

CIEH NW REGION INTERNATIONAL MEETING 16/4/10

Barrie, Peter and Natasha

1. Discussed the importance of continuing the NW Region's commitment to international links. Currently budget £1,000 for international work. Will propose this level is maintained.
2. CEHA twinning.

Discussed whether the region should continue to pay an individual member of the region £500 towards the cost of going to the CEHA conference.

The 'CEHA twinning package' includes: free conference (approx \$400), accommodation for 3 nights (approx \$300) and all meals over the three days. We concluded that this is already a very generous offer, and that we should propose to the management board that the money towards travel costs be reduced to £200. with a future option to reduce this support to zero.

It was agreed that there should be early publicity, with the full benefits of the twinning package spelled out.

There would be the additional cost for hosting the CEHA exchange delegate of approx £200. We would be offering the CEHA delegate to attend the Lake District one day training event in September, plus work shadowing for a further four days. Members of the region will be asked to host the delegate, and their expenses paid.

Barrie to send Peter the master copy of the CEHA call for members.

Peter to contact Diane and inform her of this decision, and to be the main contact with CEHA.

3. ZIEH twinning.

Discussed the impact that the twinning was having for ZIEH: help with starting the degree course (curriculum, equipment, documentation, books), Commonwealth Fellowship, national recognition, international membership, and now the IHLFS/British Council grant to help with CPD training for EHPs.

When Natasha was in Zambia in March she discussed with ZIEH what they would like from the twinning if CIEH NW were able to spend some money on the twinning. ZIEH said that they would appreciate help with:

1. More ZIEH badges – these are a good revenue stream for ZIEH.
2. Help with setting up a ZIEH office at the university for ZIEH members to go to, including a computer for ZIEH members to use.
3. CPD training for ZIEH members.

Barrie has obtained costs of producing more badges and forwarded the quote to ZIEH for their consideration and decision and is awaiting further instructions. Suggestions that we propose £250 towards the cost of badges (total cost?), and money towards CPD training. Not sure if we could help with the office unless contributed a laptop.

Natasha to contact Edgar to see how the next ZIEH newsletter is progressing.

Natasha to ask ZIEH how many members they have and how much they can sell the badges for.

4. Commonwealth fellowship

NW Region applying for a ZIEH member to come for 3 months September to December 2010.

Will need to keep some of the international budget for expenses for this.

Natasha