



Frontline Network

Brighton and Hove Frontline Network Up and Running

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On 17th October we hosted the inaugural St Martin's Frontline Network gathering in Brighton & Hove. The event was a roaring success! Over 20 frontline workers attended from a broad range of organisations, inspired no doubt both by the call for better joint working and by the excellent quality coffee and snacks provided by two local social enterprises. The meeting was mostly aimed at building relationships and letting people introduce themselves and their context, but we also explored the aims and objectives of the Network and what we as frontline workers want to get out of it.

This was followed by a mapping exercise of agencies working with homeless and vulnerably housed people in the city, whether by providing housing, healthcare, social activities or other services. Incredibly, over 200 organisations were identified in the 20-minute exercise, and the first tangible output of the Network will be a collated version

of this information which will be made available to frontline workers in the area so that they can think more broadly about cross referrals and the possibilities of partnership working.

Feedback from the event was extremely positive, with Martin from the substance misuse service Pavilions saying “I found it really inspiring to attend the first in a series of events where frontline workers can meet up, network, exchange ideas and look at what is out there and where there are gaps”. Similarly, Jenny from Justlife’s Pathway Plus service said “It was great to meet such enthusiastic people from different agencies I didn’t know existed”.

A second gathering is planned for December with the aim of looking together at key issues that face frontline workers in the city and how we can find solutions by working together. Having the opportunity to meet face to face with like-minded people is a great new opportunity. But even more exciting is the possibility of coming up with creative and practical solutions to the problems we face daily, that will make a difference to the homeless and vulnerably housed people we are trying to support.

If you are a frontline worker in the Brighton and Hove area and would like to get involved or find out more about the next meet up please contact Simon at simon@justlife.org.uk

