



Chesterfield Equality and Diversity Forum - 3rd March 2025

Present

Sarah Roy	Chair
Allison Potter	Chesterfield Borough Council
Roz Smith	Chesterfield Borough Council
Cllr. Judy Staton	Chesterfield Borough Council
Lesley Winnard	Work Pays
Kelly Sheldon	13 Bends Design
Rachel Smith	
Marita Wood	Ashgate Hospice
Elizabeth Rozario	Care Giving Journey
Karen Sheriff	Building Bridges in the Community
Jayne Priestley	Police
Kayleigh Topliss	
Kath Topliss	Peaky Blindies
Sadie Betts	Elm Foundation
Dawn McKenzie	Citizens Advice
Rachael Dammarell	WORTH
Dena Parsons	Chesterfield Coop
Michele Young	

Item	Action
<p>1. Welcome, introductions and apologies</p> <p>Sarah opened the meeting. Everyone introduced themselves. Apologies were received from Ian Edmundson, Shirley Niblock, Jo Gascgoine, Helen Rhodes, Tim Adwick, Annette Bentley, Zoe Bendelow, Karen Lawson, Carol Bargh, Pamela Williams.</p>	
<p>2. Planning for 2025 – 2026</p> <p>Sarah explained that each year we have a planning meeting to discuss what events / activities / guest speakers we would like to consider for the year ahead.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allison shared an overview of activities undertaken during 24-25, plus some suggestions that have been made throughout the year for future events. This is attached to the minutes. Survey results Prior to the meeting a survey was distributed to all forum members to ask for ideas and preferences for themes. This is attached to the minutes. The 	

	<p>highest scoring was General Equality and Diversity Training, followed by days/weeks of celebration.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ideas discussion Discussion on general equality and diversity training – it was suggested the Law Centre would be a good contact starting point for training providers. Ashgate Hospice already have training and workshops for staff and volunteers, so will see if this is something they can support. Coop could also support by providing the history on equalities. Maybe look at what the current issues are locally. Make it a celebration of what we are trying to offer and what a difference it has made. We could invite groups and have stalls. <p>If anyone has got anything they can offer to an event then please send details to Allison.</p> <p>Allison has been contacted regarding a possible guest speaker for HMD next year – a Holocaust survivor. Everyone agreed that this would be a good event and should be communicated as widely as possible. A possible idea is to film the HMD event, and contact Chesterfield College to do as part of their studies. HMD will be held in person, venue to be confirmed. Allison explained a little about Peter's history.</p> <p>Possibility of speed dating regarding different religions / cultures.</p> <p>Black history month could be supported by the forum.</p> <p>Dena mentioned about Skip who works with ACCA and does a powerful talk. Possibility have an event in October by ACCA including Skip.</p> <p>Possibility of another Carers event in the future, maybe 2025/26.</p> <p>Some further investigations into these ideas will be undertaken and Allison & Roz will report back at the next meeting.</p>	
3.	<p>2024-25 events: HMD – ‘for a better future’ HMD was on Monday, 27th January. To mark the event we did rock painting, where children painted on stones and then hid them out in the community for other people to find. We had three schools, Tupton youth group and Ashgate Hospice involved, where they painted on the front of the stone, ie words or a picture about peace, etc. On the back we had a website for people to log onto, which had resources to view and more information about HMD. There was also an online book of condolence, and the actual book was on the main reception at the town hall.</p> <p>International Women's Day On Friday, 7th March we are celebrating International Women's Day at The West Studios, Sheffield Road starting at 10am. This time we are linking in with the Museum and Chesterfield College. The Museum are doing an extraordinary women exhibition at the college which started 21st February and will run until 28th March. The college is also doing an art project 'If the shoe fits', about women and inclusion. We have also arranged for Teresa</p>	

	Waldron, Deafinitely Women, to do a talk at 10am on 7 th March. The link to book a place at this event is https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/international-womens-day-talk-teresa-waldron-ceo-deaf-initely-women-tickets-1207159208689?aff=oddtcreator	
4.	Update from Climate Change Forum No update at present. Any suggestions for events or interested groups would be very welcome. We are looking for new forum members and you don't need to be an expert in climate change to take part. If anyone would like to be part of the Chesterfield Climate Change Forum then please contact us on climate@chesterfield.gov.uk .	
5.	Minutes of last meeting Minutes of the last meeting were agreed.	
6.	Organisation / group updates Kelly Sheldon is standing at the IWD, at Pride Park in Derby on Saturday with Deafinitely Women. Ashgate Hospice – 7 th May, at 9:30am, Friends Meeting House, holding a workshop for Dying Matters Week, developed by St John's Hospice, aimed at the general public. Booking will be through Eventbrite – Last Days Matter Programme Tickets, Wed, May 7, 2025 at 9:30 AM Eventbrite Peaky Blindies next meeting is 19 th March Macular group has it's next meeting on 26 March Dena, Coop – announced a member meeting on 30 th April at the Arkwright Centre, starting at 6pm, there will be wine tasting, stalls, music, local speakers and a live broadcast from a different area. Chesterfield hospital bowel screening are having a stall. Stalls are free however you need to book. Please contact Dena for more information: dena.parsons@centralcoop.co.uk Jayne Priestley, Police – 46 hate crime incidents in the last quarter. Karen, Building Bridges – Is a year old in March. They are moving premises to the Ragged Rooms in April, and will now meet every 2 nd and 4 th Thursday at 3:15-4:30. Simon from S41 is coming to do an interview about Building Bridges. Karen also shared the sad news of the loss of Christine of Shop Mobility who has sadly passed away.	
7.	Any other business None	
8.	Dates of future meetings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monday, 12th May, 10:30am, Committee Room 5 Monday, 21st July, 1pm, Committee Room 5 Monday, 15th September, 1pm, Committee Room 5 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Monday, 24th November, 10am, Committee Room 5• Monday, 12th January, 10am, Committee Room 5 <p>The meetings will take place at the Town Hall.</p>	
--	--	--