

**PCEC Curriculum Development  
Meeting Minutes  
3rd August 2021  
10-11am**

Present: Julian, Mick, Andy, Cilla, Janet

Julian explained the structure diagramm.

Cilla explained the Getting Started module.

Julian thinks it is important not to teach for the sake of teaching only, but so that this knowledge can be applied as well.

It was mentioned that we should not reinvent the wheel, but use the modules and courses that are already in existence (like in the Cooperative College) even if we have to pay a fee for the rights.

Janet and Andy argued the importance of reaching disadvantaged people in the community.

We need to find a way to support people who can't afford to pay for the courses.

Andy said we should make people feel part of the movement.

Mick suggested we start with what Cilla suggested (Getting Started module).

Mick also thinks we need to do apprenticeships and courses that would benefit other organisations (like NHS).

Cilla posted the Getting started module pdf in the chat.

Cilla pointed out a two-way approach: study circle approach (non-accredited/less formal) and formal, fully accredited approach through an external provider partnership.

Andy talked about the Community Engagement Team being formed in Preston City Council that can be useful in reaching out our target market.

Janet related her experience on becoming a union rep because of a session she attended in weekend school. And she's been in the union movement for 40 years since then. Janet thinks that we need to provide a similar thing to attract young people.

Julian mentioned the importance of remaining autonomous and independent while being involved in different partnerships.

Cilla raised the importance of not treading on toes and being inclusive.

Andy stressed the importance of having a right balance between “giving and taking”.