

## Guild Policy Development Group Minutes

**Present:** Jess Levy (Representation and Resources Officer (RRO), Chair), Adam Goldstone (GOG Member), Lucinda Bleischroeder Baker (GOG Member, Emma Atkins (Disabled Representative Member), Adriana Xardone (LGBTQ Representative Member) Reece Roberts (Open Place Member), Fay Arnold (Trans Representative Member),

**In attendance:** Sam Jones (Campaigns Coordinator) Note Taker), Jo Thomas (Chief Executive Officer)

**Apologies:** Zia Bresnahan (Open Place Member)

**Absent without Apologies :** Rose Bennett (GOG Member) Molly Gilbert (Women's Representative Member), Joe Guntrip (Open Place Member), Rajat Grover (International Representative Member), Arundeeep Chaggar (Postgraduate Representative Member), Sheimona Jahan (BME Representative Member)

**The RRO welcomed everyone and the meeting commenced at 18:10**

No	ITEM FOR DISCUSSION	QUESTIONS ASKED	ACTION
1	<b>Welcome to GPDG</b>	The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. All those present introduced themselves to the room.  The Terms of Reference for the Group were presented and approved.	<b>Noted</b>
2	<b>Your Idea Submissions</b>	All ideas were accepted without amendment, with the exception of:  <b>1) (02.18.09) - Log on via guild website</b>  JL noted that this change had been made actually on the day of the meeting, and was something the Guild had been working on for a long time. On the basis that the change had already happened, the Idea should not go live.  AG asked if proposers could still ask for ideas to go live if they wanted.  JL confirmed that they could, but that there was no point as the idea was already implemented.  Group agreed to reject idea on the basis stated.  <b>2) (02.18.08) - A Kettle in the Microwaves Room in the Guild</b>  AG recommended that the idea go online to receive a fresh	<b>Noted</b>

	<p>mandate.</p> <p>EA suggest that the proposer be asked to change to an accessible kettle.</p> <p>JL advised that a fixed water boiler would likely be easiest from an operational perspective.</p> <p>EA responded that this would be fine from an accessibility point of view, as long as it wasn't too high on the wall.</p> <p>Group agreed to approve idea, and suggest amendment to the proposer to include a accessible kettle/ water boiler.</p> <p><b>3) (02.18.07) - PAYG or Bundle Packages for Swimming</b></p> <p>JL advised that they thought that PAYG swimming was already in place at the sports centre and was introduced a few weeks ago, but could be wrong.</p> <p>RR mentioned that they thought bundles were also already implemented, In the same way that students pay for only one class in a workout session.</p> <p>JL agreed to speak to the sports officer about this issue and remove bundles also if already implemented.</p> <p>AG suggested that it should left up to the proposer.</p> <p>Group agreed to remove PAYG from the idea and suggest proposer put forward as bundles only.</p> <p><b>6) (02.18.04) - Monthly Charity Lottery to visit the top of Old Joe</b></p> <p>JL advised that this idea could not go up as currently worded, as due to charity law the Guild (as a charity) is not able to directly raise money for/donate to another charity.</p> <p>FA suggested that a guild-affiliated group, such as RAG, should be able to run a scheme like this.</p> <p>JL confirmed that RAG had been contacted and would be happy to run such a lottery if the idea passed.</p> <p>AG asked if GPDG/ Your Ideas would be able to mandate RAG to run such a scheme.</p> <p>JL confirmed that it would not be able to, but that the idea could be amended to mandate the AEO to support/ coordinate and work with RAG to implement. A Your Ideas mandate would also demonstrate interest to the university.</p> <p>AG suggested that asking the university to run the trip up Old Joe as termly, rather than monthly in the first instance would be more likely</p>	<p><b>Noted</b></p> <p><b>Noted</b></p>
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		<p>to be acceptable to estates.</p> <p>The Group agreed to suggest the proposer change to termly, and to change references to the Guild running the lottery to a relevant guild group as a minimum.</p> <p><b>8) (02.18.02) Increasing likeliness of people coming forward to speak about their mental health issues.</b></p> <p>JL noted that, as currently written, they believed that the title was misleading and that students may vote quickly for the idea without knowing what it would do.</p> <p>LG noted how, operationally, a confessional style booth would be almost impossible to implement anywhere in the Guild, both from a practical view and the staffing costs/ welfare issues that may arise.</p> <p>RR suggested that the wording could be changed to focus on promoting the services already provided by UoB Nightline (anonymous text-chat listening service and face-to-face peer to peer listening/counselling every evening). The Group should send the idea back as the face-to-face relationship is viewed as essential in counselling services.</p> <p>LB asked if GPDG were able to comment/reject an idea on the basis of feasibility.</p> <p>FA said that they could not, but could on accessibility grounds.</p> <p>LG suggested that GPDG could suggest the changes as optional, but make changing the title to make it less misleading as a minimum.</p> <p>EA noted a problematic link between confessional at church and mental health problems, and suggested that for accessibility reasons, the mention of church confessions should be removed.</p> <p>The group agreed that, as a minimum, the wording of the motion would be changed to "Increasing access to anonymous in-person counselling" to avoid misunderstanding.</p> <p>The Group agreed to suggest a new version of the idea to the proposer, mandating the welfare and community officer to work to support and promote anonymous listening services, like UoB Nightline.</p> <p><b>All other ideas were approved without suggestion or amendment.</b></p>	<p><b>Noted</b></p> <p><b>Noted</b></p>
3	Policy Submission Suggestions	None were noted.	None.
4	Any Other Business	<p>1) JL gave an update on the Beliefs and Commitments]</p> <p>JL said she had planned to give an update at this meeting</p>	Noted

**The Chair closed the meeting at 18:50**  
**Date of next meeting: 30<sup>th</sup> April, 18:00 in Mandela**