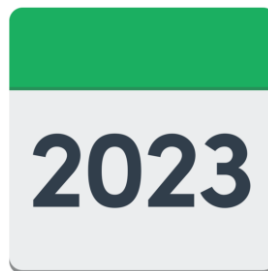


Independent Living Fund Scotland



Scottish Advisory Group Meeting Minutes

21 December 2023 on Zoom



Easy Read



Who was at this meeting?



Jim Elder-Woodward

Chloe McKee

Gordon Mckee

Christine Mercer

Justina Oguguo

Martha Shortreed

In Attendance

Finbarr Fitzpatrick

Anne-Marie Monaghan

ILF Scotland Staff

Peter Scott

Lee House

Linda Scott

Harvey Tilley - joined at 2.40pm and left at 2.52pm

Emma O'Neill



Who could not come to the meeting?

Joan Turner

Catherine Symington

Actions



1. Invite Maree Todd to the next Advisory Group Meeting

2. **Contingency funds** to be added to the next agenda.

A **contingency fund** is money that is put aside to cover unexpected costs.

1. Welcome and Introductions



Jim Elder-Woodward welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Everyone agreed to Lee recording the meeting.

2. Minutes from previous meetings



The minutes of the last meeting were agreed.

Lee will give them to the communications team so they can put them on the website.

Actions from previous meeting



1. Linda and Peter will discuss and provide some clarity on the circumstances when contingency funds can be used.



2. Lee to share the presentation from Finbarr Fitzpatrick to the group.

3. Matters arising – what do we need to talk about?



Anne-Marie Monaghan introduced herself to the Advisory group and talked about her new role as chair of the board.



A meeting has been set up in early 2024 with the ILF Scotland assessors to discuss guidance about contingency funds.



Jim asked Peter if there is any UK Government money that has been allocated for ILF Scotland that has not been spent.



Peter said that ILF Scotland takes the money that it needs to spend from the Scottish Government.

It might not always take the full amount that is available for each year.



Peter said that the Scottish Government have promised to stop care charges.

Gordon felt it would be worth writing to the Scottish Government about this.



Peter has asked we invite Maree Todd to the next meeting in 2024 to answer these questions.

4. Re-opening 2015 update - Jim Elder-Woodward



Peter said the Advisory Group's letters and meetings with Government ministers were very important in the decision to reopen the ILF.



The fund will reopen in April 2024 with 9 million pounds.

Work has started on:

- bringing new staff into the ILF team
- **systems** - how we work
- **policies** – the rules and agreements of the organisation



Consultation events have started.

Some Advisory Group members went to the first co-production event at Murrayfield in Edinburgh.





All the minutes from the event are on the website with information about January and February events.

5. 2015 fund evaluation and social return on investment

A **social return on investment (SROI)** looks at the benefits of a project that are not just about money.



For example it could support people's wellbeing, or help to reduce inequality.



Finbarr Fitzpatrick gave a presentation on the 2015 Fund evaluation.



The most important points were that ILF Scotland supports people with independent living outcomes including:

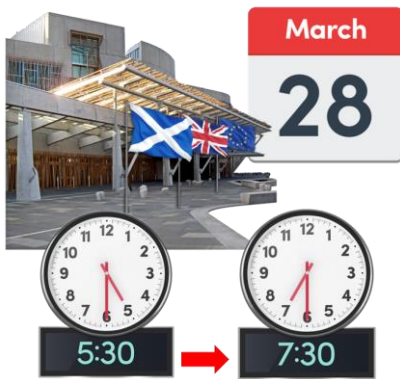
- spending time with other people
- hobbies
- education
- healthy relationships





For every £1 spent on ILF £13 was made in **social value** – important outcomes that are not about money.

6. Joint stakeholder event update - Harvey Tilley

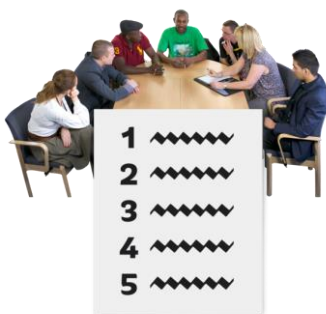


Harvey said the Scottish Parliament has been booked for the 28 March from 5.30pm to 7.30pm for the re-opening celebration event.

We have booked rooms at the Village Hotel in Edinburgh:



- for people staying over before the event
- for the Joint Stakeholder group meeting with dinner afterwards



Harvey said we should discuss the agenda with Jim and get a final version.

7. Any other business – what else do we need to talk about?



Justina asked if anyone had a Personal Assistant (PA) that was a member of the union.

No-one did.



Peter advised that the Scottish Government is interested in the PA network.

The network is hoping to get bigger.

Anne-Marie said a lot of work has been done on the Scottish PA network.



They are trying to start a place where PAs can get together.



They hope a discount card system will be set up to support PAs.

8. Date of the next meeting



Lee will send out the dates for 2024.

