**MINUTES:** **Of the EROSH London Network meeting held at The Mercers’ Company, 6 Frederick’s Place, London, EC2R 8AB**

**3 October 2019**

**In Attendance**

Sarah Oliver, The Mercers’ Company (Chair)

Sadie Pharo, The Mercers’ Company

Jude Leighton, United St Saviour’s

Debbie Johnson, United St Saviour’s

Jessica Wray, Catalyst

Peter Mokogwu, Lambeth Council

Rhona O’Sullivan, Christian Action

Vivienne Astall, Keniston H.A

Moji Coker, The Mercers Company

Su Wheldon, The Mercers’ Company (Speaker)

Kevin Stoker, Twenty Energy (Speaker)

**Apologies**

Vivienne Lyons

Clare Booth, Shepherds Trust

Liz Abbott, WCAC

Christine Temple, Genesis

Elena Benato, Church of England

1. **Introductions**

Sarah Oliver welcomed everyone and introduced the group.

1. **EROSH Update**

Sarah Oliver Updated the group on recent EROSH activity;

EROSH are working on a survey which will soon be circulated to members.

The number of memberships to EROSH has increased.

There has been may updated to the EROSH website and in particular there is a focus on dementia. There are activities taking and place on blogs online.

The good practice guide is still in the process of being finished but there has been a delay.

The next EROSH event is in December and will be held in South Wales.

Training has been made available for sensitive contractors.

Erosh will soon be taking over SES and await updates on new procedures.

EROSH are also seeking new Trustees for their board is any members are interested to apply. Please notify Sarah Oliver. The next Trustee meeting is 5 November 19 in London.

1. **Twenty Energy – Kevin Stoker**

Kevin was introduced to the group, he discussed his company which is an energy supplier for domestic homes. They are a fully licenced energy supplier serving all Great Britain. They share their success with their customers. Customers can select a charity that will benefit from annual donations.

Twenty energy can sign up a resident/tenant 21 days before the supply is active. They will give you a cost over the phone, no confusing tariffs. They set the tariff over the phone. Family or friends can administer the utilities. Twenty energy have UK call centres and offices are open 9am – 5pm. They will try to extend these hours if business increases.

Website – twenty.energy

Telephone – 03300 246 000

1. **Whittington Out Pension – Su Wheldon**

Sarah Oliver introduced Su Wheldon who is the administrative assistant who handles the Whittington Donation Out pension grant. Su explained the history behind the grant programme and how she administers the programme on behalf of the mercers company. The Charity of Sir Richard Whittington gives a personal grant to a current list of approx. 200 and they can extend to a number of recipients.

Applicants should be of low financial means, over the age of 60 and live in the London borough.

Circulated with the minutes is the application should there be any recommended residents. This will go to Su Wheldon who carries out a home visit in order to compile a report to put in front of the committee for their approval.

The grant is £1200.00 pa and this is split into 2 payments a year of £600.00 in June and November. Contact [swheldon@mercers.co.uk](mailto:swheldon@mercers.co.uk).

1. **Future topics**

The group discussed various hot topics that they think outside speakers would benefit;

The group asked for the following items for future meeting topics;

* Housing benefit and effect of switch to universal credit
* Support Solutions (Charge structure advice)
* Workshop on value for money
* Sharing policies

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**The next meeting is planned for 8 January 2020 @ 10.00am – 12.00pm.**