

Beyond the rainbow

LEGATO, GALA Choruses and Fruitvox

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“I will be an ambassador for the concepts we’ve discussed this weekend and invite others into this conversation... this has opened up a really important topic...” Meeting participant

Observations and points from discussion

We identified the following comments and observations in discussion

- We should progress with the translation of our resources as soon as possible – we have people who speak many languages within the organisation.
- If we develop a 'diagnostic tool' that helps people understand their current stage of development, then it can't be too linear, because there isn't a single progression or route, it needs to be more like a flowchart
- We can add a lot of value to developing choirs simply through the way that we listen and build relationships
- There are some natural stages that teams go through (c.f. Tuckman 1965) that we might signpost choirs and choruses to
- We need to ensure that we remember that we are peers and colleagues on a parallel journey, not that we are the experts and they need our help.
- We need to recognise and promote our differences and our diversity as well as similarities

Personal commitments and actions

We identified the following practical opportunities that we could progress as a result of these discussions;

1. Partnering in the use of social media to get messages out
2. Introduce sister cities (and there are no limits to the number each city can have)
3. Share LEGATO and GALA databases so that range of organisations is more visible to both and to the public
4. Find new partners who can support some of the specific agendas that we want to promote
5. Create a centralised place to share information on line
6. Create some unified approaches (e.g. enabling common enrolment across our different organisations)
7. Increased links to international bodies
8. Twin or pair various voices choirs who are not in LEGATO

We identified these individual actions that people plan to take as a result of the 'Beyond the Rainbow' meetings

1. Talking together – it's been great to be in the same room and getting connected – I intend to do more of that
2. Reconvene at Various Voices to continue the conversation
3. Suggest that 3 from each organisation to Google-chat 3 times before VV
4. Meet again like this at Ottawa?
5. Continue to seek and explore together – sometimes this is more powerful than creating specific projects
6. Work together so that we can communicate and learn together in a way that isn't precious
7. Create a closed facebook group – where it's therefore easy to stay connected
8. Encourage more exchange of information on a regular basis on developments across the globe
9. Open up Gala List serve so that others can access it
10. Develop 'open border' mentality to make it easier for us to explore and collaborate
11. Recognise other minority groups as partners who we could work with
12. Optimize search engine results to make us easier to find on line
13. Start pairing choruses today – Jane
14. Share information and contact details for all the people who attended this meeting – Martin
15. Review this conversation in one year at Various Voices - Fruitvox
16. Happy to offer a facilitation and connection service – putting people in touch with each other - Martin
17. I will be an ambassador for the concepts we've discussed this weekend and invite others into this conversation

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