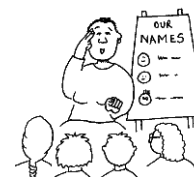


**Meeting: Thursday 5th February 2015
4.30 – 6.00
Fairfield House, Conference Room 1**



1. Present

Caroline Crozier, Sandy Florence (Chair), Evgenia Kochkina, George Maben, Jan Irvine, Fiona Wallace, Nila Joshi



2. In Attendance

Caroline Rodger, Frances Little, Erin Cuthbertson, Paul Johnson & Bryan Pottinger

3. Apologies

David Ledner, Mizan Rahman, Mags Bryan, Rona Duncan



4. Previous Minutes (January)

Accepted as accurate.

5. Matters Arising

Membership

Ways of increasing membership was discussed and included:

- Social media (Erin to be added as admin by Ryan)
- Leaflets (Erin)
- Word of mouth (all)
- Website – 1st and 2nd contact to be added; calendar requires work.
- Pop Up banner (Erin to cost; Paul to look for design; funding to be obtained through Sainsbury's/ Asda funding?)

Calendar of Events

- Rona Duncan attended an event in West Lothian for Holocaust Day and has kept the programme for us to consider doing an event next year.
- Nila told us that Edinburgh Interfaith Scotland is celebrating International Women's Day on Sunday 8th March and will be recognising women's contribution to their communities.
- Nila also suggested that it would be great if Midlothian could have an event to celebrate the Hindu festival of Holi or Festival of Colours next year.
- Caroline reported that Eric Johnstone and MVA are hosting an Older People's Conference.
- Erin told the group about a Human Library that is being organized with LGBT Youth on 27th February 10-12noon at Lasswade Library. A number of the group members volunteered to be part of this.

OSCR Return/ Accounts 2013-2014

Registered Charity: **SC042949**

- Paul advised that the accounts have been completed!! Well done Sandy and Paul! 😊
- Paul gave a verbal breakdown of the accounts.
- Karen McGowan will be the independent examiner. Paul will mail the accounts once signed off.

Bank Account – Removal and addition of signatories

- It was proposed that Margaret and Ronnie be removed as signatories and Paul Johnson and George Mayben be added as signatories. Ryan Sturrock will remain as a signatory.
- All were in agreement with this plan. 😊
- Paul to arrange Evgeniya's money for web page.

6. Funding

- Paul informed the group that Asda and Sainsbury's have funds that MPEG may be able to apply for.
- It was agreed that for Asda fund we would apply for promotional materials (Posters; Flyers; Pop Up Banner) and for Sainsbury's fund we would apply for Mela Funding.
- Erin to complete Asda form due to tight deadline.
- Jan and Erin to complete Sainsbury's form.

7. AGM.

Date agreed as Thursday May 21st 4.30-6pm.

- Dalkeith Welfare Hall to be booked as venue (Erin)
- Presentation of Accounts and Annual Report to be made.
- Nominations to be made at April meeting and ratified at AGM.
- Erin and Nila to meet regarding food/ entertainment.

8. A.O.C.B.

None

9. Date & Time of Next Meeting

5th March, Fairfield House, Conference Room 1, 4.30 – 6.00pm