

Sub-Group C – Citizenship

5th November, 2009. Jonkoping SE

Present: M Farran, N Ockenden, A Villa, C Stewart, N Yildirim

Apologies were received from KF who is ill.

The discussions in Warsaw were reviewed and AV and MF reported that they had met in Barcelona after the PL meeting to discuss the group's work.

The group studied KJ's draft text for the website which outlines the key issues and questions.

Some refinements were suggested including:

- Acknowledge that the recognition of learning arising from volunteering does take place but is limited and more work is required
- As an introduction, set the terms volunteering, learning and citizenship in context – a brief discussion of what these might mean
- Re-work the final sentence "Learning citizenship through volunteering". It is difficult to capture the idea behind this effectively and clearly.

It was generally agreed that the relationships between volunteering, learning citizenship are extremely complex. It might be helpful therefore to now narrow the group discussions, either individually or as a group eg to explore competences for citizenship and how ULLL might support or develop these. CS reminded the group that it could investigate a single issue (as it arises in their own countries) or individual issues of personal interest which then contribute to a collective discussion at the next meeting.

Actions

- Agreed that group members would feedback detailed comments directly to KF before the end of November to enable her to finalise the text before the end of December.
- Agreed that group members would try to identify examples that illustrate the citizenship-volunteering-learning relationships and send them to KF before the end of November. These could come from practice that they are aware of or from the national reports.
- CS and NO to send the finalised reports to the group
- NO to pass on any examples that arise from draft that reports that are in the process of being finalised.
- KF to consult group on finalised text and send to CS as early as possible in December
- NY to add references to her background paper and send to CS
- CS to publish background papers on website
- It was agreed that the group would next meet in May 2010 in Barcelona. Practical details and focus for discussion to be finalised by email.

