



It was agreed that there was a broad support for participation across government departments and that perhaps some form of training was required for staff within departments aimed at preparing them to listen effectively to the voice of young people. It was pointed out that the Participation Network had been created to assist such a process.

#### **4. Project Stages**

Some discussion took place on the clarity of the task and authority of the working group. The importance about being clear on the key functions of NINfY was emphasised. Similarly the importance of cross department support and recognition was stressed. It was suggested the approach contained in the government” Compact “with the voluntary sector could be replicated in the development of NINfY.

#### **5. Communication**

5.1 It was agreed there is a need to define the product, ie what it is we want to communicate.

5.2 Additional information was requested on the workings of Funky Dragon, The Scottish Youth Parliament and Dail Na Nog, as well as circulation of relevant reports such as the NI Youth Forum consultation with young people on NINfY. It was agreed that these would be circulated.

5.3 Concern was expressed that many youth workers and young people had been asking what was happening in relation to the future voice of young people, therefore there was a need to inform the “field” what was happening .

#### **6. Pre Consultation Process**

The Chair tabled a paper outlining a proposed consultation process and timetable. This incorporated a pre-consultation phase followed by full consultation in late 2007, with specific consultation activities to engage with children and young people. The pre-consultation phase would seek ideas on the vision, values and overarching features of NINfY as well as pre-announcing the date of the full consultation. The proposal was accepted, and the Secretariat agreed to circulate a draft pre-consultation flyer to the group as soon as possible. It was agreed that the pre-consultation questions would need to be distributed widely through existing networks, with a closing date of mid September 07.

The Chair agreed to keep OFMDFM and NICCY informed of progress.

#### **7. Future meetings**

A meeting of the working group would take place early September - date to be confirmed.

It was agreed that a full day meeting would be held in early October to draft the consultation paper.