

Sheffield LGBT+ Multi-Agency Network Minutes

Chaired by LGBT Sheffield (note: chairing will alternate between SAYIT and LGBT Sheffield)

Wednesday 23rd February 2021

via Teams

1. Welcome

Apologies – Rainbow Blades, Sheffield Pride CIC, Porter Brook

2. February Agenda items

- LGBT+ History Month
 - Fri 25 Feb Sheffield Students Union Mini Pride Day – [SSU Mini Pride Day with Pride in Sport | Facebook](#)
 - Mon 28 Feb SAYIT LGBT History Talk - [LGBT+ History Tickets, Mon 28 Feb 2022 at 18:00 | Eventbrite](#)
 - SY Police did not contact LGBT Sheffield about Q&A for History month
- New older LGBT+ network – being led by SOAR, had first meeting, if anyone is interested in supporting older LGBT+ people please email - Rosie.Strathearn@soarcommunity.org.uk
- IDAHoBiT – 17th May – Contact oliver.harrap@sayit.org.uk if you have any plans already or would like to be involved in organising an event for Sheffield city centre. Similar to what we organised together for TDOR.
- Franklin Graham – demonstration organised for 25th May and there is still a live petition – [Sheffield Against Hate | Facebook](#)
- Hate crime
 - Dempseys open letter / media – Dempseys reported a positive meeting with SY Police but there are still ongoing concerns from LGBT+ spaces and groups about policing of spaces
 - LGBT Sheffield to request crime attendance figures at next group
- Equality and Human Rights Commission / Safe To Be Me event – EHRC appear to be transphobic, eg, withdrawing trans guidance for schools. 20 national LGBT+ organisations have grouped together to sever ties from EHRC. In June the UK are due to host Safe to Be Me conference and a large number of LGBT+ organisations are boycotting the event. Gendered intelligence statement about the event - [Press Statement on 'Safe to Be Me' Conference | Gendered Intelligence](#)

3. Upcoming events

- Thu 31st Mar Trans Day of Visibility – if you're planning on an event please let the network members know
- Mon 25th Apr – Sun 1st May Lesbian Visibility Week - if you're planning on an event please let the network members know
- Tue 17th May IDAHOBiT - if you're planning on an event please let the network members know

4. Member updates

- Information sharing and issues from practice
- Rainbow Blades – 'We celebrated passing 400 members 2 months before our 2nd birthday. Our split is now 50% LGBTQ 50% Allies - We are holding our 2nd AGM at Bramall Lane on 24th March - Our 2nd Annual members survey will be published on 1st March which helps us review & shape for the future. - Our 2nd birthday is at Spirit of Sheffield on 16th April. Everyone welcome - Our next rainbow laces event is likely to be June and be held at the newly refurbished Olympic Legacy Park in collaboration with Sheff Utd Community Foundation. More details will be communicated in March'
 - SWFC and Rotherham also both have LGBTQ+ supporters groups now
- Sheffield Pride 2022 planning is underway. Next meeting in this Saturday if anyone would like to attend – Sheffield Pride CIC
- SAYiT – LGBTQ+ awareness training is now CPD accredited. This is also being run as a monthly online course - [LGBTQ+ Awareness Training - CPD Accredited Tickets, Multiple Dates | Eventbrite](#)
SAYiT has also been shortlisted as charity of the year for British Diversity Awards.
- LGBT Sheffield – Lesbian Disco has been replaced by Rockie's LGBT Disco, next event 5th March – <https://fb.me/e/1fcBdNHmf>
- EDEN – digital showcase of work for LGBTQ+ film making project– now online – [The E.D.E.N. Digital Showcase on Vimeo](#)

5. Consultations

- None

6. AOB

7. Next Meeting: Wednesday May 18th 2022, 6pm via Teams