

Northampton LGBT and Q People's Forum

on Tuesday, 17 September 2013 at 6:30 pm until not later than 8.30pm

in The Holding Room, The Guildhall, St. Giles Square, Northampton, NN1 1DE.

Agenda

1. **Welcomes, Introductions & Apologies**
2. **Minutes & Matters Arising from Last Meeting (9 July 2013)**
3. **Consultations - Improving The Town's Parks: Cllr Matt Lynch**
4. **Updates**
 - a) Peter Tatchell event 23 August
 - b) LGBTQ Forum Logo competition deadline 25 September
 - c) Hate Crime
5. **Discussions/Event Planning**
 1. International Coming Out Day 11 October 2013: Liz Carroll-Wheat
 2. Deafconnect training Saturday 5th October in the Jeffery room 9am-12noon
6. **Planning the work of the Forum for 2013/14**
7. **Community Information Exchange**
8. **Items for discussion at the next meeting**
9. **Date of next meeting**

Tuesday 12 November 2013 at 6.30pm in the Holding Room, Guildhall

Map and directions at: www.northampton.gov.uk/guildhall

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More information about the Forum generally is at: www.northampton.gov.uk/forums



Facebook page: www.northampton.gov.uk/lgbtqpf

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Tuesday 9th July 2013 6:30pm

1. Welcome and Introduction

Everyone introduced themselves, including the Co-Chairs of the Forum Anna King and Barry Hansford.

2. Apologies

Joe Biskupski

3. Minutes of last meeting and matters arising

The minutes of the last meeting of the LGBTQ Forum held on Tuesday 21st May were agreed as correct.

Matthew Toresen advised the Carnival had gone well.

Lee Gilbert stated that unfortunately Deaf Connect had not been booked.

4. Northamptonshire Health Foundation Trust (John Levers)

John said NHFT will be putting on an event later this year on LGBT wellbeing and he will contact Stephen Bennett.

John also suggested we run a logo competition with NHFT. LGBT and Q will select a winner and so will NHFT. Both winners will be revealed on 11th October on 'International Coming-Out Day' at Northampton Museum.

5. Hate Crime – Northamptonshire Police (Rob Smith)

Hate Crime was discussed and data was explained. The Forum also discussed Cyber Bullying.

Robert said a mapping exercise identifying 66 areas in Northamptonshire used for dogging and cruising has been made and people are urged to reporting anything in these identified areas.

6. Community Information Exchange

- Matthew said Bookfest grant was rejected so they are £600 down and looking to Barclaycard. They are also waiting to see if they have been shortlisted for NDV.

- Logo Designs:
 - Northampton College students are being invited to submit logo designs for one of Northampton Borough Council's six community forums, which give a voice to members of the public who want to get involved and help shape how council services are provided locally.
 - The LGBT and Q (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Questioning) forum provides an opportunity for those interested in LGBTQ equality to express views on services provided by the council and future plans for the town. The group is looking for a new logo design which it plans to launch at an event being held to mark International Coming Out Day on 11 October.
 - The logo design competition is being co-ordinated by Northampton College and the closing date for submissions is 25 September. As well as having their design showcased at the International Coming Out Day and used to promote the LGBT and Q forum generally, the winner will receive a voucher for £100 kindly donated by Northamptonshire Police. There will also be a £50 voucher prize for the runner-up who will have their design used by the Northamptonshire Health Foundation Trust's LGBT group.
 - Councillor Anna King, Northampton Borough Council assistant cabinet member for community engagement, said: "Our community forums do a very valuable job in helping us shape our services to meet the needs of local people. We are committed to providing good services for all our customers. The LGBT and Q forum works hard to ensure we continue to be inclusive and gives us feedback from the community. They do a really great job."
 - Any Northampton College students wanting more information about the competition and a design brief can contact Barry Hansford, director of Learner Support at Northampton College on email barry.hansford@northamptoncollege.ac.uk or phone (01604) 734293.

- NHFT are looking at doing work with older LGBT and Q people in Northamptonshire.
- NHFT are also looking at doing a well-being event. There is a possibility of some work with FAN on the end of the live care project.
- Alzheimer's Society has been working with NHFT to correct their literature.
- Police – Rob Smith said there was nothing to report other than what had already been discussed. His colleague has met with DeafConnect and the Police will be working with them.
- DeafConnect – Lee would like some DeafConnect Training at the next meeting on 17th September.
- Chase up lowdown and ask to attend next meeting and see how much was raised at Carnival.
- Matthew Toresen is working with Serenity to hand out Lesbian awareness stickers at the Boston Clipper (date to be arranged)
- 17th and 18th August – Umbrella Fair. Contact Matthew for details.
- Thank you to Joe Biskupski for his work – from the Forum.

7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the LGBTQ Forum will take place at 6:30pm on 17th September in The Holding Room.

SCRUTINY PANEL 1 – IMPROVING THE TOWN'S PARKS

1 JULY 2013

DRAFT CORE QUESTIONS – EXPERT ADVISORS

The Scrutiny Panel is currently undertaking a Review looking at improving the town's parks and is focussing on improving community engagement within the town's parks. A series of key questions have been put together to inform the Panel's evidence base.

- Which park do you use most often and why?
- Which of the facilities provided in the town's parks are used the most?
- What facilities and services do you feel would bring people into parks that might otherwise not use them?
- Do you feel there are any barriers that stop people from using the town's parks?
- What other services do park users want from the town's parks?
- Are you aware of, and do you use, a local play area in your neighbourhood? Do you know how well this is used and why do you think this is?

It is initially proposed that Park Management Committees are established in Abington Park, Delapre Abbey and the Racecourse, however it is suggested that this initiative is extended further if there is strong evidence of community support. It is proposed that membership of Park Management Committees will be drawn from elected Members, representatives from key community groups (including Friends Groups) and members of the public who are recognised as being active in each of the parks.

- Who should be a key representative on the new Park Management Committees and why?
- In your opinion, what should be the key roles of the Park Management Committees?