

NALA Executive Meeting

Tuesday 25th October 2022, 2.00- 3.30pm

Zoom

Meeting Notes FINAL

1	Welcome and apologies	<p>Present: Alice Harrison (AH), Bev Whiteside (BW), Mike Rauh (MR), Jenny Carpenter (JC), Marie O’Sullivan (MOS), Alison Taylor (AT), Yvonne Kennedy (YK)</p> <p>Apologies had been received from David Moss and Lorna Harvey</p>	
2	Feedback and Discussion from sub-group meetings	<p>Identity of NALA JC, YK</p>	<p>Detailed discussion about what the 2nd A in NALA currently stands for and what it could potentially stand for- Advocates cf. Advisers, although there is a lot of cross-over in definition.</p> <p>An opportunity to learn from the party that is seeking advice as well as imparting knowledge to that party.</p> <p>Discussion of “open directories” with caveats (because of Quality Assurance, GDPR). How would schools know how or whom to contact if they didn’t have/ know a member of NALA with them?</p> <p>What is the Unique Selling Point of NALA?</p> <p><u>Next step:</u> JC and YK to formulate a mission statement</p>
		<p>National Convenors AH, DM.</p>	<p>At this stage more initial discussion needs to happen. More feedback at next Executive Meeting</p>
		<p>Conference 2023 AT DM MR</p>	<p>BW provided a resume of current financial status of conference account.</p> <p>A relatively small loss for 2022 Conference, but current model not viable in the long term. In any case Stratford not available for 2023. Other conference venues (Staverton) would work out even more expensive.</p> <p>AT presented model of Spring Series 2023 and initial discussions with Lesley Hagger-Vaughan regarding a different type of venue (eg Nottingham University) and “conference”; a different time (of the year) and venue could attract a wider, younger audience if it was held as an Autumn Meeting with a programme which had ECT1 and ECT2 students in mind. Programme would include speakers as per current model but package would be for attendance at the “meeting” and catering.</p>

		<p>Delegates could arrange overnight accommodation privately if required/ desired. Students could have free attendance and their experience could influence their MATs/ schools to look at NALA</p> <p>Discussion followed: advantages of having a university venue (kudos) cf. current model of hotel venue.</p> <p>Could be more viable financially.</p> <p>Why do we have a conference? For whom do we run it? (For members and prospective members, not for executive).</p> <p>General support to experiment with this different model for 2023 and evaluate.</p> <p>Possible themes for Spring Conference discussed.</p> <p><u>Next step:</u> explore further possibilities of university venues (Nottingham, Sheffield) and possible format, and report back at next Executive meeting.</p>
8	Date/s of future meetings	<p>Saturday 14th January 2023 10.00- 12.00 Zoom</p> <p>January agenda to include thoughts about changing platform of on-line meetings- Teams cf. Zoom</p> <p>Meeting closed 2.20 pm.</p>

