**Minutes 25/11/14**

Present J.S.; C.P.; O.B.; D.L.R.; B.J.; L.Y.; J.N.; L.R.; M.G.;

Apologies G.L.; E.T.; C.C.;

AOB

**HIV testing week and future**

We would like to see more of HIV testing services in the future in the Lounge just to establish a presence.

**Tharinji**

To be publicised amongst various media. Vigil in peace gardens on Monday, to be advertised.

**Lady Boys of Bangkok**

We have been sent an email regarding this. We have not seen the show, so many of us are unable to comment. People contacting them has received quite rude replies. C.P. to send email round, C.P. to create post and we are to comment on them, then J.S. to synthesis what is said and take it to the Union. L.Y. says that we should talk to other committees and get their opinion, to form a Union wide one.

**Leeds Trip**

We would have to have a huge surge of interest tonight which seems unlikely, so we will cancel it. Although one day, we can do an informal trip somewhere. Even if it were with more advance notice, people are not very vociferous, making organising difficult. There used to be a trip to Corp. We should go there according to B.J., C.P., J.S..

**Mental Health Stuff**

Next Friday the mental health day is happening. We wanted to get loads of stars and write an experience that they or a friend has had. Stuck down so that you can’t see the message onto black paper on the floor to create a night sky. Idea that people would see the stars and that it can affect everyone, see how it makes it. We sign up for one hour (6 hours in total) and Mental Health Matters joins up with us. L.Y. to create poll.

L.Y. posted on their wall about the sessions that they wanted to run about a certain mental health issue. Idea is that if people have experience with it, that they lead a session, or is confident/has knowledge about it. Informal chats for about an hour. Must decide whether to start them in December or in February. Topics can be e.g. anxiety and depression, but can move forwards from there. We will start them in February to have time to sort them out.

**WSL**

Basically, if WSL agree to trans\* written policy, do we want to keep holding Splectrums there, despite there being an incident with an outsourced bouncer? They did not deal with it particularly well, but if they agree on the policy, we can still run events. A good attendance is still attributed to Splectrum, and would be improved if they agreed to it. Give them the benefit of the doubt, and the policy covers the issue with outsourcing bouncers. Stay with them and see how it progresses.

**Gemma’s Death**

Very ill and will not be able to attend events this week. Let us pray for her. Ask C.C. or E.T. to see if they can go to the postgrad social.

**Music Festival**

Whether we want to make a smaller team to organise a music festival type thing in February. L.Y. to post on FB group to gauge interest & set up a working group

**Project emailed to Laura**

L.Y. to post it on Facebook.

**Pets as Therapy**

J.S. had a meeting and a dog was brought in called Luna, is a greyhound. Could do it regularly, once a fortnight, purrhaps at the coffee social L.Y. suggests that we post if anyone has any allergies. Adjust times if allergies happen. Pick and rotate days. To happen next Friday, being the 5th. Same day as the disabilities stall day.

**Christmas meal**

To be set on the 14th. C.P. to contact both places to look at cross contamination issues. Cosmo we will go to! 6pm. 5.30pm outside the Union. Subcommittee to be invited.