

# **Lambeth LGBT Forum Steering Group**

## **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> August 2005**

### **PRESENT**

Danny Fitzgerald  
Tim Chambers  
Christopher D'Souza (Lambeth Community Safety Manager)  
Graham Alldus (Lambeth Met LGBT LO).  
Amy Donovan (Lambeth LGBT Anti-Hate Crime Coordinator).  
Daisy  
Rose Donovan  
Gary Whiting  
Min Rodriguez

### **APOLOGIES**

Tom Willetts  
Robert Brown

Minutes from last meeting (July 19<sup>th</sup>) agreed as an accurate record

### **SIGMA PRESENTATION**

Peter Keogh and his colleague David, from Sigma Research outlined the research methods and the areas that the research will potentially cover which they then sought feedback on.

Several ideas that the Forum raised included:

- The need for the research to have a communications strategy
- The need for 'faith' to be an optional question in the demographics section
- The value in having one URL for people to complete the online questionnaire:
  - Greater cost efficiency with only one set of promotional material needing to be produced as well as saving on the cost of multiple URL's.
  - More inclusive to have one flyer promoting the research as opposed to different flyers for different identities.

### **MATTERS ARISING**

#### **Letter of commitment**

This was circulated and subsequently sent to lead members. Responses so far have been received from Cllr. John Whelan and Cllr. Peter Truesdale. Cllr. Truesdale will be following up on the list of recommendations that we sent to the Council. He has made contact expressing his dissatisfaction with the report that he received from the Equalities and Diversity department and he has requested that they revise the report. We are awaiting their response.

It is worth highlighting that the Council has made several positive responses in light of our letter, these include:

- Allocating funds and lead people for LGBT History Month
- Proving the forum with Council space for meetings

ACTION: Amy will update the forum at the next meeting on the Council's progress in addressing the letter's recommendations.

### **Strategic Plan**

Final version agreed. Amy will make several small amendments and then place the strategic plan on website for public dissemination

ACTION: Amy to send to Webmaster

### **Email**

New email address of [info@lambethLGBTforum.org.uk](mailto:info@lambethLGBTforum.org.uk) is now running and is being monitored by Amy. She will provide details so others can monitor it in her absence. Tim is checking the old Yahoo e-dress in case emails are still being sent there.

ACTION: Amy to provide web access details to login details for email

### **Letter to members**

Amy has been unable to get many residential addresses and is therefore unable to send out contact cards and written update of Forum's progress and achievements.

### **BLACK HISTORY MONTH UPDATE**

Amy announced that there are two exciting events planned to represent LGBT people and communities during Black History Month in October

Details: Lambeth is proud to include the following exciting black lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) events as part of Black History Month in October. Two events have already been confirmed and it is hoped that more will be included in the programme.

#### **The 'Queens Jewels' exhibition, 17<sup>th</sup> October – 10<sup>th</sup> November 2005.**

This exhibition offers a fascinating insight into what has helped define black LGBT culture in the UK. For the first time assembling and displaying printed material, magazines, pamphlets, flyers, posters and klub memorabilia collected from a range of people from within and outside the Black LGBT community. Toper Campbell, one of the members of the production team highlights the importance of the exhibition, *"In the early days the Black press and the gay press ignored the Black gay presence and still see it as a minority interest. The struggle for visibility continues and The Queens Jewels is part of that struggle as it celebrates and testifies to the experience of the BLGBT community putting us where we belong: in the centre of the Frame."*

**An evening with Rikki Beadle-Blair, 17 October 2005.** Rikki is a talented black gay artist whose career includes being an actor, dancer, musician, choreographer, director and writer. His profile was considerably raised in Britain in March 2001 with the Channel 4 television series *Metrosexuality* that he wrote, produced, and directed, and in which he played a lead role. One of his most recent works is 'Bashment', a play he wrote and directed, which explores the controversy around dancehall regga music and the consequences of homophobic lyrics. This is a fantastic opportunity to hear what this interesting man has to say about his life and the motivations for his work. Spaces are limited for this event so please phone or email Amy Donovan, the Lambeth LGBT Anti-Hate Crime Coordinator, to reserve your seat on 020 73262684 or [amy@lcpt.org.uk](mailto:amy@lcpt.org.uk)

This event is to be held at the Carnegie Library, 188 Herne Hill Road, SE24 0AG. For further Location/transport details refer to the Lambeth LGBT Forum website:  
www.lambethlgbtforum.co.uk

**ACTION:** Amy to circulate details to Rose for inclusion in NHS promotions. Book the Black Cultural Archives for LGBT history month in Feb  
Daisy to obtain book list from Feminist Library  
Ritzy to be approached for both Black & LGBT history months

**AOB:**

**Lambeth Life**

Danny expressed his anger and frustration at the way Lambeth Life handled the Forum in the latest issue. Amy explained that the photo was meant to be included with an article she provided for them, which they forgot to incorporate. Apparently we have been promised a two-page spread for Feb 2006 to coincide with LGBT History Month.

It was pointed out that the Forum will have to prepare material and plan History month to ensure all materials ready by Christmas for the article. Next Forum meeting will assist with this.

**ACTION:** Letter of complaint to be sent to Lambeth Life asking for a published apology and confirmation of the article next year. Danny and Amy to compile a letter seeking an apology for the exclusion of the article from the Lambeth Life.

**Pan-London LGBT Forum Conference**

Galop has been leading on a conference that will bring London Forums together on Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup> October 2005, 10.30am – 5pm, venue to be confirmed.

The purpose of the conference is to provide LGBT forum and networks in London a chance to get together, share best practise and learn about ways they can help their local group to grow.

I would like to see as many of us there as possible at this worthwhile conference. Additionally, I have agreed to facilitate run a presentation around how we got the Lambeth Forum re-launched, what worked well and what didn't. I would appreciate it if a member of the forum could present with me so if you are interested, please contact me to discuss.

**Future meetings:**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Invited speaker/s</b>	<b>Venue</b>
Tuesday 20-09-05	LGBT History Month February 2006	Lesley Ray (Head of Lambeth Libraries); Lambert Allman (Assistant Director Youth Services)	Council Chamber, Brixton Town Hall
Wednesday 19-10-05	Civil Partnership Act (to be introduced in December).	Doreen McKenzie (Register Office, Lambeth Council).	Room 8, Brixton Town Hall
Tuesday 15-11-05	Feedback from Sigma Research on 'LGBT Matters'.	Peter Keogh (Sigma Research)	Council Chamber, Brixton Town Hall
Wednesday 14-12-05	Lambeth LGBT Forum Christmas Party	Not applicable	Details to be confirmed

