

Minutes to NHOWL Meeting
20 December 2021

Present: Eilidh Malcolm (Owl Scotland), Larissa, Ian, Julie B, Kerry, Gregor, Petria and Julie G
Apologies: None

Julie B stood in to chair at the meeting as Simon Harry has stepped down.

Minutes Read by Kerry; proposed as a true record by Kerry, seconded by Gregor
Agenda: CPD/Networking Day and Creeping Toad

Julie B welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced Eilidh Malcolm, OWL Scotland's new education programme manager.

Minutes were read by Kerry and were proposed as true by Kerry, seconded by Gregor.

The Questions/ Points of action from last meeting yet to be resolved:

How do we know about new members? **Action Point: Gregor has a plan.**

How are we going to know what type of CPD sessions practitioners want? Julie Brewer proposed that we have a simple feedback sheet, which asks just that-- what type of CPD course do you want.
Action Point: Gregor will make up the feedback sheet.

NHOWL have lots of resources to share. Cataloguing everything over the holidays/in the new year.
Action point: **Gregor, Julie G and Kerry**

How do we keep track of resources? **Action Point: Gregor has a plan.**

CPD event discussion

Larissa asked if CPD sessions were aimed at local teachers, other practitioners and people who are interested in learning. We agreed to target secondary and primary school teachers, learning and behavioural support teachers, special school teachers and primary school teachers but we thought that children could come along too. **(Eilidh has since checked this and found that CPD is aimed at practitioners only, the exception is launch events which can be run as family events.)**

There were questions about getting our events on CPD calendar. Might Rachel Avery help us out?
We know now that Juliet gives information to Rachel and Rachel gets it on the CPD website. Action Point: Julie G

Ian reported about his Countryside Ranger contacts: Kirsty is on maternity leave and Paul says the whole outdoor learning programme has been scuttled because HiLife has asked schools to pay for it.

We hoped to have some contacts in the North before our meeting in January: To contact HTs or Secretaries of schools in the Northern in areas where we want to work: “Do you know who we are? What would you like us to offer to you? To promote Gordon, aka Creeping Toad. Perhaps send them a simple feedback sheet?” Action Point: Ian and Larissa

Julie G had spoken to Dan Puplitt who is willing to drive North to lead a CPD event.

Ian suggested that Dunnet Wood and Lairg are good places to hold Creeping Toad and Dan Puplitt events.

Due to distance between us, Larissa thought that a Round Robin e-mail could give us a platform for discussion: Action point: Larissa will set it up; all will take part

Our 5 CPD Sessions

We’d like to set dates for Creeping Toad and Dan Puplitt Action Point: Ian and Larissa (Since that time, Gordon has reminded us that last year we said we would try again to get him North for 2 days.)

If possible it would be best to set the date(s) for Gordon asap in the week beginning Monday, 9th of May. Action Point: Ian and Larissa

Discussion about risk assessment: Eiidh thought that we would reach more people with a Zoom session. We thought this could be one of our 5 CPD events, asking Mark McKerrel to do a CPD session online bout risk assessments for outdoor learning. Action Point: Julie G but if unsuccessful because she is no longer on the EVOLVE system, Julie B or Kerry will be asked to make the call.)

Hopefully, we will have these CPD sessions:

1. Creeping Toad—one or two sessions up North—storytelling with classroom and as many teachers and adults who can be organised to come and teachers’ CPD workshops
2. Dan Puplitt
3. Larissa
4. Mark McKerrel

If stuck we could do a 10 Savoury Foods to cook over a campfire session....

We should try to spread out the dates these workshops happen as much as possible. And Craic on!

We must contact WHOWL and SHOWL to share what we’re thinking so we work together as one in the Highlands. Action Point: Julie G

Networking Day at Fairburn Activity Centre for 18th June

Kerry got in touch with Fairburn AC Sandy explained that June was at the height of their season and that we would need to pay £300 for the hire of parts of the grounds. It was agreed between South,

West and North Highland OWL groups that each would pay £100. We have so far secured the bushcraft/cooking area and the courtyard.

WHOWL, SHOWL and NHOWL Net-working day will be held on 18th June. We will be running 3 workshops:

1. Ian-Murder Mysteries (Please collect animal poo and wasp nests, etc...)
2. Willow—Kerry, Petria, Julie Gordon G
3. Maths—Hopefully Julie B will be available

Any Other Business

18-20 February is the Scottish OWL networking event. Kerry is driving a car with 2 spaces left.

Our AGM is in March. We agreed to have a temporary chair until that time, and wondered about a reshuffle of positions.

Get a gift for Simon. We have time to think about it.

Next Meeting: **Gregor, please just set a date for the next meeting later on this month.**