

Communities Board Group Report for the NRW Board Meeting on 03.09.13

The Communities Board Group's last full discussion, arranged mainly to provide input on Stakeholder Strategy work, was held shortly before the July NRW Board meeting when verbal feedback was given.

Since then:

- We have been contributing to preparation for the community-related Board discussion scheduled for 03.09.13. In view of time constraints, a focus on the Ministerial priority of urban environments was endorsed and comments on draft papers provided.
- The National Access Forum met on 18.07.13 (RH chaired/AM attended), and was used partly to engage members in our Corporate Plan development process: a useful contribution resulted and the workshop approach positively received by Forum members.
- Both the Royal Welsh Show and the National Eisteddfod provided productive networking opportunities. At the latter, a meeting of NRW's chairman with Welsh ecumenical church leaders helped to highlight need for our roles and functions to be communicated widely and clearly. Further discussions will be arranged with the faith-based networks as needed to meet our Corporate Plan requirements.
- Arrangements have now been made for a high-level introductory meeting between NRW and Public Health Wales.

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