

PCEC Monthly Meeting 16.01.23

Meeting Minutes:

1. Introducing John, and the way Alina and John will work together

- John is a project worker on the project with Preston City Council.
- John will draft up a letter to send out to education officers at various trade unions. He is collecting education officers' emails regionally and nationally and will send emails to them, and then follow up with a phone call. He will also collect those emails on a spreadsheet.
- Andy asked John to keep a reflective diary to see how we're doing.
- Julian wants Alina and John to come up with a strategic plan to ensure that they work effectively (e.g. have a weekly meeting to make sure all i's are crossed and to be informed).
- John's work should be recorded on the website.
- All directors need to be kept in the loop on John's work. John will be sending update emails to all directors.
- We can create a Union Co-op Sub-circle on NS.
- Alina to give John access to shared inbox, mailing list, and get him on NS.
- John would like a breakdown of practical examples of different co-ops that are successful (Mondragon, Suma, 1worker1vote).
- Mick will send out something to John to read on union co-ops.
- Julian will give John a breakdown of Mondragon
- Andy will organise a meeting with Bob Cannell.

2. PCEC working on courses on sociocracy in conjunction with NS

- Ali is trying to adopt the sociocratic approach in guiding discussions on NS.
- Abbie from Unicorn co-op ran sociocracy courses. She's been training as a sociocracy facilitator.
- There are a lot of free introduction to sociocracy videos and materials on the internet, as it became very popular, but we can still do an in-person course.
- Some people who have been made redundant are making a living on sociocracy courses, so Cilla wants us to be careful not to tread on anybody's toes.
- Andy thinks that we could still do those courses, since they will be based in Preston.
- Julian suggests we ask Abbie if she would be willing to do a sociocracy course with us under the PCEC banner.
- Cilla will contact Abbie.

3. Use of NS app and paying for the subscription

- Andy would like to have a notification dot on the app icon.

- We do have the money to pay for the subscription, but we've got to be careful with how we spend it.
- Janet and Mick think we should give NS more time to see how it would work.
- Julian suggests we ask for a 6 months subscription (£360) from NS instead of a year's subscription, because the app is not perfect yet plus we need to be careful with the money. (Voted, carried)

4. Fixing the date for Away-day

- 17th February 1-4pm
- Alina will call the Disability Equality Centre to see if we could hire a room for away-day.