

PROACT Project Newsletter

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(Professional development & Actions in Civil Society)

So what happened last week?

Kenneth made a presentation on the Governance and responsibilities of an organisation and how they matter.

Good governance is essential for the success of any organisation and is now more important than ever.

- Board members play a vital role in serving their causes and communities. They bring passion and commitment as well as skills and experience to the organisations they lead.
- Board set the long term vision and protect the reputation values of the organisations
- To make a difference a board needs to have proper procedures and policies in place but it also needs to work well as a team and have good relationship within the organisation
- There are 6 principles of good governance which are closely linked with the responsibilities of charity trustees & other legal requirements that may be imposed on board members.



These 6 Principles are :

- An effective board will provide good governance and leadership by understanding their role
- An effective board will provide good governance and leadership by ensuring delivery of organisational purpose
- An effective board will provide good governance and leadership by working effectively both as individuals and as a team.
- An effective board will provide good governance and leadership by exercising effective control
- An effective board will provide good governance and leadership by behaving with integrity
- An effective board will provide good governance and leadership by being open and accountable



Also mentioned were the...

7 Nolan Principles of public life.

These principles are supposed to be personally adopted and applied by all public servant including; directors of companies, trustees and board members.

Selflessness : Holders of public office should take decisions solely in terms of the public interest. They should not do so in order to gain financial or other material benefits for themselves, their family, or their friends.

Integrity : Holders of public office should not place themselves under any financial or other obligation to outside individuals or organisations that might influence them in the performance of their official duties.

Objectivity : In carrying out public business, including making public appointments, awarding contracts, or recommending individuals for rewards and benefits, holders of public office should make choices on merit.

Accountability : Holders of public office are accountable for their decisions and actions to the public and must submit themselves to whatever scrutiny is appropriate to their office.

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Openness : Holders of public office should be as open as possible about all the decisions and actions that they take. They should give reasons for their decisions and restrict information only when the wider public interest clearly demands.

Honesty : Holders of public office have a duty to declare any private interests relating to their public duties and to take steps to resolve any conflicts arising in a way that protects the public interest.

Leadership : Holders of public office should promote and support these principles by leadership and example



Thanks to Angel for leading the icebreaker and everyone who attended, participated and have been giving us feedback. It's all greatly appreciated.



Future dates of PROAct Sessions:

- Tuesday 29th April 2014
- Tuesday 6th May 2014
- Tuesday 13th May 2014
- Tuesday 20th May 2014
- Tuesday 27th May 2014

Each sessions runs from 10am-12:30pm, and will take place at The Workspace, All Saints Road, Wolverhampton, West Midlands, WV2 1EL

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