

CUSU LGBT Exec Meeting
Sunday 21 October 2007
Boys Smith Room, St. John's College



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1. Apologies: Nikki Gratton, Jeremy Rashid, Michelle Dart, Carol Johnston, Jon Laurence.

2. Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting: None

3. Exec announcements and news:

(a) Social dinner:

- Daniel confirmed the social dinner taking place on the 8th of November at La Tasca, 4 Exec members (Kaur, Jasper, Becky & Dan) will be present.

(b) Pub Crawl:

- Luke & Alex G have decided to postpone the Army pub crawl until the end of term, perhaps week 7, and the event may coincide the event with Dot Cotton's night

(c) No Definition:

- Luke mentioned that he intends to get the magazine out by the end of the term. All of the material is available and Luke will enlist the help of Dumni to edit and publish the magazine.

(d) Website:

- Alex W to put information about the forthcoming McKinsey event on the website
- Alex W mentioned he had removed old Exec members from the mailing list, Josie suggests sending an e-mail to ensure complete removal.

(e) Expenses:

- Jasper confirmed that the payments to the Castle have been settled.

(f) CUSU:

- Jasper and Josie to organise an e-mail with CUSU to discuss the contract.

(g) McKinsey event:

- Kaur confirmed that the McKinsey event will be going ahead on Thursday the 25th of October which shall be attended by around 24 people.

(h) Reps Training:

- Kaur highlighted that the reps training will be on the 13th of November- this information is to be distributed to all college reps.

(i) Deloitte LGBT recruitment event:

- Kaur mentioned that this event is planned for (provisionally) the 1st of November. This event will involve drinks in Cambridge.

4. Items of Business:

(a) Awareness Week:

- Launch party to be organised by Carol, Jeremy, Kaur & Jasper
- Main events: speed-dating, 2 speakers, film night
- Launch party a week before the Awareness week
- Dan suggested Ta Bouche for the launch party which will occur on the 22nd of January. Kaur remarked that this venue will be too small, Josie suggested that the Graduate Union will be more appropriate for the launch party. As such, the launch party will, provisionally, be held on the 15th of January at the Graduate Union. All of the Exec are expected to be present. Jasper, Carol & Kaur to discuss the purchase of alcohol and food for the night. Kaur suggested that the food and alcohol can be stored in his room at St. Catharine's prior to the evening.
- Drinks prior to the Dot Cotton night at the Junction is to be organised for the 26th of January.
- Speed dating will occur on the 27th of January, Luke noted how alcohol will have to be provided. Josie stated that Michelle is unsure about organising the event and as such Dan will help Alex G organise instead. Josie is to book the Andrew Room in Sidney Sussex for the event.
- Becky mentioned that she is to prepare a women's event and suggested the Rainbow Café on King's Parade as a possible venue. Becky will talk to the café and enquire about the possibility of the café providing a set menu. Luke suggested that the Rainbow Café may be too small. Josie highlighted that such issues should be discussed with the Café first.
- Dan & Jon are to organise a film night for Awareness week. Kaur suggested that last year the night was held at Robinson College, Alex W pointed out that the Robinson Film Society is no longer working. Josie and Alex W suggested that St Johns Film Society may be an option for the Official film night, as Luke noted that a number of different colleges' film societies play LGBT-related movies in the Awareness Week. Josie commented on the expense on the films, and Dan will talk to the various colleges' film societies. Kaur suggested the usage of a website that contains all of the various contact information for every colleges' film societies.

- Dan pointed out that he has e-mailed different speakers for the Week, including Imaan and Miss Jenny Bailey, Cambridge's mayor. Josie suggested using Jon's contacts and also contacting the Liberal Democrats, possibly enlisting Mark Gettleton. Dan noted that the mayor may be unprepared to comment on transexuality issues, however Josie interjected that the talk would not be a political statement. Dan would like to use the OCR in Trinity, Kaur noted that the venue should be booked as soon as possible. Dan noted the issue of supplying drinks and snacks at the event, Luke suggested enquiring about Trinity catering, Josie enquired as to whether drinks and food will be allowed in the Trinity OCR Room.
- Luke suggested that Dan could enquire at the Cambridge Union over the possibility of holding an LBGT-related debate at some point in Awareness Week. Luke mentioned that a debate such as "Why is Gay Rights activism focussed on white gay men?" and Josie suggested "Why is the Gay Scene so dominated by gay men?"
- Expenses: Josie estimated that expenses for the week should total around £1000. Alex W noted that last year an external agency supplied £500 for the week, Josie suggested obtaining sponsorship.
- Josie mentioned that she contacted Nick Culshaw about organising a sexual health event at some point during Awareness Week.
- The Annual General Meeting will occur on the 4th of February.

(b) Tuesday nights at Club22:

- Josie suggested a meeting be organised with Dan & Helene before the Club 22 night on Tuesday the 30th of October.

5. AOB

- Becky mentioned that Women Drinks will now be held every fortnight due to lack of demand.

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