

Lambeth LGBT Forum Steering Group

Tuesday 19th July 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).

Billie Ferrie

Min Rodriguez

John Roberts

APOLOGIES

Gerald Gohler

Lee Winters

Mark Edginton

Katy Shaw

Philip Inglesant

Gary Whiting

Rose Donovan

Minutes from last meeting (June 14th) agreed as an accurate record, although there was some discussion about the format of upcoming meetings (see below).

MATTERS ARISING

Pride

- A group from the Forum marched with the new banner and 30 people signed up at the Pride stall. Several hundred copies of the resource card were distributed. An article featuring a photo of the event and highlighting several issues will appear in next edition of Lambeth Life.

Letter of commitment

- Amy and Min drafted the letter, which will be sent to the Council Leader, Chief Executive, leaders of all parties etc once it has been circulated to Forum members for FINAL comments.

ACTION: Amy to circulate.

Service Review

- Chris reported that out of the four companies short-listed, Sigma Research had been awarded the contract. It was agreed that the Forum should be pro-active in supporting this work and giving views to Sigma.

ACTION: Amy to arrange a meeting with Sigma Research which will tentatively be agreed for Wednesday 17th September.

Aims / Mission / Vision

This was reviewed and agreed. An action plan will be developed to encompass the issues generated by Speak Out and subsequent Steering Group meetings.

ACTION: Amy to circulate

Email

- Danny reported that he was having difficulties accessing the Yahoo inbox. Concerns were expressed that lack of response to the backlog is re-victimising people who were sending emails and rightly expecting a reply. Sadly there was no way to correct this retrospectively but it was agreed that it was imperative ensure this no longer happens. Adopting new email address of info@lambethLGBTforum.org.uk will assist this

ACTION: Danny to liaise with Amy in using LCPT computer. Tim to assist Danny in clearing backlog. Amy to ensure new email address goes live.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- The strategic summary in the minutes arose from a meeting of Chris, Amy and Graham following the previous Strategy Group meeting.
- It was proposed that subsequent meetings should be open for all, and that the first hour should focus on a theme. Council / Police employees responsible for that theme would be invited to give a presentation on how their work includes LGBT issues, which would then be followed by questions from Forum members.
- Once completed (approx one hour), speakers could leave, permitting general Forum business to be attended to.
- Meetings could be co-chaired by different people each time, on order to share the workload, with notification at the end of each meeting as to who would co-chair the next
- This was agreed as a good plan.
- Programme at end of minutes

ACTION: Amy to contact Sigma Research and Community Safety speakers for availability & briefing.

LETTER TO MEMBERS

Amy does not have residential addresses for many of the people who left contact details after Speak Out & Pride. She will request for Forum members to send her their postal address so that a physical letter can be sent out with copies of the information card. Additionally, this letter will provide a summary of what has been achieved by the Steering Group so far, and inviting people to attend the meetings discussed above.

ACTION: Amy to circulate email requesting addresses. Letter to be drafted summarising accomplishments and upcoming meetings / strategy etc.

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Suggested Programme

Wednesday 17 th August	Sigma Research – Lambeth LGBT Equalities Review
Tuesday 20 th September	LGBT History Month in schools, libraries & other venues
Wednesday 19 th October	Community Safety Supt Andy Tarrant & Paul McCann (Lambeth Community Safety Team)
Tuesday 15 th November	Sigma Research Update
Wednesday 14 th December	Christmas Party (venue TBC)

ADDITION TO THE MINUTES

Labour Cllr. Steve Reed has agreed to make room bookings for our meetings at the town hall under his name, which means that there are no costs incurred for the Forum. I will be liaising with his Personal Assistant to arrange the details for the meetings and will email once room locations and dates have been confirmed.

Guests:

Guest speakers have now been confirmed for the first three meetings above, I will confirm the dates once the meeting room has been established.