

Bristol Homeless Forum  
Homelessness Awareness Week 2018  
February 24<sup>th</sup> to March 3<sup>rd</sup> 2018

Planning Meeting 24<sup>th</sup> January 2018 at The Night Shelter, Little Bishop Street

**Present at the meeting:**

Richard Drake, the Julian Trust	Molly Dennis, Pastles Productions
Kirsty Stilwell, Bristol City Council	Ben Richardson, Caring in Bristol
Jo Lenny, St Mungos	Yan Lau, Crisis Centre Ministries
Amy Sutcliffe, One25	Richard Chilvers, City Office/Golden Key
Hywel Caddy, Bristol City Council	Olivia Ware, Many Minds/Cardboard Citizens
Paul Hazelden, Christian Action Bristol	Jason Burrowes, IF Group
Val Moore, St John Ambulance ++	Fran Bainbridge, 1625ip
Charlotte Eddiford, CHAS	Michael Yong, Bristol Post/Feed the Homeless

With Homelessness Awareness Week now a month away this meeting focussed on those things we can be sure will be taking place and making sure that everything is in place for them to happen :

**EVENTS & ACTIVITIES**

1) **WATERSHED Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February**

Richard Chilvers has been working with Hywel Caddy, Olivia Ware and Molly Dennis and, subject to a meeting later today to check out the space, plans are well advanced to run a 3 part event in the evening which will include

- Forum Theatre with young people from 1625ip
- Film 'Sleeping Rough'
- Q&A with selected panel

This will be a public event ticketed through Eventbrite; BCC is funding the venue hire.

While there was concern about the length of the total programme we are currently minded to proceed with all elements and rely on the motivation of those coming to stay engaged with the chance to discuss the issues with the panel.

There were also concerns to make sure the panel was diverse without being too large and certainly not to be just council representatives. Jason Burrowes offered to represent those with lived experience, Fran agreed to ask Dom Wood to be on the panel.

**ACTIONS : *Richard Chilvers*** to coordinate this event and call on others as necessary for support

2) **CITY HALL - VESTIBULES**

Art4Change are planning to run an interactive art event in the Park Street vestibules of City Hall during the extended lunchtime period over Monday 26<sup>th</sup> through Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup>.

It is hoped there will be a 'teaser' in the Central Library to encourage people across.

Jo Lenny has been the primary contact with Mark and his team so far.

**ACTIONS : *Richard Drake*** to contact Mark & check what help/support is

3) **SLEEPOUT**

This will take place overnight on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March at PipnJay church as usual.

Organisation for this is well in hand and looks as if around 200 people from 10 organisations will be taking part. Paul Smith has confirmed attendance as last year.

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4) **OTHER EVENTS**

Other things happening on or around that week include :

- **Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> Feb**, Keep Bristol Warm “I am not lost”
- **Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup>**, ARA (King Street) are running a coffee morning drop in
- **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> 1-4**, St Mungos are running Café Art
- **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> 12-3**, St Mungos have a volunteer stand at Cabot Circus
- **(tbc) During the week**, public perceptions survey on homelessness

& also to note

28<sup>th</sup> Jan, Homeless Sunday

17<sup>th</sup> Feb, “Random Acts of Kindness” Cabot Circus

**ACTIONS : ALL to contact Richard Drake** with any new or updated information on events

**COMMUNICATIONS**

5) **SOCIAL MEDIA**

a focussed message for the week was proposed previously as:

“Homelessness is a personal crisis that happens to people in our community”

& this builds on the themes we have always had that homelessness in our community is a problem we share and we should all be informed on how to prevent, help and engage with homelessness

We are using the hashtags **#HomelessBristol** & **#SleepOut18** consistently please.

We also agree to publicise [Bristol Homeless Connect](#) & the [Myth Busting Document](#)

Also, you'll be able to find a selection of the graphics we can use for social media here

<https://wp.me/P6AuLr-mP>

**ACTION : ALL** to plan your own social media campaigns through the week

6) **“ADVICE SQUAD”**

Penny Walster reminded us at our last meeting that the advice agencies in Bristol have a regular column slot in the Evening Post which is secured for the week before Homelessness Awareness Week. Penny invited us to contribute to that column which she will write. Last years text is available on the website

<http://bristolhf.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/12/Advice-Squad-2017.pdf>

**ACTION : Fran Bainbridge & Charlotte Eddiford** to ensure that space is used effectively

7) **PRESS RELEASES**

At the last meeting we agreed to share the load of press releases and for someone to coordinate this. Jo Lenny has volunteered to coordinate and we agreed the overall responsibilities would be:

Main launch release – Jo Lenny

Survival Handbook – Ben Richardson

Peer Education – Bev MacKenzie

Early Intervention – Kirsty Stilwell

Sleepout – Amy Sutcliffe

Bristol Pathway inc Guardianship– Jo Lenny (feature)

[All releases to be based on the boiler plate supplied by Kirsty since the meeting.]

**ACTION : as above**