



## **LGBTQ+ Forum Executive Committee Minutes**



**Date and time: 14/06/2023 @ 16:00**

**Location: BLN SR18**

**Present: Raen, Josh, Willow, Clio, Ebonie, Maddie, Sam, Thomas, Ellie, George**

**Apologies: Uyi, Arwen**

**Absent: Harry**

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

Josh and Sam are joining remotely today.

### **2. Queerstrav (24th June)**

Sam needs someone to review the quiz to make sure it's appropriate, Raen will do this at the weekend. We've got the carpet and balloon arch. Willow will look for a backdrop and we'll discuss affordability for this.

Sam and Maddie will be on sober duty.

We discussed (free) ticketing for the event, weighing pros and cons such as turnout and gauging numbers. We ultimately decided ticketing wouldn't be worth it. We can gauge turnout with an Instagram story instead. Thomas will get capacity numbers from Pendle.

#### **Action Points:**

- **Raen needs to review the quiz.**
- **Willow needs to find a backdrop.**
- **Thomas needs to get venue capacity numbers from Pendle bar.**

### **3. Banner Making and Pride (23<sup>rd</sup> & 25th June)**

We'd like to use the library event space for banner making if possible – the library have previously told us they're happy to give us the space. We'll run this 11-4pm. Willow will help run it. Ellie can help in the morning, Sam can also help after 11 and Raen can also help in the afternoon.

Last year we had a meeting point before the parade at Common Garden Street, which worked well. The parade starts at 12pm from Dalton Square, so we'll meet at Common Garden at 11am. Willow, Raen, Clio, Ellie, Thomas, George and maybe Maddie will be able to be there. Some of the FTOs may be able to help as well.

We'll be sharing a stall with the ally network. We'll make a rota for this next week.

**Action Points:**

- Josh needs to contact Leslie so we can book the Library event space.
- Sam needs to contact Zara so we can get cardboard from central

**4. Presentation Evening (19th June)**

We were originally planning to run this in the InfoLab to avoid the hassle of room booking and advertising a different location, however we've had some complaints about running presentations here due to the background noise. Also, the InfoLab lift is broken and may not be fixed by Monday, making the venue inaccessible. Willow is currently having issues with the room booking, so she'll speak to Hannah and try to get an alternative room booked.

**5. Neurodivergent Exec Officer**

A forum member (Marisha) has proposed we introduce a dedicated neurodivergent exec officer to help improve the accessibility of our events, online spaces, etc. for neurodivergent members (e.g. there were some instances of accessibility issues at the picnic and AGM which we should avoid in future).

There was a general feeling that this was a good idea. Technically this is partly the remit of the Intersectionality officer but it would still be worth taking the new role forward to bylaw amendment. Part of the Engagement officer's role was to help improve accessibility of our events and online content as well. Not every exec role is filled currently. Overall it would be a good idea to audit our current exec roles to see what does and doesn't work well regarding both accessibility and other areas.

Unfortunately Josh and Raen don't have time to work on this as they only have 2-3 weeks left in the role, but they'll suggest this new role and an exec role audit to the next LCO. This could take place over summer break potentially.

**6. Updates****6.1. Flags**

Raen and Josh still need to sit down and discuss which flags we need to buy/where we're buying them from. They'll discuss this either in person on Friday or on teams.

**6.2. Posters**

The They Matter, Queerstrav and Flower posters were put up around campus, but some have been taken down. George is going to get them put back up.

**6.3. Society T-Shirts**

Ebonie has found two companies, who would charge either £151.32 or £123.50. Once we've figured out flag prices we'll then see if we can afford these.

## **7. AOB**

- Willow has currently put the old version of the LCO officer report in the AGM minutes, but this version is outdated and ideally she needs the updated version that was presented at the AGM. Josh will send this to her so it can be published.

### **Key Word Breakdown**

- LCO: Liberation & Campaigns Officer
- FTO: Full-Time Officer of the Students Union
- AGM: Annual General Meeting
- LUSU/SU: Lancaster University Students Union