

## **SOUTHWARK LGBT NETWORK**

### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2012**

**At Woolfson & Tay, 12 Bermondsey Square, London, SE1 3UN**  
**on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2012 at 7.00 pm**

### **AGENDA**

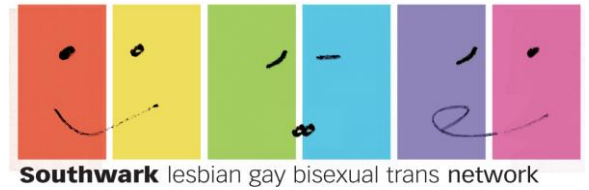
1. Welcome from the Chair
2. Minutes of the AGM held on 14<sup>th</sup> June 2011
3. Annual report
4. Treasurer's report
5. Election of officers
  - a) Chair
  - b) Secretary
  - c) Hon Treasurer
6. Election of EC members (up to 12)

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The formal business of the AGM will be followed by a conversation  
with our special guest

**Gok Wan**

The meeting will end at 9.00 pm



## **SOUTHWARK LGBT NETWORK**

### **MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2011**

Held on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2011 at 7.00pm  
at Woolfson & Tay, 12 Bermondsey Square, London, SE1 3UN

Gaby Charing in the chair.

40 members present.

1. Minutes of the AGM held on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2010 were agreed
2. Presentation of Annual Report: the Chair (Gaby Charing) presented the annual report, which was approved.
3. Presentation of Accounts: the Hon. Treasurer (Gene Dugan-Brause) presented the accounts.
4. Appointment of officers of the Network:

Chair: Gaby Charing was unanimously re-elected Chair.

Secretary: Anne Stanesby was unanimously elected Secretary.

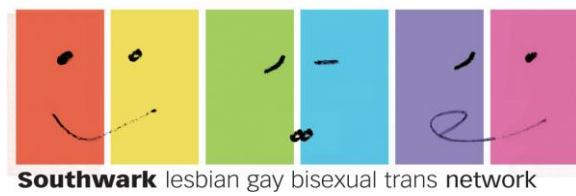
Hon. Treasurer: Gene Dugan-Brause was unanimously re-elected Hon. Treasurer.

Appointment of up to 12 members to the Executive Committee:

The following were elected unanimously to serve on the Executive Committee for the following year:

Liz Day, Nacho Diaz, Lu Firth, Justin Varney, Carol Vincent (events organiser) and Peter Vittles.

There being no other business, the Chair declared the meeting closed.



## **SOUTHWARK LGBT NETWORK**

### **ANNUAL REPORT 2012**

Presented to the Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2012 at 7.00 pm

#### **SOUTHWARK LGBT NETWORK**

Southwark Lesbian Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Network (Southwark LGBT Network) is an unincorporated association founded in 2002. Its purpose is to build and strengthen LGBT communities in Southwark so as to improve the quality of life of LGBT people who live, work, study or socialise in Southwark, and reduce our vulnerability to hate crime, harassment and discrimination. The Network's work complements that of the Southwark LGBT Forum (formerly the Southwark Anti-Homophobic Forum).

#### **Members, Officers and Executive Committee**

The Network's constitution provides for individual membership and membership by affiliation. The fee for individual members is £1 and for affiliates £5. The Network currently has 92 individual members and 3 affiliates. The corresponding figures in last year's annual report were 21 individual members and no affiliates.

At the Annual General Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> June 2011 the following were elected:

Chair: Gaby Charing  
Secretary: Anne Stanesby  
Hon. Treasurer: Gene Dugan-Brause

Executive Committee:

Liz Day  
Nacho Diaz  
Lu Firth  
Justin Varney  
Carol Vincent (events organiser)  
Peter Vittles

During the year the following have worked with the Executive Committee without being formally co-opted to it:

Lindsay Batty-Smith and Gilda Flores

#### **Finance**

A report will be presented by the Hon. Treasurer.

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## MAIN ACTIVITIES

The main activities of the Network this year have been to organise monthly events at Woolfson and Tay and, for the second year running, to give small grants for LGBT History Month.

**Monthly events:** These started in February 2012 and are held on the first Wednesday of the month at Woolfson & Tay. We are very grateful to all the speakers and performers, who are giving their time without charge, and to Peter Vittles and Carol Vincent for organising the events.

**History Month 2012:** For the second time small grants were offered to individuals and groups wishing to put on History Month events or activities in Southwark. Last year we were partnered by Southwark Council, but this year their budget extended only to organising a launch event (Queer Question Time) and they were unable to contribute to the small grants scheme. Grants totalling £4,135 were offered to 11 different groups and individuals. The comparable number last year was eight.

The following grants were offered:

Name	Project	Award	Outcome
Aliyah Owen	<i>Home and Away: LGBT Londoners</i> - exhibition at Woolfson & Tay	200.00	Complete
Collective Artistes	' <i>Zhe: [noun] Undefined</i> ' - theatre production at Canada Water library	400.00	Complete
CoolTan Arts	<i>Largactyl Shuffle</i>	400.00	Complete
Gendered Intelligence	<i>My Transsexual Summer</i>	250.00	Postponed
Melissa Jo Smith	<i>House of Queer Mirrors</i> with MOCA - salon in her home	480.00	Complete
Mike Kear	Photographing HM events	500.00	Complete
NRG Youth Club	Photography workshops & exhibition	500.00	In progress
Nunhead Lesbians	<i>Grave Passions</i> - walk & evening event	430.00	Complete
Rosie Wilby	Storytelling workshop feeding into <i>Rosie's Pop Diary</i> - performance at Southwark Playhouse	500.00	Complete
Stephen Bourne	<i>Carve Their Names With Pride</i> - talk re WWII at Cuming Museum	175.00	Complete
Woolfson & Tay	<i>Speaking Out</i> - event celebrating HM 2012	300.00	Complete
<b>Total</b>		<b>4,135.00</b>	

## **OTHER ACTIVITIES**

**'4 in 10':** The Network has continued to mentor 4 in 10, the LGBT service-user group for the South London and Maudsley NHS Foundation Trust (SLaM). The group have recently applied successfully to the SLaM charitable trust for funding to employ a development worker.

**Southwark LGBT Forum:** Our sister organisation, the Forum, has been without a Chair since September. Gaby Charing stepped in as acting Chair. We are seeking a new Chair for the Forum, who will also be a member of the Network EC.

**Communications:** During the year the Network has acquired two new Web sites, one public-facing, the other for Network members only. We took over the LGBT email list from the Council. It had 150 email addresses on it. It now has 450. The EC has started to develop a communications strategy, but this area of our work is under-developed and we badly need someone with experience in communications to help us take it forward.

The EC agreed a strapline for the Network: *Southwark LGBT Network - making our community count.*

**Fundraising:** This is a priority for the coming year. As a minimum, we need to find a new funding partner for the small grants scheme.

**Governance:** No work has been done on the long-term legal structure of the Network as this seemed premature. It needs to be addressed in the coming year.

**Other organisations:** In addition to our work with the Forum and 4 in 10, the Network now has links with the Forum for Equalities and Human Rights in Southwark (FEHRS).

The Network donated £499.98 to 17-24-30 for the purchase of two gazebos for use during the vigil against hate crime held every year in Trafalgar Square. It was a condition of the grant that the gazebos be made available for use by other LGBT groups, and most particularly by LGBT groups in Southwark.

**Network EC:** The Network EC has met six times. All meetings have been quorate and indeed well attended, demonstrating the commitment and enthusiasm of EC members. The EC currently meets in members' homes. This avoids the expense of room hire, and creates a congenial atmosphere. Every effort is being made to keep the Network's running costs to a minimum.

With the exception of Gene Dugan-Brause, who has moved away from the borough, all officers and EC members are offering themselves for re-election, with some change in responsibilities. We are very grateful to Gene for his contribution over the past two years.



## SOUTHWARK LGBT NETWORK

### Treasurer's Report 6<sup>th</sup> June 2012

The Network's financial year runs from 1<sup>st</sup> April to 31<sup>st</sup> March. However, this report shows the financial position as at 25<sup>th</sup> May 2012.

In the past year the Network had no income save small amounts from membership fees, donations and bank interest.

Expenditure included the following: running costs of the Network; Network events; History Month small grants; and a grant of £499.98 to enable 17-24-30 to purchase two gazebos for use at the third annual vigil against hate crime in Trafalgar Square. The gazebos are available for use by the Network and other LGBT organisations.

All our assets are allocated to the Network's general fund, to be applied for the general purposes of the Network. We have no restricted funds, that is to say, funds donated for a specific purpose which may only be used for that purpose.

The Network has liabilities of £1,200, being grants for HM 2012 not yet claimed. The grant to Gendered Intelligence is not included, because their project is, sadly, unlikely to go ahead in the foreseeable future.

**Table 1 - Income and expenditure from 26 May 2011 to 25 May 2012**

<b>Income</b>			
Membership fees & donations	96.00		
Bank interest	4.44		
<b>Total income</b>			<b>100.44</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>			
Running costs including Web site		136.21	
AGM 2011		494.52	
HM 2012 pre-launch including donation to HM		161.20	
Network events		1,721.00	
HM 2012 small grants		2,485.48	
Grant to 17-24-30		499.98	
<b>Total expenditure</b>			<b>-5,498.39</b>
<b>Balance (excess of expenditure over income)</b>			<b>-£5,397.95</b>

<b>Table 2 - balance sheet at 25 May 2012</b>	
Deposit Account	7,854.87
Current Account	3,291.73
/ess uncleared cheques	-1,098.00
Balance	10,048.60
Liabilities	-1,200.00
<b>Total available funds</b>	<b>£8,848.60</b>

### **Conclusion**

With the money in the bank, the Network can continue to operate in the coming year as it has this year, including running a small grants programme. But unless further funding is obtained, the Network's future beyond next summer is highly uncertain.

Gene Dugan-Brause  
Hon. Treasurer  
1<sup>st</sup> June 2012