

Lambeth LGBT Forum Steering Group Draft Minutes 03.12.04.

Present: Jane, Amy, Lee, Billie, Nick, Trevor, Tim, Andy & Steve.

Apologies: Chris and James

David Morley Project: As a follow up from the pilot scheme that Andy did last year tackling homophobia in Lambeth Schools Sandy pepper had secured £150,000 for further work in other Lambeth schools – the meeting agreed that in memory of David Morley it should be called the David Morley Project. Andy had spoken to David's family and they were in agreement. Schools-Out had been asked to do this piece of work on our behalf headed up by Sue Saunders. The time scale for the work would be from now until March 2006. There would be a press release next week and the meeting agreed that Steve could speak on behalf of the steering group. Andy said that this project had the backing of Stephen Twigg the Minister for Education. There don't appear to be any similar projects in any other London Borough so this would really be a pilot.

There was a discussion as to how the project would be delivered, how much of the money would be used to target Young People, Teachers and to combat school culture. Is Schools-Out a large enough organisation to deliver the project? Will they be able to provide, carry out and support a Borough-wide initiative such as this? Will they be able to keep it going? What about any follow up? It was pointed out that **people with behavioural problems need specialised teachers**. Will another company evaluate the scheme? It was pointed out that PAYP who is providing the money has asked Schools-Out to do this piece of work.

It was agreed to invite Sue to our next meeting to present how Schools-Out may deliver the scheme. We would like to see and talk through with her the draft proposals etc.

LGBT Hate Crime Coordinator: Amy distributed her action plan for the next few months assuming that the post will continue beyond the next three months, a draft flier, and proposals for a community audit. There was a discussion around the history of Lambeth LGBT Forum and the steering group. It was agreed that we would like to see Amy helping the forum in the following areas:

1. Increase the numbers and diversity of the Lambeth LGBT Forum and Forum steering group.
2. Ensure the Lambeth LGBT Forum website is maintained and updated.
3. Raise the profile of the forum and steering group within the Council.

It was agreed that Lambeth needs a dedicated Council Officer who worked alongside The Diversity Officer and who shared the same office and that we all need to work towards this. Steve had not heard anything further on this subject from the Leader of the Council. LGBT needs to be in every part of the council and only a dedicated officer could ensure that this happens.

Any comments on the papers should be sent to Amy by 10 December.

CPCG: Nick brought to the meeting's attention that the CPCG were inviting groups to offer suggestions as to what should be included in their action plan. They need to be reminded that the LGBT Community in Lambeth is large and yet we only have a small bit of Andy. We need the kind of representation on their body that reflects the population. The CPCG needs to be reminded that Lee had offered to attend their meeting representing Lambeth LGBT Forum. Nick to make the submission.

Andy reported that the business case that he had submitted to Lambeth Police Service for a dedicated LGBT Officer had been accepted. (Wait and see!)

Up and Coming: There will be a planning meeting on 20 December for this and Tim and Trevor agreed to attend. Andy will let them know the place and time of the meeting.

Focus Group: Andy conducted a focus group relating to the Police and policing HIV etc.

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 5th January 2005, 2pm Palace Road Surgery, SW2

Steve 09.12.04