



**West
Northamptonshire
Council**

LGBTQ People and Allies Forum

Minutes of a meeting of the LGBTQ People and Allies Forum held at Guildhall on Tuesday 17 May 2022 at 7.00 pm.

1. Welcomes, Introductions and Apologies

Matthew welcomed everyone to the meeting at the Guildhall again.

Present: Matthew (Co-chair), Belle, Zach (QSpace), Will (QSpace), Atlas (QSpace), Tish (QSpace/NBCT), Alex (NCF), Aimee (WNC)

Apologies from: Cllr Anna King, Leo, QStory and Jane.

2. Code of Conduct

Matthew reminded all of the code of conduct.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Actions picked up from previous minutes:

- A card was sent to Lee's family on behalf of the Forum
- Several people interested in the 'care of older LGBTQ people' meeting. Dates are being considered and a meeting will be planned in the coming weeks. *Aimee will share details to forum should anyone else wish to join the discussion.*
- Carried over – Aimee to offer LGBTQ support to the Women at Risk project. *Followed up and advised not required at this time.*
- Kit and Helen to liaise re Youth QFilm involvement – no update.
- Have a go days with Northants Fire and Rescue has been shared to Forum recently. If you would like to book onto the session you can do so [here](#).
- Stall booked for LGBTQ Forum at refugee Week event; Thursday 23 June.

4. Perinatal and Maternal Mental Health Team

NHFT staff visited previously and were due to attend to give an update on the services. Unfortunately, staff were unable to attend the session last minute. **Action: Aimee to request an update to circulate to the forum.**

5. Diversity and Inclusion

Unfortunately, African Rainbow Family were unable to join due to meeting time.

Action: Aimee to liaise with African Rainbow Family for a date to set up a separate meeting to discuss the agenda item with them. Aimee to share for forum attendance once agreed.

Q Space have recently delivered some training to Northampton Black Communities Together (NBCT). Very much started from the basics and will look to deliver more

training in the future. Discussed that many people of colour (POC) who are LGBTQ are not out to their families and need support and resources so will continue to forward information to raise awareness in this group.

Advised that when a speaker joins a session, NBCT have a follow up meeting and workshops to build on the initial session.

6. Community Information Exchange

NCF information:

- The Compton fund is limited this year, it currently has just over £10,000 available, it will be open for applications of up to £5,000 and the next deadline is 7th October. Applications will go to a panel at the end of November and applicants will be notified of the funding decision in the first week or so of December.
- The Constance Travis Endowment Fund for Northamptonshire will be opening for applications in June and awarding grants from July onwards. This will be a rolling programme, with no set deadlines and organisations will be able to apply for up to £3,000. Projects would need to be linked to one of the following local goals – no poverty, zero hunger, good health and wellbeing, quality education, gender equality, decent work and economic growth, reduced inequalities, sustainable communities, climate action and peace, justice and strong institutions.
- Queen's Institute Relief Fund for Northampton - grants up to £5000 for projects based in Northampton that are all about improving health and wellbeing. The next deadline for applications is Friday 5th August
- The Welcome Fund for Northamptonshire should hopefully be opening soon, which will provide grants to community groups and charities to provide a broad range of assistance to address hardship for refugees and/or people seeking asylum

In addition to information above, shared in the meeting, NCF are also looking to recruit a new Programmes Officer to join the Grants Team -

<https://www.ncf.uk.com/about-us/vacancies>

QSpace:

- Assemblies taking place in Deanshangar and Roade ahead of Deanshangar village Pride event on 13 August. QSpace are working with them to upskill as many organisations in the area as possible including schools.
- Pride shop will be in the Grosvenor space from Wednesday 22 June to Monday 27 June.
- Friday 24 June – “Whats God got to do with it?” talk at Delapre Abbey. Premise being that LGBTQ shouldn't be a barrier to faith but sometimes can be. Currently looking for additional speakers of different faiths. **Action: Aimee to introduce QSpace to Surendra, chair of NIFF.**
- Arranging a countywide prom at Delapre for LGBTQ young people from Corby LGBT, Hide and Seek, QSpace and Out There (Willingborough), funded by NCF.
- Sunday 3rd July – hoping to host a Trans Pride Picnic in Becket's Park (TBC).

General information/Individual information sharing:

- Star Wars exhibition on display in the museum until September.
- Transport Day at Abington museum on Friday 25 June
- QSpace have 127 squares of 'what pride means to you' from the community that they would like to create an art piece from and have as a roaming display across multiple venues in the future.
- TIM group (trans support) meeting on a Sunday monthly – following dates set; 12 June, 31 July, 21 August. Facebook group – Transpiration.
- Trying to reactivate a group at Café Banglar, Rushden – aiming for first Friday in July.
- Birmingham Belles restarting, 3rd Saturday of each month after short time on hold.
- Safe Haven in Cornwall (trans support) that meet in the 'BatCave' will be doing Bat cave on tour and coming to Pink Punters MK 10/11 June 2022.

Northampton Pride 2022:

Northampton Pride on Sunday 26 June on the Market Square. Parade setting off from 11am and returning to market square for 11.30 to start the stage programme. Sponsors are all confirmed and will be made public on 1st June. <https://www.westnorthants.gov.uk/events/northampton-pride> page is due to be updated with the Pride month Calendar and social media events will be launched soon with committee partners invited as co-hosts of the events.

Northants Police:

Hate Crime Guidance issued to Police forces advised reports be recorded by birth gender. Northants Police have rejected the guidance and will be recording reports by chosen identity.

Question raised as to whether this applies to binary people only? **Action: Matthew to follow up.**

QStory:

Information sent by email shared with the Forum regarding the next meeting on Sunday 22 May at 4.30pm. The theme for the anthology is 'hope'. If you want to get involved in future meetings please contact northamptonqueerlitfest@gmail.com

7. **Items for Future Meetings**

Sub group meetings to be arranged for

- Care of older LGBTQ people in Northamptonshire
- Diversity and Inclusion

8. **Date of Next Meeting**

Tuesday 12 July – social venue tbc

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Chair: Matthew Toresen

Date: 25.5.2022