

Annual Gathering 2019

Pre AGM discussion - Joan Mills of CPR

Joan outlined the huge body of work that the Giving Voice Festival had inspired over the last 30 years, with hundreds of teachers from around the world and thousands of participants, and could see an interesting collaboration between CPR and NVN as they celebrate their anniversaries in 2019.

Caroline Bithell opened a brief discussion before the AGM to get a general feel from the members present as to whether NVN wanted to use CPR's model or combine in some way for our 25th anniversary.

Members briefly asked questions which Joan answered.

Is Giving Voice accessible for people with mobility or sensory issues, etc.?

Yes, GV matches suitability of workshops with participants.

What do you want from NVN?

To add participants to their events and to increase chances of arts funding grants. If NVN were supportive, then Arts Council more likely to listen to proposals.

Accessibility of songs at the proposed workshop in line with NVN inclusivity commitment?

Yes

Could we host international performers/teachers in our own areas and do a large combined one?

Caroline suggested members put any ideas for collaborative events on the "Sticky Bar" in the information area of the gathering. She also asked for volunteers to help develop these ideas as this was not in the remit of the Trustees of NVN.

It was pointed out that the wider membership not present at AGM must be consulted before any decision is made.

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