

# Book 28 Library

## Meeting Minutes

Date of Meeting: 16/11/20

Present: Rebecca Franklin, Isadore Auerbach George, Vik K-F, Michael Elias

Next Meeting:

30/11/20 18:00

### 1. Announcements

N/A

### 2. Agenda

- Quick Facts
- Instagram Story Function
- Project Management Tools / Google Docs
- CIC vs Charity
- Michael Internship

### 3. Discussion and Actions taken

Dore has not heard from Justin – probably overworked given new university and job.

All discussed Vik's work on the website

Dore and Vik discussed the eBrary work – Vik has contributed lots structure and content of our eBrary work

Dore and Vik discussed our offer to non-LGBTIQ+ work – Dore says we have scope for the areas with big overlap such as critical race theory. Dore and Rebecca mentioned how we were not politically neutral, but we do need to invite in certain people. It is their view that we should cater to a wider crowd. As mentioned by Michael we can have some level of content which fits with our views but does not alienate people we might expect to visit the library. Dore highlights how we want people who are more neutral to feel comfortable, but we would not cater to right wing people or right-wing LGBT content.

Rebecca says National Arts Council Funding is going well but slowly and clarified what it is.

Dore says Metrobank is still going but slowly – they asked for more proof of address.

Outside In workshops are paused for the moment says Dore. We will need to find funding for adults with learning disabilities. Michael mentioned how we could start pay-what-you-can tickets. Dore

wanted to make this free tickets and optional donation. Dore highlighted how not every volunteer needs to be paid.

All discussing workflow / management / Michael suggested we should unread emails which we do not respond to. All discussed tagging messaging – we could tag our own emails and see how it goes. Also, Vik mentioned a contingency plan for volunteers who drop out.

Dore outlined how the collection we have needs factual material like guides to name changing, guides to transition, ect. These things would be great to give away, and reference. Dore says we should update this data and have a space for it outside of the rainbow categories. Dore was envisioning a permanent collection of reference materials which we could check. Things like legal information are especially important for trans people – more so than almost anything else. Terrence Higgin's Trust / Stonewall distributes them so we need to work out how we get ahold of them. Dore said we should scrutinize our information at least a little bit when we get it.

Michael said we could increase engagement by doing quizzes and interactive media events. Dore said this would be wonderful. Dore and Michael wanted to considering do lives over Christmas.

Charities versus CIC – Rebecca and Dore discussed the benefits and downsides to CICs vs Charities. Talked about consistent funding. CICs are way more business-like. Charities are able to hemorrhage money while CIC's need to be a bit more sustainable and have an ongoing plan. Michael mentioned how a Board of Trustees which does not get paid is often more swayed towards people who are richer and more privileged. We are leaning towards CICs.

Dore talked about managing social media conflicts effectively.

#### **4. Actions to do**

Rebecca to help Darrell chase email The Outside Project RE: fortnightly critical theory workshop.

Dore / all to make a paid workshop funded by Book 28 or Outside In with learning disabled adults. We need to ringfence money for this when possible. Dore to double check with the Outside Project before this.

Rebecca to ask R de Havilland about how she gets leaflets, how we could make more and get more. All to think about Quicks Facts shelf – healthcare, legal advice, community ect.

Rebecca to structure/ think about Michael's internship.

Volunteer's in general to think about jumping on live to promote what they are reading. Maybe Darrell.

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Rebecca and Michael to discuss internship and what Michael would like. To let Dore, know when they need resources handed over.

**Signed and Distributed 29/11/2020**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R Franklin', with a small 'r' above the 'i'.

Rebecca Franklin