

Time commenced : 6.34pm
Time finished : 8.25pm

GENDER & SEXUALITY DIVERSITY FORUM 30 MARCH 2010

Present: Councillor Winter (Chair)
Councillor Leeming

In Attendance:

Community Representatives

Alice Buckle – DACP
Susan Boon – DACP
Toni Montinaro – Derbyshire Friend
Sarah Wadsworth – Derbyshire Friend
Beth Seymour – Transcend
Gill Taylor – Soroptomist International of Derby
Sue Storry – Mickleover Neighbourhood Board
Venessa Boon – Energise
Tracey Arnold – Derby Community Safety Partnership
Adam Buss – Quad
Kathy Frain – Quad

Council and Other Officers

Ann Webster – Derby City Council
Liz Moore – Derby City Council
Pam Thompson – Derby City Council
Yvonne Wilkinson – Derby City Council
Kim Morgan – Derby City Council

43/09 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received by Dionne Reid, Satinder Panesar, Albertine Paka Di Phoba and Christine Collingwood.

44/09 Late items to be introduced by the Chair

There were no late items to be introduced by the Chair.

45/09 Notes of the last meeting held on 19 January 2010

The notes of the meeting held on 19 January were agreed as a correct record.

46/09 Updates on matters arising from the previous meeting

The Forum was provided with an update on women in leadership roles. Volunteers were welcome to join the next sub-group meeting, on 27 April 2010 to assist with the research and feedback process.

The Forum received a document detailing the update on developing a strategy for Primary Care in Derby.

Resolved to note the updates

47/09 Work Programme 2009/2010

The Forum considered the work programme for 2009/2010.

The Forum decided that items 12 and 13 on the work programme would be discussed.

Toni Montinaro requested clarification on policy and guidance for 15-17 year olds and services available to them in relation to items 12 and 13.

Resolved to approve the work programme.

48/09 Open Discussion / Question and Answer Sheet

The Forum was reminded that a question and answer sheet would be attached to each agenda. The purpose of the sheet was to request information for a future Forum or to ask any questions relating to a subject that it was felt had not been addressed during a Forum.

Resolved to note the information.

49/09 Review of Housing Allocations Policy

The Forum was introduced to Kim Morgan from Housing Options. The Forum was invited to partake in the review of the Housing Allocation Policy. The reviews would take place at focus groups throughout April and May at the YMCA. Confirmed dates and further information could be found at www.derbyhomefinder.org.

Forum members discussed Housing Options and raised concern that current schemes available to Derby Homes tenants were not being effectively publicised.

Resolved to:

- 1) note the concerns raised;**
- 2) request that Pam Thompson find out information on current schemes and update the Forum.**

50/09 Human Rights and the local initiative

The Forum received a presentation on The Local Equality and Human Rights Partnership from Toni Montinaro and Kirit Mistry. The presentation explained the basis of the partnership, its values and aims. The Forum was reminded of the launch event and workshops taking place on 31 March 2010 at the Multi Faith Centre, University of Derby.

The Forum raised a concern about the time and venue for the launch of the Human Rights Partnership. Later starts and central locations were cited as favourable to elderly members using public transport and disabled members gaining access to venues.

The Chair questioned who was supporting the partnership and Toni Montinaro confirmed that current supporters were from the voluntary community, with NHS, Council, Fire and Rescue Services all attending the launch with a view to potentially becoming involved in the future.

Pam Thompson questioned whether the Forum would receive regular updates on the Partnership; Kirit Mistry confirmed that Toni Montinaro would present regular updates to the Gender and Sexuality Diversity Forum

Resolved to:

- 1) note the presentation;**
- 2) note the comments on the venue by Forum members;**
- 3) request that more information on the Partnership be made available to the Forum.**

51/09 Derby QUAD

The Forum received a presentation on the work of Derby Quad by Sam Buss and Kathy Frain. The Forum was informed of the services that Derby Quad provided and the ways Derby Quad interacted with the community.

Forum Members discussed the possibility of films being shown to promote particular key dates in the Forum's calendar. It was requested that arrangements for a film to support Transgender Remembrance Day commence and distribution options be looked into by Derby Quad. It was felt that to get the most out of this service a partnership of sharing information be formed with advance information of suitable films shared between the Forum and Derby Quad. Derby Quad recommended that a Forum member register as a Quad Ambassador to gain access to feedback options.

The Forum suggested that the films and events advertised in the Quad brochure could be put into equality themes or identified with symbols so that people could quickly see at a glance what would interest them.

Resolved to:

- 1) receive information from Derby Quad on its Ambassador Programme;**
- 2) request that Beth Seymour submit a list of potential films for Transgender Remembrance Day;**
- 3) request that Ann Webster inform Derby Quad of key calendar dates.**

52/09 International Women's Day

Pam Thompson informed the Forum that the recent International Women's Day event held at the Heritage Hotel had been very positive and successful with 300-plus individuals in attendance during the event and most of them staying for the whole of the time. It was also confirmed that the 2011 venue for the event had already been booked with the Derby Assembly Rooms.

Liz Moore and other Forum members expressed thanks to Dionne Reid, Womens Work, and Pam Thompson for all their hard work both prior to and on the event day.

Pam Thompson re-iterated thanks to Dionne Reid and The Women's Work volunteers for all their hard work. Pam reminded Forum members that their help and support at the 2011 event would be vital to a successful event.

A request was made to the Quad members in attendance to show a film in support of International Women's Day.

Ann Webster emphasised that International Women's Day events needed to make sure they were accessible and inclusive for disabled women. Forum members agreed.

Resolved to:

- 1) report to Members via the Chair the Forum's concerns over lack of regular funding for International Women's Day;**
- 2) note the success of the event.**

53/09 Children and Young People Approved List

Ann Webster informed the Forum that any organisations who worked with Children and Young People could apply to be put on the approved supplier list. They could contact Tim James on 01332 716830.

Forum members expressed concern that some commissioners were giving out misleading and inaccurate information to the Voluntary Community.

The Forum requested that the Children and Young People Approved List be added to the workflow programme for the Forum on 25 May 2010 and that Pam

asks the lead Commissioner to come to the next meeting to discuss Derby's approach.

Resolved to:

- 1) add the Children and Young People Approved List to the agenda for the meeting on 25 May 2010 and invite the Lead Commissioner to attend the meeting to discuss Derby's approach;**
- 2) note the update.**

54/09 Next meeting: 25 May 2010

It was agreed that Beth Seymour and Venessa Boon would attend the pre meeting at 3pm on 21 April 2010.

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