

The Union Society at the University of Newcastle

**WELFARE AND CAMPAIGNS
COMMITTEE MINUTES
31ST October 2007**

Present: Rosie Duffield, Rachael Hosey, Anushka Mehrotra, Michael Oliver, Matt McCallam,
Yee Xian Choi

In Attendance: Andrew Crow, Leanne O'Connor Gilian Edwards

Observer: Paul England

1. CHAIR'S WELCOME

Noted 1: R. Duffield welcomed everyone to the first meeting of W & C this year.

2. WAC CREW UPDATE

Noted 2: It was stated that there were currently 14 members, with a successful social on the previous Monday.

3. SOUTH AFRICAN SCHOLARSHIP

Noted 1: It was discussed how to raise money due to lack of funds.

Ideas included:

Collect at Arcane, sell glow sticks and ice pops.

A themed Solution night to promote the fund.

Paul England suggested a distance related fundraising event, such as the exercise bikes outside the union. Michael Oliver suggested involving the Royal Navy and OTC for a personal challenge sponsorship.

Action: To think of designs for a logo
To give the event more thought and come back next week to discuss it.

4. SHAG WEEK

Noted 1: The week is to take place starting the 26th November. Events already planned include Chlamydia testing on the 28th November from 11 – 2 in Rijos, team testing to be confirmed. Andrew Crow proposed to host a film night on Monday 26th November for World Aids Day and to have a stall outside the union all week. Unicef proposed to help at Solution on 30th November. Information packs discussed.

RESOLVED: Motion passed for an Army themed Solution to fit in with the NUS GI Johnny promotion.

Actions: Rosie Duffield to liaise with Vaughan about a possible obstacle course at Solution

Anushka Mehrotra to liaise with Medsex to ask if they would like to be involved.
Michael to liaise to 'Eight' to see if they would like to be involved

5, FUTURE CAMPAIGNS

Noted 1: Rosie Duffield discussed
Houses of Horrors - WAC to work with Housing committee.
Love where you live – WAC to work with Housing committee.
Mental Health – working with the well being service.
Finance - to advertise the Access to Learning Fund.
Meningitis campaign planned for 7/1 – Head of welfare and NHS.
Healthy Eating.
Stressed out students.
Silent students – happy homes.
Rachael Hosey – Donation not Discrimination.
Michael Oliver – A march to promote racial diversity.
Anushka Mehrotra – International Womens day Action: to look into date for speakers.
Rachael Hosey – Ethics and Environment week.

6. CHILDREN IN NEED DAY

Noted 1: Ian Knox is keen to promote this.

ACTION: Committee to think of fundraising ideas

7. METRO FARE RISE

ACTION: Rosie Duffield to provide more information at the next meeting

8. FIRE SAFETY CAMPAIGN

Noted 1: Fire safety campaign - University has requested help with this.

RESOLVED: Committee agreed to help the University's campaign.

9. ENDSLEIGH INSURANCE

Noted 1: Endsleigh Insurance has requested help to publicise student safety.

RESOLVED: Committee agreed to help Endsleigh with this campaign, which will be delegated to crew

10. PRO CHOICE CAMPAIGN

Noted 1: Proposal was received to advertise International Women's Week.

ACTION: To take place on Wed 28th November. Anushka to organise speakers.
Pro choice to be discussed next term.

11. COURAGE

Noted 1: A Motion to help Courage by joining his campaign was put to the Committee.

Vote: 3 yes, 3 abstentions.

Noted 2: Campaign Day for Courage is on Monday 5th November.

12. NUS REFERENDUM

Noted 1: Guest speaker Paul England discussed NUS yes campaign.

Noted 2: There will be a debate on Thursday at 11.30. Voting on referendum starts on Thursday at 15.00 to finish on Friday at 15.00.

Noted 3: A motion to involve WAC and WAC crew in election promotion and campaign was put.

Vote: 6 yes votes

ACTION: Rosie Duffield to send email to WAC crew detailing information about voting and giving them contact detail for both the Yes and No campaign representatives.

13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Noted 1: Michael Oliver stated that his 'love music hate racism' campaign will be on either the 13th or 21st November.

There being no further business the meeting closed