

## **NSW Committee on Adoption and Permanent Care Inc. Meeting**

**11 April 2014**

### **Communiqué**

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The NSW Committee on Adoption and Permanent Care Inc held their bi-monthly meeting in Parramatta on 11 April 2014. There were thirteen members in attendance.

#### **Sub-Committees:**

- The Training and Development subcommittee did hold a Tracing Workshop which went well, a resource and tools list has been circulated. Possible future training could be therapeutic parenting and a training delivered by Gail Johnson.
- The Legislative Review subcommittee made a submission and then gave evidence to the Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters Inquiry.
- The Community Education on Adoption and Fostering subcommittee have identified the key areas they want to educate the community about, namely openness in adoption, the needs of NSW children, the lifelong impact of adoption and post adoption support.

#### **General:**

- Damon Martin spoke about his recent trip to Vietnam training professionals on finding families for children with disabilities. The trip was funded by the French Central Authority for Intercountry Adoptions and the training was conducted in Ho Chi Minh City and Hoa Binh – a province 70 kms west of Hanoi and delivered to professionals who worked in institutions throughout the country.
- Ways of improving the Committee's website were discussed at length and what further information could be added, i.e. journals and reading lists.
- Acknowledged that the Committee's pamphlet 'Exploring Adoption' is out of date and representatives from the adoption agencies will look at updating this resource.
- Briefly discussed the Intercountry Adoption Reforms and the Australian Journal of Adoption.

The NSW Committee on Adoption and Permanent Care Inc. will meet again on 13 June 2014.