



Equality and Diversity Zone Tuesday 7th February, 5pm DG014

Present

Chair

Katie Irving - VP Welfare and Diversity (VPWD)

Students' Union Officers/staff

Paul Murtough – Representation and Democracy Coordinator (PM), Louise Aiken – Membership Engagement Manager (LA)

York St. John University Staff

Student members

Jacob Smith (JS), Fran Rhodes (FR)

Apologies

Welcome & Introductions

VPWD welcomed all in attendance to the meeting and presented staff with the opportunity for introduction

Items for Any Other Business

Agenda Items

- 1. Election of the Zone Senators**
- 2. Minutes and Matters arising**
- 3. LGBT History Month**
- 4. Upcoming celebrations**
- 5. Equality Reps**

1. Election of the Zone Senators

VPWD introduced the Senate and expanded on what Senate's intended purpose is
Jacob Smith and Fran Rhodes was selected to attend Senate

2. LGBT History Month

VPWD welcomed a future planning discussion for 2018

JS stated that there should be as much of a range covered within the LGBTQ+ community

FR felt that there could be better ways to gather feedback from students on what they would like to see.

JS suggested that a questionnaire be put out to the students ahead of any events

FR suggested use of the feedback wall

Action: VPWD/PWD to discuss options for 2018

3. Minutes and matters arising

VPWD provided updates on the actions taken from the last meeting.

4. Upcoming celebrations

VPWD highlighted York Pride which will take place on the 8th-12th June.

5. Equality Reps

VPWD introduced the discussion surrounding 'Equality Representatives'

FR asked who would they work with and support

VPWD stated that they would work closely with the PWD

LA stated there would be potential for them to work with all the officers

FR spoke of the E&D Committee and a potential to reinstate, or a support network be developed for representatives

JS stated that there should be a generalised network to ensure that as many students as possible are represented

FR asked if there would be something in place for disabled students

JS felt that a focus group regarding this topic of reps would be a good way forward

FR posed the idea of utilising HG to gather data and feedback from students

Both mentioned the possibility of an all student e-mail.

A number of continuing discussions took place regarding the purpose and potential scope of duties for the reps including:

- Attendance to other zones
- Hosting drop-in sessions
- Communications with students

Action: VPWD/PWD to look at the potential scope of the role

Date of Next Meeting

Academic year 2017/18

Summary of actions

Agenda item	Action:	Assigned to:
LGBT History Month	Action: VPWD/PWD to discuss options for 2018 (Page 2)	VPWD
Equality Reps:	Action: VPWD/PWD to look at the potential scope of the role (Page 3)	VPWD