

## **Council for Learning Outside the Classroom Annual General Meeting Minutes**

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2016**

**The Learning Hub, Birmingham Airport**

### **1. RECEIVING APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

No formal apologies were received.

### **2. OPENING REMARKS**

Anthony Thomas, Chair of CLOtC Board of Trustees, welcomed attendees and gave a summary of the highlights of 2015/2016.

- LOfC Sectors Working Group is now firmly established, helping us to work more effectively together to influence national policy.  
The LOfC Sectors Working Group unites a wide range of partners representing all types of LOfC activities to achieve one collective voice to advocate for LOfC at national level and also to influence schools. The group also aims to work with key partners to facilitate links between research, policy and practice.
- CLOtC led the Learning Away Consortium and were successful in securing £216K legacy funding. Over the next 2 years this will fund further research, CPD and support and a major communications campaign to promote 'Brilliant Residential'. The campaign has launched in autumn 2016, aiming to disseminate the Learning Away findings to ensure that many more young people experience high quality residential visits.
- The 100<sup>th</sup> school achieved the national LOfC Mark accreditation. LOfC Mark is a national benchmark for schools and educational establishments which recognises schools with good LOfC provision. It is also a valuable tool for development to help schools embed frequent, continuous and progressive LOfC across all curriculum areas. To date, 129 schools have been accredited so we have a growing community of schools who have successfully integrated LOfC and are committed to developing & improving their practice further.

Anthony went on to summarise the current position of CLOtC:

- LOfC Quality Badge – 956 accredited organisations
- LOfC Mark accreditation for schools – 129 schools
- 702 members (50% schools, 50% providers)
- CLOtC's range of CPD training and products is now designed to ensure progression - from a teacher wishing to lead an LOfC activity for the first time, to head teachers or governors looking to embed LOfC and transform the culture of their school, to providers striving for high quality.

Looking ahead to the coming year, Anthony outlined CLOtC's planned priorities:

- Continue to promote, develop and grow our earned income streams including membership, CPD and accreditations to consolidate financial stability
- Work collaboratively through the LOfC Sectors Working Group to tackle the key challenges for LOfC and advocate the benefits of LOfC to government, key influencers and schools

- Develop new and creative ways to support more schools, educational establishments and LOtC providers improve their learning outside the classroom provision whatever their starting point
- Establish a LOtC Mark committee to harness the expertise of schools in developing & growing the LOtC Mark accreditation. Schools interested in taking part in the LOtC Mark committee should speak with the Chief Executive or Trustee Steve Dool of Neston High School, who will be chairing the group.
- Lead the Learning Away Consortium and manage the delivery of the Learning Away legacy project in order to achieve its objectives.

### **3. ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE PERIOD FROM 1 APRIL 2015 UNTIL 31 MARCH 2016**

The report was unanimously accepted.

Proposed by – Rob Yandell

Seconded by – Andy Robinson

### **4. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR**

The Board recommends the appointment of Ling Phipp, Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditor, as the Council's auditor for the period ending on 31 March 2017.

The proposal was unanimously accepted.

Proposed by – Brian Ogden

Seconded by – Paul Airey

### **5. RESOLUTION 1. ELECTION OF TRUSTEES**

Two Trustees have stood down as is required by CLOtC governance.

Brian Ogden has decided not to stand for re-election; however current Board member Steven Dool, head teacher of LOtC Mark (Silver) school Neston High, is standing for re-election. In addition we have received a nomination for Colette Morris, head teacher of LOtC Mark (Gold) school Christ Church CE Primary Battersea. As there are two seats available, and only two nominations Steven and Colette will automatically be elected onto the Board of Trustees.

Tony welcomed Colette onto the Board.

### **6. CLOSING REMARKS**

Tony formally thanked Brian Ogden for his many years of service to CLOtC. He spoke about Brian's wealth of experience at all levels of education as well as in the adventure sector, which have informed his tenure as a Trustee. Tony stressed that Brian's wisdom and experience have been an invaluable asset to CLOtC and thanked him on behalf of the Board and officers.