

Lambeth LGBT Forum Meeting Wednesday 21 June

Present

Rose Donovan
Min Rodriguez
Katy Shaw
Yvonne Stewart-Williams
Tim Chambers
Billie Ferrie
Kevin Creed
Amy Donovan (Lambeth LGBT Anti-Hate Crime Coordinator)
Anton Johnson (Trade Union Council rep)
Graham Alldus (LGBT Met. Liaison Officer)
Krysia Von Burg

Apologies

Chris D'Souza (Lambeth Council Community Safety Team Manager)
Robert Brown
Lee Winter
Tom Willets
Jeffrey Doorn
Tom Haworth

Guest: Vivian McKnight (Equality and Performance Officer)

VM requested that the Forum view and provide feedback on a resource, developed by Stonewall, that she thought could potentially be used in the training of housing officers.

Overall, the feedback from the Forum was that the video does not meet the needs of housing staff. The video was primarily aimed at senior management with the intention of getting organisations to create more inclusive workplaces in line with the Employment legislation (sexual orientation).

It was suggested that part of the video could be used as a learning tool for a carefully facilitated discussion to explore issues such as language, banter, harassment and management issues.

Importantly, this resource does not address key issues around providing inclusive service delivery and, as front line staff, this is imperative.

During this discussion it was highlighted that the reason VM was trying to develop LGBT equalities training is that the Council Teaching and Learning Development Unit (TLDU) is not meeting the needs of her staff.

Action: VM and AD are to follow up this issue with the aim of arranging a meeting with TLDU to develop more inclusive training.

Meeting Minutes

1. Welcome and apologies
2. Minutes from the last meeting
3. Events
 - Clapham Pride Update
 - Lambeth Country Show (15th July)
 - Walk for Life (30 July)
4. Forum flier
5. Any other business
6. Next meeting

1. Welcome and apologies are above.
2. AJ commented that the April minutes, despite being amended, still do not accurately reflect what was said at the meeting.
3. GA reported that *Clapham Pride*, on the 17th June, was a success with a considerably larger turn out than last year and no reported incident's. The feedback from visitors was that the Policing had been very sensitive. AD and MR were also present to distribute Forum information.

AD highlighted that she will be attending the Clapham Country Show on the 15th July, Graham mentioned that PC Catriona Barclay will also be attending. TC, DF and RB have come forward as being available to volunteer for a few hours on the day.

AD mentioned that her and MR are taking part in the Walk for Life and that they would appreciate it if as many LGBT Forum members as possible could also take part. To join simply go to the website www.walkforlife.co.uk and register, when they ask if you would like to join a team, say yes and go for the Lambeth LGBT Forum. The day will finish at the Hyde Park where we'll have a picnic. Partners, children, friends and pets all welcome.

4. Forum flier

Suggestions were given to improve the draft flier (see below).

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Action: AD to liaise with designer and bring some mock ups to the next forum if possible.

5. AOB

AD highlighted that Carole Litchmore will be attending the Forum meeting on 19th September. TC mentioned that it would be useful to have the key findings from the LGT Matters report for the Forum to read before this meeting. TC also suggested that it could be wise to inform her in advance about the issues we wish to discuss so that she can come prepared. The Forum identified that training, monitoring and the corporate response to LGBT hate crime as being some of the key issues.

Action: AD to contact Peter Keogh (researcher) to see if an executive summary is available. If not, AD & TC will compile some key recommendations from the report.

AD to compile a list of the key issues the forum would like discussed with CL, for the Forum sign off at the July meeting.

6. Next meeting: Forum spring clean

At the next meeting the Forum will be attended by the website designer to discuss the Forum's website. We want to ensure that the website reflects what the Forum would like on it. In preparation for this meeting, please review the site at www.lambethlgbtforum.org.uk

Additionally, please take some time to consider how the forum has been functioning and what you would like to see changed to improve it. You may like to consider, the time, location, discussions, chairing, structure, activities, speakers, promotion etc.

**Next meeting 7-9pm, 18 July
Room 8, Brixton Town Hall**