



Disabled Students' Network Committee Meeting

St Andrews Students' Association

12th November 2020, 5pm

In Attendance:

Anna-Ruth Cockerham - SRC Disability Officer

Molly Paechter – *Deputy Convenor (Chair)*

Kiera Obi – *Neurodiversity Representative*

Jane Yarnell – *Secretary*

Catherine Essex – *Treasurer*

Natalya Stone – *Mental Health Representative*

Apologies:

Emma Walsh – Director of Wellbeing

Maja Juszcakiewicz Lewis – *Accessibility Officer*

Kristina Kumpf – *Events Officer*

Kirsty MacDonald – *Chronic Illness Representative*

Maddy Shephard - *Publicity and Campaigns Officer*

Minutes:

Updates:

SRC Disability Officer

Talked about disability history month events, the website is now up

First meeting of the sports participation group

Sophie may come to a meeting at some point, and we'll also do a focus group type thing at some point. It would be useful to have a few committee members commit to that. CE agreed to come. MP also agreed to come. JY also agreed.

I have been organizing the nightline awareness week event, it will be in the Bengal pod next week

I had a meeting with DoWell Emma about training + feedback for the committee

I've adapted questions for a disabled students survey for later in the semester

Deputy Convenor

I've just been added to the museum students advisory group. If anyone can think of any exhibitions they would like to set up, let me know!

Physical Disabilities Rep - absent

Mental Health Rep

Been added to a group with the people who run the mental health support group – they're hoping to start it up again soon.

Chronic Illness Rep - absent

Neurodiversity Rep

No updates

Accessibility Officer

No updates.

Secretary

No updates

Treasurer

The yoga disabilities class isn't allowed in the can-do tent, so now we can set it up any time in a different venue

I'll tell ARC what it costs/how that will work.

Events Officer - absent

Publicity and Campaigns Officer - absent

Director of Wellbeing

ARC – Emma is running an event called Equally Safe right now.

Training & Committee Feedback

ARC: People have given some feedback, including that reports haven't been particularly clear, and that they felt like they were missing some training. People also felt underequipped to signpost people to support resources w/in the university.

ARC: I'm going to try to put together a training for the committee, and there's secretary and treasurer trainings available I'll find.

ARC: People also said that they were confused by the rules of the union.

ARC: I'm also interested in feedback about what people want to know and what format they would like it in, so feel free to share that.

MP: I would like a meeting-like thing, but a document for future committees would be nice. We could combine the quiz and training? Training first then quiz?

ARC: during the intersemester break would work well for that

MP: I think training on different days but over the intersemester break would be good.

Disabled Students' Survey

ARC: One of the points in my manifesto was to do a survey of disabled students every semester, so I want to go over the questions now.

ML: Is there a reporting system for individual lecturers?

ARC: Its an anonymous survey, but I can add a link to Support Report on the survey. If people point out a particular issue, I can also take it more generally and work on it that way. Hopefully the survey will get a wide range of feedback and I'll be able to ID where there are bigger problems.

ARC: If I speak to Emma about releasing it next week, then it can be open until after exams, hopefully.

Nightline Awareness Week Event

ARC: The event is next week, it will be in can-do marquee, it would be cool if everyone signed up and came along. Do people have feedback about the sheet I made?

MP and JY will give feedback after the meeting

KO asked for clarification of a sentence

Disability History Month

Posts about disability activists

ARC: There's a group student unions disability history month event – we'll be participating in that.

ARC: There will be an event on December 12th around the accessibility pledge and guide, hopefully w/ participants from both St. As and elsewhere.

ARC: If people have ideas for blog posts or similar around disability, please do share.

ARC: We could also take over the union Instagram for a day, so if people want to do that we could talk about disability history month and share out event.

ARC: I also thought it would be good to do a post series on disabled people in history, and we would need to create some graphics and write a paragraph about each one.

MP: I would be happy to do a segment about Temple Grandin and [x], would that be ok?

ARC: Yes

MP: I know Temple Grandin is kind of controversial, so what should I say about that?

ARC: You could say that she was important at the time, but some things have moved on.

MP: Ok.

JY: I'm happy to do any of the people on the list

CE: When does this need to be done by?

ARC: I think it would be good to have some of the stuff by the 18th, but later is also ok.

MJ: I can do Frida Khalo.

ARC: I can do the first two, and one more.

ARC: If anyone wants to add anyone, they are welcome to.

Committee Secret Santa

ARC: Wellbeing set a limit of £10, and said no amazon and independent sellers or charity shops. Does that sound good?

ML: I have a logistics question, how will the gift giving part work?

ARC: You can post things to the union, I'll ask if we can use DoWell Emma's office, and you can deliver things to people's houses if you want.