

PCEC Bi-monthly Meeting 17.04.23

Meeting Minutes:

1. MOU with NewsSocial - voting

- Offering sociocracy for anyone wanting to govern cooperatives in a sociocratic way or organisations with participatory governance.
- We must get the curriculum going, so we need to start somewhere.
- Ali wanted to mark down the terms of agreement for cooperation.

Memorandum of Understanding

"The purpose of this MOU is to outline the terms of cooperation between NS and PCEC in providing sociocracy training, consulting, and tools, providing valuable service to the sharing economy and generating income for both parties.

Under this MOU, the Parties agree to: Jointly market sociocracy training to targeted organizations and networks. The sociocracy training will be formally delivered and managed by PCEC using the training services the 'People Support Coop'.

Jointly provide consulting and handholding services to support the implementation of sociocracy practices. Enable NewsSocial to provide the NewsSocial platform and its Circles, supporting sociocracy and fostering better information flow, initiative, and innovation.

These services are provided as tools during training and as licensed services post training.

The financials have one constant element of PCEC charging a markup of 30% upfront on the fees charged by the 'People Support Coop' to cover its management costs and avoid loss.

Profits are then shared according to the terms defined in the MOU.

Taking one training option for example of providing 3 of 2-hours training sessions (option 2) we will need at least 7 participants at £200/user to make a small profit or break even.

Selling our combined services to not only the Cooperative sectors but to the enterprise sector can potentially yield good income.

Once this proposal is agreed by the two Boards, the next task is to have a joint press release on our service."

- We might not want to limit ourselves to a partnership only around sociocracy, but say branch out to deliver digital education.
- Ali is keen on marketing this course to his own contacts.

- Cilla suggests a sliding scale - the key is to not have anyone excluded and make it clear in our communications.
- Voted on MOU - agreed.

2. Report from John

- John tried calling and emailing Unite and Unison twice, but keeps being transferred to other branches.
- Andy encourages John to keep a reflective diary, so at least he can show that he tried to reach them.
- John will drop an email to the rep of Unite Community branch.
- Mick will share John's email with someone from those unions.
- John is meeting with Baker's Union tomorrow and feels it's going to be productive.
- We need to print out some business cards to leave with people.

3. Membership Workshop

- 5th May at Livesey House. Make an official start at 2pm, but people can come at 1pm to have a chat.