**UNIVERSITY COLLEGE CORK**

**LGBT+ STAFF NETWORK**

Minutes of Meeting

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| Date | 17th January 2020 |
| Time | 2.30-4pm |
| Venue | Student Centre, upstairs café  |

Attendance: Mary O Rourke, Barra Ó Donnabháin, Fiachra Ó Súilleabháin, Mary Byrne

Apologies: Ber Guiney/Fatima Gunning, Diarmuid Scully

Sec.: Mary Byrne

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|  | **Agenda Item** | **Discussion** | **Actions** |
| 1 | UCC Equality Week – w/c 2nd March | A number of ideas were discussed for the Network’s contribution to UCC Equality Week, including:* LGBT+ and refugees, e.g. linking with existing work like Barra and Nuala Finnegan’s forthcoming exhibition in the Glucksman, or Scholars at Risk (although Angela Flynn has already advertised an event with a Scholar)
* LGBT+ participation in sport in UCC
* LGBT+ and older age in UCC
* LGBT+ and homelessness

It was agreed to focus on LGBT+ participation in sport in UCC, in collaboration with the UCC Staff Athletics Club (Ger Mannix). The focus will be on inclusion, which is one of the recommendations from the *Understanding the Lived Experiences of Gender Minority Students in Irish HE* policy brief.Speakers could include Valerie Mulcahy, a representative from the Mardyke Arena, and the lifeguard who lost her job in Brookfield health centre. Other possible contact points mentioned were Front Runners, LINC’s badminton group and the Gay Gamers. Tyndall representative Fatima Gunning has confirmed that the Tyndall branch hope to put on an event for Equality week also, in addition to the UCC event. | Contact UCC Athletics Club |
| 2 | Refugee Week 2nd-6th February | It was agreed that it’s now too late for us to organise anything for Refugee Week, but Network members are encouraged to raise LGBT+ issues during Refugee Week events if possible. | Attend Refugee Week events and raise LGBT+ issues |
| 3 | Cathal Kerrigan’s Retirement | The Network would like to mark Cathal’s retirement in April. It was agreed that the dates of relevant significant events would be sought, e.g. when exactly Governing Body first approved the establishment of the Network. | Clarify relevant dates |
| 4 | Policy Brief *Understanding the Lived Experiences of Gender Minority Students in Irish HE* | Time did not allow for a draft response to this document, but it was agreed that UCC is implementing most of the recommendations from the report, although some could be more visible. | Forward copy of report to EDI unit, LGBT Student Society and relevant SU Officers |