Network Users Forum
Draft Launch Programme - Annotated Version
Friday 30th June

12.45	Buffet Lunch
2.00	Introduction and Welcome - Bob Boucher (Pro-Vice Chancellor, University)
2.05	Richard Caborn MP *To introduce the mission and objectives of the Forum, and perhaps put these in the context of aspirations for Sheffield, Millennium bid and the wider national picture - mainly to make general, warm, encouraging noises of support*
2.15	Cllr Mike Bower *Still in the same spirit, to link the vision of the Forum to that of The Way Ahead, and to outline how this might support the ongoing work of the City Liaison Group and work with other partners across South Yorkshire*
2.25	Presentation on what the Network Users Forum will offer, and how it will work - David Jennings *To outline the benefits of membership, and explain what form the Forum's activities will take, e.g. events, facilitating meetings/workshops with groups of users, working with existing associations in the business, education and community sectors, awareness and conferencing etc*
2.45	Question and Answer session
3.00	Break - *Some of the busy people may leave at this point: the rest of the programme is to provide a flavour of what may be on offer through the Network Users Forum, but is not essential for those who want to get just the main message.*
3.25	Demonstration - National Centre for Popular Music Web pages *To introduce a dash of razzamatazz by showing what is possible with already existing technology, and including sound and video clips - but also important to get across that the NCPM is a serious regeneration initiative which will help put Sheffield on the map (will also link to the University's Web pages relating to Sheffield and the Cultural Industries Quarter to show the bigger picture + quick demonstration of the Web page for the Users Forum itself)*
3.40	Series of short talks from representatives of business, education and community sectors covering their interests in the Forum, plus ideas and possibilities Manchester speakers - experiences of Electronic Village Halls etc Nina Wakeford - experiences (and demonstrations?) of newsgroups, conferencing, MUDs, MOOs etc Joe Clarke/Roger Williams, The Sheffield College - learning technology/ learning environment proposals Steve Knowles, Sheffield Small Business Club - statement of support and announcement of the Business Club/Users Forum meeting in September Graham Bagshaw, GB IT services - announcement of community group/Users Forum half-day conference in August
4.20	Demonstration - Children's bulletin board

4.30   Open question and answer session - to any of the presenters and organisers
To sweep up any outstanding issues that people may have, and potentially to get some feedback on inititial priorities.

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