

SCHOOL OF SOCIAL POLICY AND BIRMINGHAM BUSINESS SCHOOL

CHASM MEMBERS MEETING

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 11th May 2011

<p>1. Welcomes and Apologies</p> <p>In attendance: Karen Rowlingson (Chair) (KR), Ricky Joseph (Minutes) (RJ), Sohaib Ahmad (SA), Paul Cox (PC), Rebecca Cudby (RC), Dejing Kong (DK), Andy Mullineux (AWM), ,Louise Overton (LO),</p> <p>Apologies: Andy Lymer (AL), Lindsey Appleyard (LA), Tom Bisschoff (TB), John Doling (JD), Matt Mangan (MAM), Steve McKay (SM),Carol Solley (CS), Isabelle Szmigin (IS), Tom Sorrell (TS)</p>	
<p>2. Minutes from the Last Meeting</p> <p>Approved minutes of last meeting.</p>	
<p>3. Matters Arising</p> <p>Proposals</p> <p>ESRC Festival of Social Sciences Event – KR was unsure whether we had time to submit a proposal to take part in this event. The proposals need to be submitted to the ESRC early June</p> <p>Marie Curie Fellowship Scheme – KR felt it was important to keep this in mind. There will be workshops held on 18th May and will be repeated regularly.</p> <p>CHASM Manual – This was circulated for information. RJ will be updating the manual. Colleagues should contact him if there are anything that needs amending</p> <p>Impact and International Plans – This template developed by LA was circulated for information and is aimed at work-stream leaders. Plans need to be completed for discussion in September meeting.</p> <p>European Science Fund – KR gave details of this fund which can be used to establish a network. She is keen to develop one on assets and financial security, building on work of JD. Need to identify partners from 4/5 EU countries. Deadline 26 May. KR to meet with JD to discuss. The bids are held annually.</p>	<p>RJ</p> <p>SM/KR/A M/LA/RJ/A M</p> <p>RC/KR</p>

4. Advisory Board Meeting Feedback

KR reported the meeting went very well. We received lots of positive feedback on the annual report which we will be working through once the minutes have been completed. Changes to the membership of the Advisory Group terms of reference need to be amended so that members whose term of office expires should be given the option of an automatic second term. There were 2 members who were stepping down: Bernie Morgan (CDFA) and Udo Reifner (IFF). AM to approach potential members.

RJ/AM

5. CHASM Membership and Meetings

KR agreed to produce a paper on associate membership which will include criteria for membership and expectations, balance across workstream etc. Suggestion associate members be expected to attend 1 meeting a year and produce a briefing paper. KR to invite John Bryson (GEES) to future meetings. Agreed to cancel June meeting and hold next meeting on 13 July for 1 ½ hours. It was useful to think about events we could organise (i.e. workshops, seminars, roundtables etc). KR suggested we could have quarterly workstream meetings. Agreed KR and RJ to circulate dates of future meetings.

KR

6. Proposals

Friends Provident Foundation – awaiting a decision about the outline proposal submitted. RJ agree to send RC a copy of the proposal

RJ/RC

AHRC Banks and Responsible Lending – AM reported we should be hearing the decision soon.

ASSC Visiting Fellows Scheme/North America Travel Fund – RJ and KR have submitted an application to invite 4 leading US academics to attend series of events in October.

ESRC Future Leaders Scheme – LA has completed a draft outline which is ready to submit to this scheme. The focus is on financial capability among students and debt.

AXA Funding – PC reported back on his interest in submitting an application. The funding call comes round every 6 months. LO expressed interest in applying for postdoc in September in partnership with colleagues in Korea, Poland and the Netherlands.

Duke University – RJ reported on request from colleagues at Duke University to establish an international research centre on social inclusion which will include CHASM and academic

<p>institutions in Brazil, India and Ireland. RJ to report back on progress.</p> <p>ERUBUS – AWM reported that the ESRC PhD case studentship had been filled. The studentship will focus on the social and economic impact of CDFA. The student has started their induction and fieldwork. Co-supervised with John Bryson (GEES).</p>	
<p>7. Proposals</p> <p>Hyde Housing - KR and RJ submitted a proposal to evaluate money advice service. Although it was unsuccessful we hope to build on the relationship with this housing association and its partners.</p> <p>Friends Provident Foundation/Affinity Sutton Group - KR and RJ have submitted an outline proposal to evaluate saving schemes operated by housing associations.</p> <p>ASSC/North American Travel Fund - RJ and KR are working up a package of proposals to invite up to 3 US colleagues involved in the UK-US New Partnership Fund bid to the British Council to attend a symposium in Birmingham.</p> <p>ESRC Future Leaders Scheme - LA working up a proposal. The ESRC are due to announce a call shortly.</p> <p>AXA Funding - PC, KR, LO developing proposal which will extend LO's PhD thesis.</p> <p>Duke University - RJ reported we have been invited by Duke University to be a research partner on a new research centre they are seeking funding. The project will include academic institutions in the US, Brazil, India and Ireland. RJ will provide further updates as bid progresses.</p> <p>ASSC Visiting Fellows Scheme – AWM reported an application has been successful to fund a visiting fellow to work on small business, life style and growth business in July.</p> <p>Taxing the Banks Workshop – AWM reported progress was being made in organising series of workshops in New Zealand and Australia.</p> <p>DFID/ESRC – AWM reported on a £350k bid on economic development being put together with Omneya Abd-Elsalam (Aston Business School) and Brighton Business School. The proposal will look at microfinance and empowerment of women. Deadline for submission 26 May.</p>	

<p>8. Briefing and Publications</p> <p>RJ will be chasing up briefing papers (500 words). Suggestion made that website and briefing papers should be organised in line with workstreams.</p> <p>KR will be raising this with Pam Newby who is responsible for maintaining CHASM website.</p>	<p>RJ</p> <p>KR</p>
<p>9. Events</p> <p>Children and Financial Education –We expect to have 25 attendees for the event on 16 June to be held at Birmingham and Midlands Institute. SA agreed to take minutes</p> <p>Understanding Society/BHPS Conference – 30 June – 1 July includes a session on wealth. A CHASM representative will attend if possible.</p> <p>CFRC – AWM reported on this event which costs £65 to attend. AL may have limited funds to support attendance. CHASM funding may also be possible.</p> <p>American Association of Geographers – LA had identified this event within her workstream Impact and International Plans. RJ will circulate details of this which will be held in New York between 24-28 February 2012 http://www.aag.org/cs/annualmeeting</p> <p>HM Treasury Financial Inclusion Taskforce follow-on – KR reported the meeting of the group taking on this work will be meeting on 13 May.</p> <p>KR asked colleagues to identify international conferences it was felt CHASM should target. OECD - PC reported he was one of two academics (i.e. CASS Business School) invited to talk at an OECD event in Canada on financial capability between 26-27 May.</p>	<p>SA</p> <p>RJ/SM</p> <p>AL</p> <p>RJ</p> <p>All</p>
<p>10. Website</p> <p>KR reported the CHASM website was being revamped by Pam Newby</p>	<p>KR</p>
<p>10. Budget</p> <p>KR reported we hope to receive first tranche of CHASM funding in September. The September meeting (date to be agreed) will discuss staffing.</p>	

<p>11. AOB</p> <p>Consultancy Work Opportunities – PC reported a tender to undertake consultancy work on risk sharing and annuities by the National Employment savings Trust (NEST) to be completed over the Summer. KR suggested he discuss this with SM</p> <p>Sohaib Ahmad – SA is undertaking a BSc in Mathematical Economics and Statistics and has expressed an interest in the work of CHASM. SA is organising an event on financial security on 29 October for students in the Great Hall, and was keen to invite a member of CHASM as a keynote speaker. He is available to do free work for CHASM between June-July. KR invited him to the Financial Education and Children event on 16 June.</p>	<p>PC/SM</p> <p>KR/SA</p>
<p>11. Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>13th July 12-1.30pm, 113, 1st floor, Muirhead Tower. Swipe card access is not required for the first floor.</p>	