



Group Two: Work Programmes

Minutes of informal first meeting

Present LT & UK

Apologies: PL

The meeting provided a chance to talk informally about what the group could achieve.

The key issue was to develop ways of delivering the project aims (the 7 Tangible Results) without being able to hold partnership meetings or local group activities.

LT reported that the incidence of the pandemic was now greater than previously and that many activities held during this year were now severely restricted by numbers, social distancing, wearing of masks etc. Staff at the Library were now encouraged to work from home.

It was noted that Poland and Wales had severe restrictions (Wales is in a 'fire-break' with all social activities & non-essential travel prevented).

Given the increasing impact of the pandemic there does not appear to be any possibility of physical partnership meetings before summer 2021

Ideas shared during the meeting included developing the 'story' element of the project & creating 'hosting' events in which one partner presents their locality to a whole partnership meeting - paralleling an element of the physical meetings.

No date was fixed for a further meeting - but PL had stated their availability after 8th November.





Group Two meeting

The intention is that they are informal & serendipitous. Opportunities for exploring present work & sharing new ideas

23rd November 2020 15.00 EET

Attendance LT (2), PL (2), UK (1)

A first full meeting

1. Partners outlined local contexts & pandemic impact & continuing restrictions (worsening in LT, easing slightly in UK & PL)
2. Discussion of an idea designed for expected continuing restriction on planned group work
 - Individual partners develop metaphoric bridges to 'open-up' awareness of natural world
 - For example:

Develop a 'gathering' process from natural world (food / fuel etc) & develop a physical product the process requires increased knowledge / understanding & consequent honouring of nature
Results presented, assessed, collated published

Action:

- Partners research local foods produced by 'gathering' rather than agricultural production
 - research to include
 - detailed information about the plant & its traditions, qualities & benefits
 - local site providing a 'gathering' opportunity
 - collecting method required (inc equipment: eg container, protective glove)
 - processing in details though to final product (ie a 'recipe')

(Agne reminded the group of such an experience with Italian partner enthusiastically gathering mushrooms - but unconvincingly offering to cook and serve)

- A seasonal example being developed by LT. Garlands & wreaths: capable of being created from a variety of 'found' natural objects.
 - could easily be translated into who project action relevant to Hanukkah / midwinter / Christmas / New Year season
- Group to consider what other actions could be used as 'metaphoric bridges'

Not mentioned during meeting
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