Minutes

Lancashire Friend

GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday 19th August 2002, 8.30pm
Jarman Centre, James Street, Blackburn

Attendees: Jeremy, Les, Jason, Pat, Nick, Ian, Peter, Sharon, Michael, Chris, John

Chaired by: Jeremy Sharples
Minuted by: Nick Brierley

Apologies

None Received

Summary of Actions

1) Chris and Michael were introduced and received as new members of Lancashire Friend.

2) The issues of advertising and publicity were discussed. The main areas thought best to advertise were in local press, bars, surgeries and health centres, colleges and other places were information on social and sexuality issues is sought. The main source of advertising thought to be the most successful would be a poster and leaflet identifying the main 3 services of the group; counselling/befriending, switchboard and information/advice. Ideas and designs were asked for and several members took away this as an action point to produce some idea on designs for the potential posters and leaflet.

3) The purpose of continuing to have a Burnley office was discussed. Due to possible security and safety issues if only 1 person was working the switchboard, it was decided to divert the phone line from the Burnley office to the Blackburn office, as it is members of the group from Blackburn who have been working the switchboard. The decision to end the use of the Burnley office is to be delayed until March 03 when the current rent agreement comes to an end. It was to be noted that this decision was purely to improve the spending of the resources of the group and that the importance of keeping the Burnley links was of equal importance.

4) Following liaison with Accrington and Rossendale College the group will provide a drop in centre at the college on a weekly basis. Jeremy and Les have liased with contacts at the college and will be taking on this additional duty in order to provided this service to the college.

Date for next meeting - 23/09/02 Executive 7.30pm
General 8.30pm