

**SECTARIANISM LEGAL DEFINITION GROUP – MINUTES**

<b>Meeting:</b>	Sectarianism Legal Definition Group
<b>Meeting number:</b>	Five
<b>Date:</b>	26 June 2018
<b>Time:</b>	10.00 – 16:00
<b>Venue:</b>	Caledonian University, Glasgow
<b>Group Members (In Attendance)</b>	Dr Duncan Morrow (Chair)
	Margaret Lynch
	Andrew Tickell
	Alison Logan
<b>Guest Attendee</b>	Danny Boyle - BEMIS
	Peter Johnson – Youth Scotland
	Mark Reid – Supporters Direct Scotland
	Abdul Rahim – Place For Hope
	Anthony Horan – Catholic Parliamentary Office
	Lisa Gallacher – Youthlink Scotland
<b>Secretariat</b>	David Bell, Scottish Government (Official support)
	David Ross, Scottish Government (Official support)

**Item 1 – Welcome, introductions and apologies**

1.1 The Chair thanked everyone for attending the meeting and passed on apologies from Ian Galloway and Dr Michael Rosie.

**Item 2 – Round table meeting with guest attendees from community groups and funded projects**

2.1 The Chair welcomed all the guests from community groups and funded projects who attended the round table discussions. He provided them with information on previous work undertaken with the Advisory Group on Tackling Sectarianism in Scotland and also shared information on his recent involvement and advisory role in relation to hate crime.

2.2 The Chair then provided the guests with a detailed background of how the working group was formed and then gave a comprehensive overview of the group's work to date and scope for a legal definition.

2.3 The guests introduced themselves and gave a background of their areas of work and expertise. The Chair then asked them for their initial views on a legal definition and what impact it may have on their areas of work.

2.4 There followed an open discussion on these matters.

2.5 Mr Tickell gave a presentation to the guests around options for a legal definition and how these may look.

**Item 3 – Minutes from meeting four**

3.1 The minutes of meeting four were reviewed and agreed.

**Item 4 – Matters Arising**

4.1 The group reflected on the value of the mornings discussion. The group expressed that they found the conversations with the community groups and funded projects to be meaningful and constructive.

**Item 5 – Next Steps – including ideas on consultation**

5.1 The group discussed James Dornan MSP's cross-party working group to tackle sectarianism and were advised that the group were holding their first meeting on 27 June 2018. The group requested feedback from the first meeting of the cross-party group if available.

5.2 The group agreed a date for the final meeting in August.

5.3 The group agreed for secretariat to share papers through the Knowledge Hub website.

5.4 The group agreed that all minutes and substantive working group papers should be published by secretariat in parallel with the opening of the consultation in October 2018.

**Action: Secretariat to provide an update to the group on James Dornan's first meeting with his cross-party group to tackle sectarianism if available.**

**Action: Secretariat to set up a knowledge Hub page for the group to share documents.**

**Item 6 – AOB**

6.1 There was no other business.

**Item 7 – Date, Time, Venue of Next Meeting**

7.1 The next meeting is on Friday 3 August 2018 in Glasgow.

**Group Secretariat**  
05 July 2018