



**AGENDA for Annual General Meeting
on 20.07.2010 held at ADC Denmark Street, Maidenhead**

1. WELCOME: The members were welcomed to the meeting. Jill Scott was introduced and welcomed as a new volunteer helping with admin and bookkeeping.

2. FINANCIAL REPORT: The report was given by Sue Penton-Voak

1. The report is based on the accounts as at the end of May 2010.
2. At the beginning of the financial year the balance at the bank was £55600.
3. The balance as at the end of May 2010 was £54600. This figure includes £5000 committed to our Wednesday class and the mentoring project.
4. Total income for this period was £40206. This includes donations of £24000, the majority of which comes from Debbie carrying out full assessments voluntarily. These are charged to the client at a commercial rate of £320 and we would normally pay the assessor £220. It also includes money received for work done with Slough BC. This income allows us to subsidise our core services – courses, 1 to 1 tuition and advice sessions.
5. These accounts show a surplus of £11000 from these services.
6. However the overheads on running the Centre are more than £12000, which are slightly offset by a rental income of £1900 from an outside organisation using the premises.
7. This means that the final balance is down on the beginning of year by approximately £1000.

3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

- **What's gone on at the Centre in 2009/10?** 1:1 tuition, information advices and guidance sessions for dyslexic individuals, Mentoring, Wednesday class, Reiki, full assessments (with Barbara Martin). New links with Children in Care Team and Youth Offending Team (YOT) and the National Film and Television School at Beaconsfield who were asking for assessments and screening for their Masters students. We have also been a part of a pilot scheme in Slough called Slough Working Better which has brought in nearly £6000 with Debbie doing screening test, assessments and dyslexia awareness training sessions.
- *Wednesday pm courses:* Making Changes, Confidence through Colour and Art with Jo and Paul. If we get the Lloyds TSB bid we will continue this next year. These were set up to develop confidence and self-esteem of Wednesday am class students through a different type of course. However, not many of these

students have attended as the first course 'Making Changes' was considered too 'deep' for some. Planning for other courses offered in future should take this into consideration.

- *Evening sessions:* Mind-Lab, drama, Creative Writing: My Story, Singing x 2, Plastic Heads, Storytelling, script writing, puppet making, puppetry and performance, more art! All have been very popular.
- *Socials:* Dress to Impress 'D', Mad March Activities, Bowling and Art Extravaganza. Our members seem to enjoy having a theme to these socials. Ideas for next year welcomed.
- *Day sessions:* Clowning Workshop, Modelling with recyclable materials. A clowning workshop is planned for October half-term Saturday.
- **Queen's Award:** Debbie spoke about how volunteers have made many things possible at the Center and thanked all who gave their time voluntarily and also gave a voluntary donation. E.g. Bracknell Half-marathon, £4 donation, Gift Aid, Mentors, tutors, administration help.
- **Purchases:** new web site: also banner and display boards, one extra laptop and LADS Plus screening tool.
- **Courses booked for the autumn:** Positive thinking for success with Liz Gibson, pottery at Jo Fredrickson's Studio in Eton.
- **Dyslexia Awareness Week?** Debbie asked for ideas for this – starts on Monday 1 November
- **Social activities** over the summer break are being organized by Judith Campbell. First meeting Stag and Hounds pub on Tuesday 27 July 7.30..

4. Election of Officers

The existing committee stated they were willing to continue in office and were reelected.

Position	name	Nominator	Seconder
Chair	Debbie Farnfield	R Smith	C Payman
Secretary	Sue Penton-Voak	J Campbell	J Scott
Treasurer	Jill Scott	D farnfield	C Payman
members	Tracy Calleran	P Robbins	R Smith
	Richard Smith	C Payman	A Collins
	Andy Collins	S Penton-Voak	R smith
	Marilyn Holmer	J Campbell	C Payman

5. EVALUATION AND FUTURE IDEAS

Arts projects continue to be popular and the course leader of the puppet project, Paul Robbins, said it was one of the most successful he had ever run. Next year's project needs planning and funding. The Centre needs to consider those who do not come to these art projects and provide alternatives.

New website considered to be better than the old one but need to only include photos of real clients of the centre rather than "models".

Wednesday morning class has been successful. A bid had been made to Lloyds TSB foundation for its funding next year. A series of afternoon courses would also be held for these clients if funding gained.

AOB - No items were raised and the meeting was closed at 9 pm.