



Disabled Students' Network Committee Meeting

St Andrews Students' Association

26th November 2020, 5pm

In Attendance:

Anna-Ruth Cockerham - *SRC Disability Officer*

Molly Paechter – *Deputy Convenor*

Emma Walsh – *Director of Wellbeing*

Kiera Obi – *Neurodiversity Representative*

Jane Yarnell – *Secretary*

Catherine Essex – *Treasurer*

Natalya Stone – *Mental Health Representative*

Kristina Kumpf – *Events Officer*

Kirsty MacDonald – *Chronic Illness Representative*

Maddy Shephard - *Publicity and Campaigns Officer*

Maja Juszczakiewicz Lewis – *Accessibility Officer*

Apologies:

Emma MacAndrews – *Physical Disability Rep*

Maddy Shepherd – *Publicity and Campaigns Officer*

Minutes:

Updates

SRC Disability Officer

Disabled Students survey has been distributed, please keep sharing it!

Deputy Convenor

Talked with Anna-Ruth about structure of the committee

Issues with committee setup – workload is uneven and understanding of roles is patchy

Going forward, we will be dividing up representative roles and 'society' roles, with ARC and EW heading up the representative element and MP as 'society' head.

Attending museum committee meeting

Physical Disability Representative - absent

Neurodiversity Representative

Nothing to report, will work on exam revision materials soon

Mental Health Representative

Nothing to report

Chronic Illness Representative

Nothing to report

Accessibility Officer

Participated into the invisible disability panel

Hosted Sexpression disability/sexuality quiz

Follow up on accessibility officer role – could we campaign for accessibility training all wellbeing reps

Events Officer

Nothing to report

Publicity and Campaigns Officer - absent

Secretary

Nothing to report

Treasurer

Working on the YogaSoc event

Feedback form runthrough

Suggestions: more time between poses, add a question regarding inclusive/easy to understand questions

Director of Wellbeing

Study buddy scheme

Disability History Month

History Posts

Have people finished their slides?

MP will finish theirs soon

JY asked if we could use a few more

Follow up – are images/paragraphs finished?

KO: I just had an idea – I feel like in terms of what we put on our instagram, we could add some recommendation for books/movies/ect about disability

Committee Feedback

Do people feel like they have enough to do/not enough to do, ect?

MP + ARC add that everyone is doing well

ARC: Some items that have been brought up in committee meetings are on my manifesto as SRC

ARC: I will work on the disability awareness/accessibility training for wellbeing officers. To clarify, not every committee has a wellbeing officer, but similar roles could have training as well

JY: I feel like my role doesn't have a lot of official stuff, so I'm happy to help with any patchwork stuff that needs doing!

KK: I could use more info for event planning – I'm struggling a little with content/info for setting up events.

ARC: One thing that might help is adding event planning follow up to the agenda

CE: As treasurer I feel like I don't have loads to do as part of my official role

ARC: We can work on official treasurer training, too

KM: I feel like I also haven't had a lot to do, but I also have a hard time with that because of variable functioning

ARC: Yes, this has been a thing for the committee, that MP and I are thinking about

JY: We could have a sort of buddy system for events?

ML: We could organize events on a shared google doc, so people can see who is available/able to help, and make it easier to hand off events

MP: I would prefer teams for that. But mainly, I wanted to come back to some things people have said already – KK, I think you're right that the events role has gotten a lot bigger. I'm going to see if we can get another Sabb officer involved when we restructure, too.

ARC: There is some confusion about how the SRC treasurer is supposed to work, so some sort of explanation will hopefully happen.

MP: That's exactly the kind of thing we need to work out as a new committee, too. Thinking about variable ability to take things on, temporarily could JY and CE be available to take things on for anyone who needs it, since their role is currently smaller?

ML: I think that my role could be more publicized, so that people can contact me about the accessibility pledge

ARC: I will talk to Avery(?) about that.

ARC: I know that the rep positions have said that they aren't sure what their role is – I hear you and I'm working on it.

Peer Support Workshop

Best time of day?

MP: Not morning

ARC: Ok, afternoon then.

Any Other Business

ARC: Is there a deadline for the Secret Santa?

MP: The 10th, I think

CE: I'm going home on Saturday, so whoever has me may need to post stuff.

EW: postage costs can be covered by the DSN budget

MP: Can everyone put their address where they'll be located after the 10th?

MP: Can they also put their hobbies/interests/any allergies/sensory stuff?