



# LGBTQ People and Allies Forum

A meeting of the LGBTQ People and Allies Forum will be held at the on  
Tuesday 9 January 2024 at 7.00 pm

## Agenda

1.	<b>Welcomes, Introductions and Apologies</b>
2.	<b>Code of Conduct</b> (Pages 3 - 4)
3.	<b>Minutes of Previous Meeting</b> (Pages 5 - 8)
4.	<b>Voter ID: Supporting Transgender, Non-Binary &amp; Gender fluid/diverse electors</b> Ellis James
5.	<b>LGBTQ History month</b> The 2024 theme celebrates LGBT+ peoples' contribution to the field of Medicine and Healthcare both historically and today.
6.	<b>Discussion: New school guidance on Gender Questioning</b>
7.	<b>Action Plan</b>
8.	<b>Community Information Exchange</b>
9.	<b>Items for Future Meetings</b>
10.	<b>Date of Next Meeting</b>

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## **Code of Conduct for the Forums**

This Code of Conduct sets out the standards that the Forums expect of its members. It aims to provide members with an effective ethical framework in which to do business. It is not intended to be exhaustive, or to cover every eventuality, but sets out some common sense requirements to enable the forums to function smoothly and successfully.

It is the responsibility of the Chair to encourage and enable input from forum members, to ensure all voices are heard.

### **1. Meeting Etiquette**

As an attendee you must comply with the following requirements and any others that may be stated from time to time:

- 1.1 Contribute positively to discussions concerning the issues of the meeting
- 1.2 Be friendly, polite, courteous and respectful at all times to fellow members, and others present
- 1.3 Not insult, abuse or use offensive language or behaviour
- 1.4 Comply with West Northants Councils Equal Opportunities Policy
- 1.5 Demonstrate actively that you are interested in and care about the issue that you are discussing and want to make a positive difference
- 1.6 Show respect for buildings, facilities and equipment being used
- 1.7 Speak only through the Chairman of the meeting and not interrupt, heckle, make distracting noises or gestures
- 1.8 Speak clearly into any microphone provided and comply with any instructions given about its use

### **2. Being Objective**

- 2.1 Your own experience and views should inform, but not dominate or dictate how you participate.
- 2.2 If you have a specific issue with regards to a service matter to raise these can be discussed with a member of staff at the end of the meeting or you can ask for the appropriate officer details. Meetings attended by other residents are not the place to raise any issues of this nature.

### 2.3 Be Fair

2.4 You must have and show respect for the people you deal with, and take their circumstances and personal differences into account. This is about putting equality into practice. The key is simply to respect differences fairly, so that you do not exclude anyone, or treat anyone inappropriately or unfairly because of their particular circumstances.

### **Breaching the Code of Conduct**

If any person's behaviour breaches this Code of Conduct, they will be required to leave the meeting and vacate the premises where it is being held. They will not be permitted to attend future meetings unless they provide satisfactory evidence to West Northants Council that they will comply with the Code – e.g. a letter of apology.

If you would like further information or if you would like to discuss the Code of Conduct please contact Vicki Rockall, Community Safety and Engagement Manager at [vicki.rockall@westnorthants.gov.uk](mailto:vicki.rockall@westnorthants.gov.uk) or on 01604 837074



## LGBTQ People and Allies Forum

Minutes of a meeting of the LGBTQ People and Allies Forum held at Virtual on Tuesday 10 October 2023 at 7.00 pm.

### 1. Welcomes, Introductions and Apologies

Matthew Toresen (chair), Lindsay (WNC), Kelly (Lowdown), Nikki (NDAS), Christian (Police Community Engagement), Eleri Neal (Police community engagement), Aaron, Zach, Lisa Knight Smith, Beth, Cllr Zoe Smith

Apologies: Aimee (WNC), Rachel (NMPAT),

### 2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Agreed to cease hybrid in favour of in person socials and virtual meetings going forward.

Feedback on night-time economy report- Aimee to provide info on her return

### 3. Life in Colour Project

Zach is working on a project for LGBTQ+ people of colour, through Support Northamptonshire.

Very new project. Only had their first meeting this evening. This project supports young people and young adults 18-25 but is flexible. Currently exploring venues. Email address [zachpc@supportnorthamptonshire.org.uk](mailto:zachpc@supportnorthamptonshire.org.uk) also on Instagram

### 4. 16 Days of Activism

The 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence is an annual international campaign that kicks off on 25 November, the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, and runs until 10 December, Human Rights Day.

WNC will have a calendar of activities/events going on during the 16 days that can be shared with the group.

### 5. Action Plan review

World Aids Day 1<sup>st</sup> December – Plan a civic event to commemorate those who have lost their lives to AIDs and to raise awareness of testing and medication

Transgender Day of remembrance is also coming up on 29<sup>th</sup> November, Looking to see if other are marking the occasion and possibly join in.

## 6. **Community Information Exchange**

QSpace – a big thank you to those who attended the anniversary celebrations and a big thank you to all for continued support.

Aaron shared details of the next social. This will be joint West and North 21<sup>st</sup> November 6-8pm Swanspool Pavilion Wellingborough  
<https://forms.office.com/e/FHnQakGFnH> follow the link to book so we can get an ideas of numbers for catering.

Aaron - progress on the project to support the older LGBTQ community, specifically those in care settings. Has been working with Adult Learning and has approval for funds to create training for those working in care settings. - Watch this space.

Zoe - Qstory meet up/book launch Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> October 4.30-6.30 at Moulton Library

Kelly – new youth groups at the Lowdown on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Not LGBTQ focused but inclusive. Working with young people on their social media content.

Recently lost 2 volunteers and are asking around if you know of anyone interested Fridays 5-10pm

## 7. **Items for Future Meetings**

### 8. **Date of Next Meeting**

21<sup>st</sup> November – Joint social with North Northants LGBTQ Forum

Swanspool Pavilion, Swanspool Parade, Wellingborough, NN8 2BZ

6 – 8pm

Parking is available outside Swanspool House, or at Morrisons (both free of charge). Avoid the multi-storey as it closes at 7pm

If attending please complete [this form](#) (only 3 questions)

Chair: \_\_\_\_\_M Toresen\_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_ 11.10.23 \_\_\_\_\_

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