



## **Professional Interpreters for Justice (PI4J)**

### **Report of the Steering Committee**

Date: Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> February 2015

Time: 2:00 pm to 3:50 pm

Venue: Unite House - Holborn - London

#### **Present at the meeting:**

A Murray (chairing); E Ford (NUPIT); A Naranjo (NUPIT); G Buckingham (Eulita); A Minhas (APCI); A Thompson (APCI); S Bishop (NRPSI); L White (NRPSI); P Wilson (ITI); P Arbuthnot (Genesis).

#### **Apologies:**

K Moffitt (CIoL); K Slaney (SOMI); M Abbas (SOMI); I Norton (APCI); J Smith (NUBSLI).

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#### **Agenda:**

Approval of report on previous meeting

The manifesto

Meeting with MoJ

AOB

The meeting began at 2:00 pm.

#### **Report on previous meeting**

The report was approved for posting on the campaign website.

## **Manifesto**

The SC studied the draft manifesto which it had been agreed would be prepared for discussion at this meeting. GB had very kindly offered to prepare a first draft and have it ready for the meeting, since the person originally asked had been unable to do so. PW thanked him for doing this and for the hard work he had put into the document.

A preliminary draft had been circulated earlier in the week and then re-worked by GB in the light of comments sent to him by committee members. A new draft will be circulated incorporating further suggestions received during discussion at the meeting.

## **Meeting with MoJ**

Prior to the SC meeting, PA, AT, PW and AC had attended a meeting with the MoJ. PA gave an account of the meeting, which she felt had been useful and productive. Half a dozen people from the MoJ had been present, including members of the procurement team, some of whom were relatively new to the scene. The SC representatives stressed the importance of defining the footing on which the MoJ was willing to engage with PI4J; it appeared that how to deal with rare languages was still a very grey area and so was CPD; there is an avowed shortage of qualified interpreters but it appears the real problem is that the MoJ is not prepared to put more money on the table and deems NRPSI interpreters too expensive.

The MoJ have agreed to a further meeting, at which the sole agenda point will be the Independent Regulator. It will be attended by the same members as before with the addition of SB.

## **AOB**

There being no further matters for discussion, the meeting closed at 3.50pm, the date and time for the next meeting having been set as March 16<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm.

Report by E. Ford (NUPIT)