meeting would be split into three working groups, with representatives of all the employers evenly distributed, as this is an employer meeting not an Employment Services' meeting.

Rachel also explained that each group should also be looking at sharing good practice.

Rachel C reiterated that each group needs to look at the reason why they are here, the purpose of these meetings and what their company would like to accomplish.

Rachel stated that at the end of today's meeting she hoped that a mission statement and an overview of the terms and reference could be agreed.

ROUND THE TABLE DISCUSSIONS:

Around the table discussions took place. Each group noted their expectations etc. onto flipcharts and these have been typed up and enclosed with these minutes.

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GOOD PRACTICE PRESENTATION:

Carmel McKeogh, Head of Human Resources at Stockport MBC gave a presentation on Good Practice. Copies enclosed for those unable to attend.

Questions and answers were given and everyone thanked Carmel for her presentation.

OTHER BUSINESS:***Black History Month:***

Natalie Comrie quickly explained to the group that Black History Month started today and information about this could be found in the employer packs handed to employers by their Seniors Employment Officers.

Pure Radio:

Gill Moss explained that Employment Services' radio station, Pure Radio, is back on air on 3rd November for 28 days – 87.9fm. Again, there is information about this in the employer packs.

Young Persons' Event:

Caroline Morgan explained that this event is designed to give information re; education, training and employment for 13 – 25 year olds with disabilities. This event is being held at The Grand Central Complex on 14th November from 10.00 am to 3.00 pm. Some of the employers attending today's meeting are already involved and there is information about this event in the employer packs.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting is to be held on Wednesday, 28th January, 2003 12.00 pm – 3.00 pm at Cheadle House, Cheadle.