



SUSU LGBTQ+ SOCIETY

Minutes

Meeting Date:	30 th January 2025	Meeting Time:	14:00
Meeting Location:	Highfield Campus		

Attendees	
RR AH KD AW WW GI HD EB AM KR	Secretary Media Officer Vice-President Ordinary Member Treasurer President Welfare Officer Welfare Officer Outreach Officer Socials Officer
Apologies	
NB	Technical Officer

Re-Freshers Fair (31ST January 2025)

- Banners for the stand are still in storage at AW's house and should be brought for the refreshers fair event.
- Committee members will take shifts from 9am-4pm to both set up, maintain and dismantle the stand.

9:00-10:00	EB
10:00-11:00	EB , HD
11:00-12:00	RR , HD
12:00-13:00	RR
13:00-14:00	AM , GI
14:00-15:00	AM , GI
15:00-16:00	GI

Upcoming Events & Ideas

- KR would like to implement a Clothing Modification class, first suggestion for this session would be customising clothes with bleach painting. However, a risk assessment would be necessary for the use of bleach and committee would need to find a suitable space for an arts and crafts event.



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- There may be planning for a 'Valentines Movie Night' however this depends on the demand, and if committee can find a movie that is appropriate for the theme.
- Discussion was had around other Valentines themed events, however there may be little demand for them.
- Other unrelated movie nights will be organised in the foreseeable future as they have been successful in the past.
- Aro Week falls shortly after Valentines, the committee have suggested some events such as a spotlight Instagram post, a Bridge meet social, and a TV marathon night for aro specific media.
- Committee needs to get in contact with the Games Society for a game's social night for the society.

Gay History Month

- SUSU has requested that the committee come up with 15 questions appropriate for a pub quiz night with specific focus on educational material and 'people who have done positive things for the LGBT community' (as per their email). The committee has discussed and decided that we do not know how to approach this request, as much of the history of queer communities is exclusionary on discrimination and social unrest. The committee are not confident in being able to create a quiz that will appeal to the audience, without focusing on discrimination or oppression. While this is for the history month and this is the reality of LGBTQ+ history, the committee agrees using such material in a quiz may not be tasteful.
- The committee have also decided to plan independent events besides the proposed SUSU collaboration including awareness and spotlight posting, documentary viewings and other social events.

Welfare Report

- Since HDs and EBs introduction to the committee they have introduced several welfare aims for the upcoming months:
 - a. Implementation of a 'welfare bag' for society events which holds basic items such as period products, comfort items and accessibility aids such as ear plugs.
 - b. A risk assessment needs to be drafted for welfare officers to carry basic painkillers such as Ibuprofen or Paracetamol.
 - c. Welfare Officers will be signposting the use of a Microsoft Form for anonymous feedback and concerns, of which the welfare officers can account for and respond to appropriately.



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- d. Suggestion of business cards with customisation for preferred name and pronouns, the cards would also have links to self help and mental health resources. These would both have to be purchased in bulk and should be usable to future committees.
- e. Social media posts to highlight mental health awareness for members.

Treasury Report

- No new expenses since the last meeting, besides the Board in the City Event.
- Current balance at £397.64
- Current grant balance for book club at £150
- Upcoming payments from the account will regard book club purchases for the upcoming semesters activities.