**Minutes 07/10/14**

**Present J.S.; B.J.; G.H.; L.Y.; A.K.; L.R.; J.N.; G.P.; M.R.; D.L.R.; E.T.; O.B.; C.C.; C.P.;**

**Apologies M.G;**

**AOB Woman**

**Residential Meeting**

Residences Life contacted committee members about working with some students which they support in Uni Accommodation. G.P. runs a support based department work with Union and Sport Sheffield, with a mix of Union and department events. G.P. has approached us from a support angle and would put people in touch with us if they need support, and basically act as a signpost. M.R. does a monthly event for Freshers, and includes some non-drinking ones where LGBT individuals can meet others in a more relaxed environment. We will help organise events and assist them where appropriate. E.T. will keep in contact with G.P. and be our contact point. Our Welfare service is to be advertised in residences.

**This Week**

Coffee social - G.H.; B.J.; L.Y.; National Coming Out Day Stall, booked us the Wet Area, go out into the plaza and bring people 12-2pm. C.C. 12-1pm, G.H., L.Y.; C.P. (12.30pm-2pm); Twist and Fuel, G.H.; L.Y.; L.R.; J.N.; J.S.; C.P.; C.C.; Boardgames J.S.; C.C.; L.Y.; G.H. to publish rest of events.

**Halloween Social**

We have decided to put on a film night and it will be put in the Agenda next week.

**Leeds Trip**

Yes. G. H. been talking to LGBT committee at Leeds University. Will be planned for the end of November on the weekends of weeks 8 or 9 (so on the 22nd or 29th).

**Subrep Committee**

C.C. to put Subrep committee information on the Google Drive. Subrep committee positions to be advertised as soon as possible on all media, along with a deadline for applications. C.C. to release list of set and open positions. The Goal is to get everyone of them to run a campaign independently, the idea of which will be part of the application form. They would be encouraged to attend socials. May run campaigns during LGBT History Month, or during weeks such as Asexual Awareness weeks. Elections to end at week 6. They should be as independent as possible, but also gain support from the Union and the current committee.

**Office Hours**

Committee to pass on relevant info to C.P. Office hours to be enforced from Monday.

**Emails**

C.P. has been in contact with CiCS and it is work in progress.

**Website**

Web Chat hours are set. J.N. to talk to C.P. about what to edit. Publicity to make low-tech flyer about WebChat.  E.T. to email design idea tonight.

**Festival**

L.Y. has the idea of doing a fundraiser festival with paid acts, similar to Splectrum. The International Committee would like to work with us and run a theme such as “Carnival” in February and showcase is as a parade of fancy dress event.

**Straight People**

The Video is to be commented by the committee so that C.P. can send an email. Video to be commented. Last week there was K.H. mentioned allies wanting being involved, but not be in sub-committee, however would be invited to get involved if they have relatives who identify as LGBT. The questions are how to make it more accessible for non-LGBT allies to get involved in campaigns, and how to reach out to them. This issue may be raised during LGBT history month. We may make an event, or use a University Wide email.

**Splectrum**

We should have more have more committee members involved at the event and perhaps avoid coinciding with Roar pre-drinkers. The next date is on the 13th of November (Thursday). C.P. to source earplugs and L.Y. to ask to make the event quieter.

**Schools Visits**

To be put on next week’s Agenda.

**Football**

We received an email from someone who has funding to organise football games for different groups of people. They were wondering if we should organise LGBT football, and will give us leaflets to give out at events.

**Staff LGBT Liaison**

J.S. and O.B. had a meeting with the network and were saying that we should do an event together. The idea is to start a new scheme where staff members can wear a rainbow lanyard, so that students can approach them to mention LGBT issues in a confidential manner. Currently the Physics department is the only department to run this. They are to be invited on Friday for the Coming Out Day Stall.