

Lambeth LGBT Forum Minutes 11.03.04.

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

Apologies: Christopher. Martin McClockary is no longer manager at Chariots and therefore has resigned from this group.

Update on non-police reporting:

The training happened in January. There has been a delay in getting the posters out into the venues, however Andy had sample copies present and he has arranged for him and a carpenter to go round the venues on 19 March to put them up – they will be in frames. (Steve to write to the Hoist requesting permission to put up posters there.)

Outreach:

It was agreed that those who were able would go on outreach with Andy on Saturday evening, 27 March, meet at Kennington Police Station at 9pm. Tim, Jane and Nick said that they would go, Billie was uncertain and Lee and Steve already had commitments for that evening. If anyone else is able to go, please contact Andy.

Homophobic reporting pack:

The Met had decided not to reprint this pack but incorporate it with other hate crimes. There was a lengthy discussion – agreed that there needs to be a strategy directed to the LGBT community and for it not to become a generic hate crime. Agreed to attempt to liaise with other LGBT forums with a view to express a common front from the LGBT community to the Met. Andy to supply Steve with points to be expressed and contacts.

Work Programme:

We went through the work programme 2003/04 – most had been achieved, thanks to Andy. Third Party Reporting had been established, now it needs to be kept on people's agendas by continually being advertised. The website still has not been established but Andy had arranged to meet a designer on 12 March and hopefully this will now proceed. Steve reported that he had received about 6 calls re: LGBT matters ranging from asking about LGBT youth clubs to housing matters. All had been dealt with satisfactorily. Andy reported that last year he received 2 calls per week on the designated LGBT helpline, now he is receiving 15 per week. The meeting felt that it was realistic to develop an LGBT Advisory Panel at this stage. Agreed that for the time being this should be done via emails to members and members could respond immediately. Andy had completed the task on homophobic bullying in Secondary Schools and would look into the possibility of its development. A number of outreach events had taken place during the year; they had been successful and had been done in conjunction with THT (HGLC). The questionnaire had not been done.

Crime Audit:

Andy said that he has to arrange a meeting with the LGBT community somewhere between May and July 2004 for this and perhaps it would be a good time for us to have some kind of AGM or re-launch. Possibilities of a

questionnaire on what are the current LGBT issues, will be a time to reinforce the non-police reporting etc. Andy to liase with Steve for a date.

Park Rangers:

Tim said that the Park Rangers had requested some LGBT training. Andy has developed an LGBT training pack and perhaps this ought to be offered to the various groups around Lambeth in conjunction with the forum.

Other Business:

There had been a nasty incident involving acid and Gaydar – Tim to do a non-police report. There is to be a proper analysis on recent attacks on Streatham Common by a researcher hopefully the results will help in future policing policies. Billie reported that the small grants would not support a part time worker for the forum.

Agenda items for next meeting:

What should Andy's priorities be for 2004/05?

What will Lambeth Council be prepared to fund for the LGBT Community?
(Chris will you explore this one?)

Date of next meeting: 14 May 2004, 2pm Palace Road Surgery, SW2

Steve 12.03.04