



**Professional Interpreters for Justice (PI4J)**

**Report of the Steering Committee**

Date: Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> December 2014

Time: 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Venue: Unite House - Holborn - London

**Present at the meeting:** A. Murray, Regional Officer of Unite, presiding over the meeting; A. Naranjo, Secretary, NUPIT Branch; E. Ford, Chair, NUPIT Branch; K. Slaney, Director, Somi UK; S. Bishop, Executive Director, NRPSI; L. Pessoa-White, Director, NRPSI; A. Thompson, Chairman, APCI; A. Minhas, Treasurer, APCI; G. Buckingham, Observer, Eulita; Penny Arbuthnot, Genesis; P. Wilson, CEO, ITI; Ann Carlisle, ClOL.

Apologies: J. Smith, Chair, NUBSLI.

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**Agenda:**

Report on previous meeting

Matrix report update

The Campaign manifesto

New FWA

The meeting started promptly at 2 pm with introductions for the benefit of those attending the meeting for the first time.

**The previous meeting's report** - The report was approved.

### **Matrix report update**

There has been no further news about the Matrix report and no explanation of why it has taken so long to produce, given that it was expected to appear last May. It is now expected to be published in the week before Christmas and will be an agenda point at the next PI4J meeting in mid-January. The MoJ has promised to inform us of the date of publication and planned government response.

Those SC members who attended the meeting with the MoJ are still bound by the confidentiality clause.

### **The campaign manifesto**

The contents of the manifesto will be discussed at the next meeting in January.

The manifesto will not be complicated, just a small nucleus of statements about what we want.

One member feared that our voice would be lost amongst those of all the other groups seeking attention in the pre-election phase.

Most thought that this was no reason to give up trying.

It was felt therefore that to give our campaign more weight we should be looking to incorporate with other groups wanting to do the same thing.

### **The new CSS FWA**

Copies of the revised schedule received the night before were circulated during the meeting by AM and read by the CS who made comments on a page-by-page basis which were noted for future discussion.

As there was not enough time to read the appendices during the meeting, committee members were asked to read them in their own time and forward any comments to be collated and included in the same discussion. The committee will then make its views known to the procurement service.

### **AOB**

After deliberation it was decided by the committee to admit EULITA as a member of PI4J with observer status. It will be represented by GB whose place on the SC as representative of the APCI has now been taken by AT.

The meeting ended at 4 pm. The date of the next meeting was set at January 14<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm subject to confirmation.

Report by E. Ford (NUPIT)