



# **LGBTQ+ Forum Executive Committee Minutes**



**Date and time: 03/05/2023 @ 16:07**

**Location: BLN SR18**

**Present: Raen (Co-LCO), Josh (Co-LCO), Willow (General Secretary), Maddie (Socials), Clio (Trans+), Arwen (Intersectionality)**

**Apologies: Ebonie (Women+), George (Campaigns), Claudia (Social Media)**

**Absent: Harry (Men+), Uyi (BAME), Ellie (Graphic Designer)**

## **1. Welcome from the Chair**

## **2. Coffee Evening Plans**

Due to exam season, we aren't going to be running too many themed coffees but we'll still run a few.

- Colouring (Week 23, run by Maddie)
- Board Games (Week 24, run by Arwen and Maddie)
- Wear your colours (Week 26, run by Thomas)
- Presentations (Week 29, run by Willow)
- Coffee in the sun (Time TBD)
- Pizza Evening (Week 30 potentially)

We'll also have a dedicated separate study area at our coffee evenings in light of exams.

We may also move to a different area as taking over Infolab causes issues for computer science students, which we want to avoid in exam season. We'll talk with other societies and look at the room booking to see what alternatives are available.

## **3. Co-Options**

Social Secretary (2 positions)

- First position: candidates were: Sam, RON
  - 5 votes for Sam, 0 against
  - Sam is co-opted as Social Secretary
- Second position: candidates were Thomas, RON
  - 5 votes for Thomas, 0 against
  - Thomas is co-opted as Social Secretary

## **4. Pride Month**

Our new social secretaries will go through our list of events from last week and decide which they'll work on.

### **4.1. Vigil**

We're deciding either to run a Pulse vigil or a vigil on IDAHOBIT. Historically we've run the vigil as a Pulse vigil. Due to how close IDAHOBIT is we'll run the Pulse vigil and then do something on our social media instead for IDAHOBIT.

### **4.2. Queerstrav**

The Queer Night Out in History month didn't go as planned, so we're going to decide how to run Queerstrav differently to make it more inclusive. Last year's event ran in Pendle rather than going between Grizedale and Sugar and was very successful. If we run it on campus we need to make sure we work around college extras and exam season.

Most college bars don't have anti-spiking equipment. If the bars don't any by extrav we'll get some from the SU.

Our current theme idea is "Met Gala." We'll be careful about our comms to make sure people don't feel pressured to dress up if they don't wish to. We can also get fun props for the event to people to wear (crowns etc.).

## **5. Updates**

### **5.1. SU Officer Update**

#### **5.1.1. Budget**

We have a lot of our budget left and we need to spend it soon, otherwise we risk it being cut. The problem is that we've been saving most of it for Canal Street, but due to petrol costs all the coach quotes are beyond our budget.

#### **5.1.2. Canal Street**

Due to the high coach costs, for Canal Street we'll run a daytime sober event instead talking about queer history in Manchester going to various different queer locations where we subsidise train costs instead. We'll discuss this in more detail at exec workshop next week to decide a date and flesh out plans. We also need to work around Manchester pride.

#### **5.1.3. Exec Hoodies**

Due to how long this has taken, it's been suggested we get exec T-shirts to keep permanently instead of buying hoodies for individual exec members.

#### **5.1.4. Lancaster Medical Practice**

We're going to look into GP practices that do shared care well to phrase our open letter better and more constructively. To give the letter more weight we'll then send it through Union Assembly to improve long-term accountability on this. Raen and Willow will take the lead on this, getting feedback from forum members.

#### **5.1.5. Condoms**

LUSU is low on condoms. We're going to put in an order through the union. Josh is still working on more inclusive contraception options as well for next year.

#### **5.1.6. LCO Elections**

LCO elections were announced in April. Multiple roles are open, including LGBTQ+ Officer. Nominations open May 8<sup>th</sup> at 12pm and close on May 26<sup>th</sup> at 12pm.

### **5.2. Welfare Officers**

Clio needs to get in contact with Adam Trepak regarding T+ Coffee room booking.

### **5.3. Social Officers**

Maddie will go round the different departments to check when exams end. Sam might be able to get a list from VP Education.

### **Key Word Breakdown**

- **IDAHOBIT: International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia, Interphobia and Transphobia**
- **RON: Re-Open Nominations**
- **LCO: Liberation and Campaigns Officer**
- **LUSU/SU: Lancaster University Students Union**
- **LMP: Lancaster Medical Practice**