



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 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 1st 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 29th 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 21st 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 21st 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**

21st 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_____

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Date: ___ 11.10.23 _____