



Disabled Students' Network Committee Meeting

St Andrews Students' Association

24th September 2020, 5pm

In Attendance:

Anna-Ruth Cockerham - *SRC Disability Officer (Chair)*

Natalya Stone – *Mental Health Representative*

Emma Walsh – *Director of Wellbeing*

Kristina Kumpf – *Events Officer*

Molly Paechter – *Deputy Convenor*

Kiera Obi – *Neurodiversity Representative*

Emma MacAndrews – *Physical Disability Representative*

Jane Yarnell - *Secretary*

Apologies:

None

Minutes:

Disability Pride Week events

ARC: Please attend the events! Especially to encourage people to join the committee

ARC: Secondly, the UCU event. It's on Jitsi, it may not get as much pickup because it hasn't been posted for as long.

ARC: Open positions: We have five positions open, and currently we have not very many people applying. Please share them widely

NS: I had a meeting with the mental health representative, and we are thinking about doing an event about mental health awareness and resources in two weeks. We're also considering doing an panel event for people to help raise awareness of more stigmatized mental illnesses.

EW: There are going to be several other events in week four, do we want to move the event

NS: that makes sense, lets go for week 5 or 6

EM: When you say we would have different mental health conditions talked about, what sort of thing would be be talking about? We want to be careful about trigger warning.

NS: I'm thinking more along the lines of what does day to day life look like for people with different conditions.

ARC: We can include content notes for everything discussed, and we can also try to do something with access to conversation for people who leave the event.

Amnesty

KK: We have a collab in week 4 with amnesty, we have basically free reign over what to do, as long as it pertains to disability and the right to health. I'm open to suggestions!

KK: Additionally, we discussed having a stimming-related event in Freshers week, I would appreciate having other people who stim join in with me on organizing that event.

ARC: What kind of format are we thinking for the event?

KK: Besides a sort of informational thing about who stims, what stimming is, ect, my thought had been a demo of how to make a simple stim toy thing if we can later in the semester.

MP: there is also a lot of good literature about stimming and stuff we could share

KO: I was just wondering, do you think that would work better as a live event or a video? If it is supposed to be informative, maybe a video that can be passed around afterwards could be useful?

MP: I think a live event would be good, but we could put together a video based off of the live event?

ARC: I think a combination of both would be good.

MP: I thought KKs video on youtube from this week was a good example.

ARC: Do people agree with that kind of format?

[Agreement]

ARC: Back on the amnesty event?

KK: Currently the only thing I can think of is disability and COVID, which is kinda a bummer topic

EM: We could talk about the lack of provisions for evacuation for disabled people?

ARC: I'm happy to help out

JY: I also am

NS: I am as well

ARC: How would the event be structured?

KK: Normally all amnesty events are discussion based

ARC: great, I can work on that.

ARC: Any other business?

MP: Could we run an event about what accommodations would be available for students in the Summer?

ARC: it is hard to get attention during the Summer, but I think that we could do something about it

ARC: I think that education might need to happen in Uni outreach and in schools, not at university.