

# Leeds Bi Group AGM Minutes 12 April 2017

**Held at Yorkshire Mesmac, Leeds  
12 attendance**

## **Chair's Report**

Over the last year Leeds Bi Group has had two monthly regular meetings: a talky space and a social meet up. Since February, there is now a regular pub meet at Wharf Chambers which is going well.

The social meet ups for the last year have been in conjunction with Trans Leeds: the group agreed this is successful and would like it to continue.

This year Leeds marked Bi Visibility Day in September with a programme of events including Bi Voices. This was an evening of showcasing work by bi+ people including an after party (Leeds Bi Group, Leeds City Council and Touchstone).

Leeds Bi Group attended several local pride events, Campus Pride (a Leeds Beckett University event) and Leeds Queer Film Fest (stall and workshop).

Leeds Bi Group has been working closely with Leeds City Council and Leeds Beckett University Student Union regarding their bi+ agendas.

## **Finance Report**

### **Specific funding**

Money in: Leeds Pride Community Fund "**Post Pride Bi Brunch**" £290

Money out: Helium canister £19.99  
Venue hire £120  
Baloons, decorations and other materials £46.55  
Food £62.89

Money in: BiCon Continuity "**bags and badges**" £80  
Sales of bags and badges £89.50

Money out: Bags £19.41  
Fabric paint £59.97  
Badge parts £33

### **Other**

Previous balance: £55.90

Money in: Leeds Beckett Student Union affiliation £15  
Redbubble funds £6.86  
Donations from Lush charity pot party £118.75

Money out: Donations box £5.99  
Fliers £23.57  
Pop-up banner £27  
Bi flag £3.45  
Canvases for stalls x3 £10.50

**Remaining money: £179.69**

Donations (used as petty cash for refreshments): £36.54

### **Committee members**

The following members were agreed as the Leeds Bi Group Committee due to their contributions to the group over the last year:

- Adam
- Danni
- Jonathan
- Rosemary – Treasurer
- Sophia

Emily to continue as Leeds Bi Group Chair

### **2017: Prides and other events**

Upcoming Prides:

- Harrogate Pride (stall) – 20<sup>th</sup> May
- York Pride (stall) – 10<sup>th</sup> June
- Leeds Pride (parade) – 4<sup>th</sup> August

Other events:

- IDAHOBIT (International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia and Transphobia) is 17<sup>th</sup> May. Stalls in Leeds City Centre – 13<sup>th</sup> May
- Lush Charity Pot Party – 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> June (Emily and Danni to attend)
- Pre-pride event at Leeds Pride, to be confirmed – 10<sup>th</sup> August
- BiCon – 10<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> August. Stall at BiCon to be confirmed
- Bi Visibility Day – 23<sup>rd</sup> September. Events to be confirmed

If anyone would like to volunteer to help at any of these stalls/events, please email [leedsbigroup@gmail.com](mailto:leedsbigroup@gmail.com); it is important that you confirm attendance for volunteering to ensure adequate cover.

Ideas for events for Bi Visibility Day are also welcome.

### **2017/18: Group Meetings**

Talky space theme ideas/to repeat:

- Bi 101
- Health
- Mental Health/Mind/Touchstone
- Film/media/entertainment

Social meet up ideas/to be repeated:

- Bowling
- Picnic (summer)
- Retro gaming (computer games)
- Films
- Board gaming
- Cycling
- Run with Leeds Frontrunners
- Walk
- Swimming
- Pamper session

### **Other Business**

Leeds Beckett University Student Union representative introduced themselves to the group. The Student Union are currently working on an anti-biphobia campaign Bye Biphobia which had a soft launch at their Campus Pride event earlier in the year. Focus groups aimed at Leeds Beckett University students will take place in the next few months and an online survey is being developed. They are also working on training/education which can be taken into schools.

Different methods of advertising Leeds Bi Group were discussed. Ideas:

- Taking fliers to libraries, museums, GPs, police and community centre
- Newspaper article
- Podcast/radio interview

**Next AGM:** Date to be agreed in January/February 2018