

Northampton Borough Council

Northampton LGBT and Q People's Forum

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.