

# Northampton LGBT and Q People's Forum

on Tuesday, 29 January 2019 at 6:30 pm until not later than 8:30 pm

in Godwin Room

## Agenda

1. **Welcome, introductions and apologies**
2. **Minutes and matters arising**
3. **Action Plan Setting**  
Pride
4. **Community Information Exchange**
5. **Any Other Business**
6. **Items for Future Meetings**
7. **Date Of Next Meeting**

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### Northampton LGBT and Q People's Forum Tuesday, 9 October 2018

#### Officers at the meeting

#### 1. WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS AND APOLOGIES

Apologies: Lucy Somers (IDid)

Attendees: Cllr King (co-chair), Matthew Toresen (co-chair), Phil, Damian, Aimee (NBC).

Cllr King welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologised for the rescheduled meeting date.

#### 2. MINUTE AND MATTERS ARISING

Minutes agreed as an accurate reflection of the last formal meeting.

Matters arising: Lesbian Line is still being operated but is not actively involved in meetings at this time.

#### 3. ACTION PLAN

Cllr King gave an overview of the action plan:

The Straight Allies project has been going for 3 years and is still going strong. This continues to be promoted at various community events.

The forum hosted an LGBTQ Pride event in May in Northampton twinned with Northampton, Massachusetts for a live link up. Looking to build on this next year.

World Aids Day is the next event on the forums calendar; Saturday 1 December.

**Action: Arrange red ribbons for the day.**

A discussion took place around moving the time of the event to later when more people are around and candles are more impactful. Look at holding at 5pm instead of midday on the Guildhall steps. Forum would like to use uplighters to light the building up in red for the event. Damian offered to support with this.

Event will involve speakers, one minute silence and lighting of candles. Matthew will speak at the event. **Action: Aimee to also request Police speaker for WAD.**

Consider tea light holders to keep candles lit. **Action: Aimee to look into whether the Mayor is available at this time and book to speak; inform facilities; contact student union re the event and liaise with Damian re lights.**

Forum would like to arrange a social event to follow, suggestion of the Mail Coach or Phipps. **Action: Cllr King to contact Alaric to discuss- complete.** Phipps have confirmed they can host the social following the civic ceremony.

Discussions around sharing the message about keeping safe and preventative measures. Damian offered to share some contacts for literature to help and advise people. **Action: Damian to send contacts to chairs.**

Conversations took place about LGBTQ social venues and Pride events. Difficulty with having one LGBTQ venue is that there is no competition, no need for them to

try to work with community. Umbrella Fair have suggested in the past that they are keen to open the space for regular pop up LGBTQ nights.

#### **4. COMMUNITY INFORMATION EXCHANGE**

Hate Crime Awareness Week: 13-20 October.

The Equality Allies launch will take place on Tuesday 16 October at 12pm in the court room at Guildhall. Everyone is welcome to attend and collect an Allies badge and some information. Services offered space to display information and there will be cake and refreshments.

Q Film weekend event is due the first weekend in November again showing a variety of LGBTQ films.

Q Word; last Thursday of every month at Cheyne walk club, 8pm.

NBC will be launching a new website towards the end of the month and departments are having to update pages and remove old information. The LGBTQ web page currently has 3 pages of information, much is no longer relevant.

Members are asked to feedback on what needs removing and adding.

Broken and out of date links will be removed. Suggestion made for LGBT business link. **Action: Damian to send Aimee information on this.**

Forum suggested adding links to social and support in the town that is currently missing, Q film/Q word and Lowdown, including info for under 18's services.

**Action: Forum to look at webpage and feedback on what info needs to be on there and what can be removed. Deadline Friday 19 October.**

#### **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

#### **ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS**

#### **7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday 11 December (Social meeting), venue tbc (Phipps suggested).

**Action: Aimee to look at budget for snacks.**

The meeting concluded at 7.40pm

Forum Action Plan						
<b>Chair:</b>	Cllr Anna King and Matthew Toresen		<b>Responsible Forum:</b>	LGBTQ Forum		
<b>Outcomes identified within the Corporate Plan:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Empowered local communities with a greater capacity to become involved in community life</li> <li>Promote integration and cohesion</li> <li>Appropriate support provided to those in most need</li> <li>Services are fair, accessible and responsive to individual needs residents and customers feel informed and engaged in service quality and design</li> <li>Future developments informed by the views of local people</li> <li>Delivery of events to celebrate and enjoy the Town’s heritage and culture</li> </ul>					
<b>Objectives:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bringing together statutory and voluntary organisations, LGBTQ groups and residents</li> <li>Promoting and encouraging equality for LGBTQ residents</li> <li>Promoting partnership working by statutory and voluntary sector organisations and LGBTQ groups and communities</li> <li>Identifying gaps in provision for LGBTQ residents and communities</li> </ul>					
<b>Actions:</b>						
Action	Owner	Activity (intelligence led)	Timescale	Cost	Measure	Last Updated
Straight Allies Project	Matthew/Aimee	Develop the Straight Allies project further. Straight Allies presence at: IDAHO, Umbrella Fair, Town Festival, Carnival, and Becketts Mela. Straight Allies promoted at Transformation staff event in March and during LGBT history month in February to both staff and general public. <i>Promoted at IDAHO and I’m still me conference. A badge was included in each of the packs with information.</i>	Ongoing	TBC	Project established - number of community members and organisations signed up across the borough.	September 2018
Hate Crime Action	Aimee	The Forum is a Hate crime reporting centre. Forum members can report hate crime anonymously through the Crane Project.	Ongoing	Nil		April 2018
LGBT Pride event	Anna/Aimee	LGBT Pride event held at Phipps, in partnership with Northampton, Massachusetts. LGBT flag raised at Guildhall, information stalls and live entertainment including Skype call to Northampton, MA.	May 2018	tbc	Event delivered – number of attendees	May 2018

		A good number of people attended and the event was a success.				
Umbrella Fair Straight Allies Tent	Matthew/ FAN	Q stage will not be happening this year due to the downsizing of the festival. A Pride Picnic was arranged for August 12 as an alternative event.	August 2018	£1000.00	Event delivered – number of attendees.	August 2018
Carnival – Forums Float	Cllr Anna King	NBC Forums worked with the Lowdown group for a carnival float. Young people from the LGBTQ youth group walked in the parade.	9 June 2018	tbc	Float in the carnival - Forum member involvement.	September 2018
IDAHO events	Anna / Matthew /Aimee	IDAHO civic event arranged, flag raising, minute of noise on the guildhall steps and refreshments in the One Stop Shop afterwards. I'm still Me conference at Angel Square on 2 July was very successful. 65 delegates attended from 40 schools and organisations across the county and some from outside of county.	17 May 2018	TBC	Event delivered – number of attendees, number of organisations committed	September 2018
World Aids Day	Aimee	To include a civic event at midday in the Guildhall Courtyard. Civic ceremony held on the Guildhall steps on Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December. Promoted Free HIV testing kits at the Disability event taking place in the Guildhall that day.	1 <sup>st</sup> December 2018	Refreshments - covered by forum.	Event delivered – number of attendees, number of organisations committed	December 2018