



# SUSU LGBT+ SOCIETY

## Committee Minutes

<b>Meeting Date:</b>	Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>Meeting Time:</b>	6:30
<b>Meeting Location:</b>	Facebook Call		

Attendees	
KG (She/Her) President.	AB (They/Them) Welfare Officer
EKC (They/Them) Secretary	TG (She/Her) Engagement Officer
KL (He/Him) Treasurer	EM (He/Him) Ordinary Member.
Apologies	
AL (He/Him) Technical Officer	
SB (He/Him) Ordinary Member	
Without Apologies	
LLG (They/Them)	

KG stated that they wish for the meeting to a chance to update one another plans for Fresher's week and what we have individually been up to.

### FRESHERS WEEK:

In terms of events and activities, the society has 6 days of activities plans during Freshers Week (Week commencing: 23<sup>rd</sup> September) and first week of term (W/C 30<sup>th</sup> September).

### LGBT+ LUNCH (23rd September)

The society know has space in the Bridge booked out for all of our Lunch and Breakfast event. The space booked out for Lunches and Breakfasts are without the need to pre-order and there will be no signs within the Bridge in order to avoid outing people.

### Bunfight (Day of 25<sup>th</sup> September)

For bunfight the society has been guaranteed a premium spot in the Redbrick Foyer, so that the society can be "Front and Centre". Regarding, the previously discussed (in previous minutes) activities on the stall, AB has



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looked into bracelet making and printing off the various flags (in colour) to base the bracelets off. Alongside, the activities the society wristbands and pronoun badges will be on the stall for people to take.

## **Rainbow Social (Night of 25<sup>th</sup> September):**

The evening of the 25<sup>th</sup> (after bunfight). The societies Rainbow Social is occurring, KG wants the event to be a tour of "Queer friendly venues", KG has also reached out to the Edge, as The Edge has their welcome back Freshers events that evening. The Edge responded to KG stating that in the future they wish to work closer together and that there should be a meeting to talk about options for the Rainbow social, and to also discuss other concerns and possible ideas for future collaboration - KL, EKC put their interest forward for being involved in the meeting a date is being decided.

The route of the Rainbow social is still to be finalised. However, the social will begin in the Bridge.

## **Welcome meeting (26<sup>th</sup> September)**

Every committee member should be there if possible, in order for the society to get to know the committee. KG has asked the committee to prepare a 30 second speech to outline; who they are? What do they do in the society? And how to contact them?

EKC commented that previously after the meeting there has been a trip to scoop/sprinkles as an informal chance to get to know each other, KG commented that it was a nice idea and to see how the society feels post-Meeting.

## **Film Screening: TBA (1<sup>st</sup> October):**

The film is TBD. The committee has come up with a shortlist, during freshers' week, a poll will be posted on the group in order to let the wider society decide what to watch.

## **Breakfast: The Bridge (2<sup>nd</sup> October):**

Space is booked out in the Bridge, as per for all lunches and Breakfasts going forward, the cheap cooked breakfasts that were previously in the café has moved to The Bridge.

## **Games Night @ board in the city (3<sup>rd</sup> October):**

The society will host a game night at Board in the City - AB and other committee member will meet at the interchange in order to show the society members how to get there. The society has given Board in the City a deposit in order for them to host us on the proviso that members buy refreshments throughout the evening. Board in the City also commented when KG reached out that they would be happy to host a 'Queer' board game evening in future.

The committee feels as if the events that are being hosted during the two weeks are broad and varying. The advertisement of images has been approved by SUSU with the portrait ones on the digital screens outside and the landscape images are to be shown inside, we feel that this will give us good visibility across campuses.

## **UPDATES:**

SUSU is happy with everything that has been planned for Freshers' Week, KG has met with LB (VP Community and Welfare) and KF (LGBT+ Officer - Student Leader)

### **The Bridge:**

KG has met with SUSU's Director of Union Services, in conjunction VP welfare and SUSU put aside 1 Monday a month, to host an event in the Bridge as a monthly 'rainbow night' on campus. KG has



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discussed this with the LGBT+ Student Officer and VP Community and Welfare, and this evening can be for all LGBT+ student and Staff whether they are society members or not. Ideas for how to use this evening are unsure at the moment but could be used for Music, Food or Drink evening.

## **British Rugby Association:**

SUSU activities has told us that the British Rugby association has put money in a pot for SUSU activities to trial inclusivity in rugby sessions. This is aiming to be hosted in January after exams and before semester 2. The event would be a 90 minute 'Queer' rugby session – ungendered and light touch, with the Wyverns RFC (local LGBT+ inclusive rugby team) with a social afterwards.

We can promote this to our members, as this is a different type of activity for the members as it is an LGBT+ sport session.

The committee has a few initial comments: Overall, the committee felt that it was a positive idea as it would be gender inclusive. AB stated that they felt the event was different, but they worried about uptake from the society members especially as we would be in charge of marketing. KG commented that the event only requires 5-20 people for uptake.

## **No Limits:**

No Limits (Local Youth Charity) have youth ambassadors which are not LGBT+ focused. However, they contacted KG as they are doing research into mental health and isolation within the LGBT+ community, the youth ambassadors are interested in running a discussion event with LGBT+ Society members.

KG wanted to the discuss this event with the committee before giving them a definitive answer. AB raised a concern on the welfare front, around the ethics of the discussion group, as it may have ethical stipulation as it is 'research'. KG stated that No Limits have ethics and confidentiality documents, AB wishes to from a welfare front read the documents before giving a definitive answer.

## **ANY OTHER BUSINESS :**

### **Welfare:**

The Welfare offices are dealing with situations within their remit. However, there is nothing to share with the wider committee at present.

### **Treasurer:**

#### **Financial Update:**

No changes to the accounts. However, with the information of a deposit to Boards in the City means in the account:

£1650.04

After Payment (Deposit):

£1640.04

#### **Funding:**

KL submitted a funding application to SUSU in the last funding round. KL applied for funding to purchase 500 pin badges - this means that the society would be able to get a good amount of each design for further events.



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The supplier for the pin badges is the same as last year – last year the society applied for £90 receiving £45. The crafts (for bunfight) would not make up the minimum funding application of £50 therefore the crafts will have to be funded through the current money in the account, KL also commented that they were unsure whether the Banner Reskins previously discussed would be over the application minimum (£50) therefore, an application was not put in.

However, if this is not immediate we can put through the Banner Reskin in a future funding round, if not the banner reskin can be funded using the current money in the account.

**EGM:**

Once Freshers week is out of the way we can think about hosting an EGM for unfilled roles on the committee, as upcoming events is a good way for people to get involved with the society and increase presence.

MEETING CLOSED: 19:40PM.