

The Union Society at Newcastle University

**WELFARE AND CAMPAIGNS
COMMITTEE MINUTES
30th April 2008**

Present: Rosie Duffield, Eve Payne, Michael Harvey, Pete Mercer, Michael Oliver

Apologies: Anushka Mehroata, Rachel Hosey

1. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 23.04.08

a) Corrections

Noted 1: There were none

b) No Matters Arising

There were none

2. HEALTHY BODY, HEALTHY MIND UPDATE

Noted 1: R. Duffield gave an update on the week. 'Pee in a pot' went very well. Money management was cancelled because of no one attending. Taste testing had a disappointing turn out. Friday as a whole was under-whelming but some people did use the drop in sessions. Monopoly did not go ahead due to lack of interest.

Noted 2: Review of the week: Beginning of the week went well but the end of the week was a disaster. Seemed to go down well with students. Not sure whether to run it next year, it's a good time to do it because it helps students de-stress but a bad time because of the lack of help. But a good idea on the whole.

Noted 3: M. Oliver said that Reiki went well and everybody liked it, especially Simon Gerry.

Noted 4: P. Mercer said that he thought it was a good idea but that there were aspects of it which are inevitably going to be unpopular.

Noted 5: M. Harvey said that there is a problem with the lay-out – perhaps too much to organise for a small space of time.

Noted 6: R. Duffield said it was hard to get a response as to the effect of the week but it is a relatively new campaign so it could be expected to have a few bumps.

3. STRESSED OUT STUDENTS

Noted 1: R.Duffield said that she has received confirmation that we have a table from the 12th – 23rd May for an hour a day.

Noted 2: Window stickers have not come yet.

Noted 3: Discussion took place on whether to have 2 or 3 days of Reiki.

Noted 4: R. Duffield said to consider sponsorship for more Reiki sessions but it's difficult to get at this time of year.

ACTION: R. Duffield to speak to Emily Rosselli about 'Serenity in the City'

RESOLVED: To have 2 days of Reiki – one session per week.

ACTION R. Duffield to look into Campaigns budget.

4. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Local Elections

Noted 1: M. Harvey pointed out that tomorrow (1st May) was Local Elections Day and informed the meeting of his 3 day silence.

Visit from Edinburgh University

Noted 1: R. Duffield informed the meeting that people are visiting the Union tomorrow from Edinburgh University to check on our welfare services. There is a meeting in the Training Room from 1.00 – 2.00. R. Duffield asked if P. Mercer and E. Payne could attend. P. Mercer can attend, E. Payne can't attend.

End of Year Social

Noted 1: R.Duffield invited the members of WAC to an End of Year social after next week's W & C meeting.

There being no further business the meeting closed.