

Lambeth LGBT Forum Meeting Tuesday 23 May

Present

Rose Donovan
Min Rodriguez
Billie Ferrie
Daniel Fitzgerald
Kevin Creed
Anton Johnson (Trade Union Council rep)
Amy Donovan (Lambeth LGBT Anti-Hate Crime Coordinator)
Graham Alldus (Lambeth Met. LGBT Liaison Officer)

Apologies

Katy Shaw
Robin Newman
Tim Chambers
Anna Marsden
Chris D'Souza (Lambeth Council Community Safety Team Manager)

Consultation on the Proposal to Outlaw Sexual Orientation Discrimination in the Provision of Goods & Services (Due to take effect October 2006)

This workshop was facilitated by Min Rodriguez.

The workshop provided the opportunity to discuss a piece of legislation which has key implications for the LGBT people in regards to the provision of goods, facilities, and services, in education and in the exercise of public functions.

Small groups discussed various questions and then the groups came together to share their answers.

Please find the responses to the consultation attached. If people have any comments, questions or suggestions, please make them as soon as possible, Tuesday 30 May at the latest.

May Forum business agenda

1. Welcome and apologies
2. Minutes from the last meeting
3. Events
 - Clapham Pride (17 June)
 - Pride (1 July)
 - Lambeth Country Show (15th & 16th July)
 - Walk for Life (30 July)
4. Forum flier
5. Forum spring clean
6. Any other business

1. Apologies are above.
2. AJ highlighted that the April meeting minutes required amendments to include the discussion made regarding former Cllr Charles Anglin and some homophobic material that was distributed about him. The updated minutes will be available via the website.

3. **Events**

GA mentioned that there will be a Clapham Pride event on the 17 June, Graham to provide more details.

AD mentioned that she and MR will not be able to staff a stall at Pride. However, she is prepared to fund a stall if there are any Forum members willing to organise it.

AD stated that she will have space on the LCPT stall to promote her work and the Forum at the Lambeth Country Show on the 15 July. Volunteers are welcome, if interested please contact AD.

AD mentioned that MR had raised the possibility of doing the 'Walk for Life' HIV charity event as a Forum. It is on Sunday 30 July and involves a 10km walk through central London. We would be expected to seek sponsorship and can have a webpage through the event site to promote our participation and monitor our sponsorship. AD has had an informal discussion with Mark Oakley from South Central and he has agreed to look at ways that he can sponsor us.

Action: DF and AD to write a letter requesting sponsorship for 'Walk for life'. The letter will then be distributed to the members of the Vauxhall Gay Business Forum.

4. **Flier**

AD has developed a flier for the Forum (see below). Please provide feedback by the 9 June and I will bring the suggestions to the June Meeting.

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Want to make Lambeth a safer and more enjoyable place for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Trans (LGBT) people?

The **Lambeth LGBT Forum** provides an opportunity for LGBT people who live, work, study or play in the Borough, to meet others and have a say on issues affecting our lives.

More information is available on our website www.lambethlgbtforum.org.uk or contact Amy Donovan, Lambeth LGB Anti-Hate Crime Coordinator on 020 7326 2684.

They say that time changes things, but you actually have to change them yourself.

- Andy Warhol

Action: Provide any suggestions to Amy by 9 June.

5. **Forum spring clean**

AD asked whether the Forum would like to use the July meeting to assess how the Forum is functioning and what improvements people would like to make. At this meeting, the website designer will attend the first part of the meeting so that we can provide feedback on the website and make suggestions.

6. **Any other business**

PC Graham Allidus highlighted that Lambeth has had drop in the number of reported LGBT hate crimes for the last quarter compared to the same time last year. Islington is now the London Borough with the highest level of recorded LGBT hate crime in London.

Graham also expressed concern over an issue at Streatham whereby a 13 yr old boy entered some public toilets to find 15 approx. men inside. He fled and was walking down the street with his twin sister when a man

whom he recognised from the toilets drove past and made suggestive movements for him to come towards the car.

The boy and his sister informed their parents and the father and a friend went down to the toilets and reported the incident to Police.

However, concern exists that this father may continue to return to the toilets hoping to find the perpetrator and a case of mistaken identity may occur.

Graham mentioned that the male toilets have been locked as an interim measure while the issues are addressed by all agencies involved.

Graham highlighted that he would like some of the Forum members to be involved in future meetings regarding sex in public spaces and for anyone interested to contact him on 020 8649 2099.

Graham also shared a website which is excellent for getting the latest news – including LGBT news. The website is: www.newsnow.co.uk