



Representative/Forum Voice Report & Claim Form



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Name of Forum Voice	Susan van Beveren
Partnership Group Attended	Connect Reading Board Meeting
Date of Meeting	08 October 2009
Date of next meeting (where known)	21 October 2009

Please provide a brief report from your meeting using the bullet point format below on issues that will, or could be, of interest to colleagues in the Voluntary & Community Sector. Examples would be information on the implementation of new regulatory/legislative changes or how services are being provided in partnership, what opportunities might come forward for their involvement and issues which the representatives on the LSP need to know. **Please indicate 'Confidential' where information cannot be shared with wider colleagues in the short term.**

Point 1	The Say YES project team gave a presentation of their work to the Board, which included representatives from BG and Thames Valley Police, who are looking to jointly fund the project.
Point 2	It was agreed to go ahead with the project as a very good way of developing the work of Connect Reading and enhancing business & community involvement.
Point 3	It was agreed that the Apprentice brokerage scheme needs further exploration. Richard Byard from CIC UK has been invited to head up this team. I have offered to be part of the team exploring this option with a view to how the voluntary sector can engage.