

Equality & Diversity Steering Committee

Equality & Diversity Steering Committee meeting Saturday, 15th July.

Next meeting scheduled for Saturday, 7th October after the BCA Committee meeting Floralba to Chair. Minutes arising from the discussion:

1. An Equality & Diversity section on the new website
Action: Kate to discuss with Lisa and Jacqueline
Action: All to post relevant Conferences, events, books, articles and films on website.
2. The title: Equality & Diversity Steering Committee
Action: suggest alternatives OR endorse the title
3. Statement relating to the Law on Equality, race, diversity, LBGT and disability
Action: Sabi to provide
4. A statement of BCA's principles regarding equality, diversity, race and LBGT.
Include a commitment to ensure mental health provision is accessible to children, disadvantaged groups. Secondly, people with mental health issues are not stigmatised or disadvantaged by society.
Action: Giovanni and Floralba to provide wording
5. Aims of the Steering Committee:
 - i) To ensure BCA provides best practice in its work
 - ii) Plan future Conferences, workshops and events to incorporate best practice
 - iii) Small groups at Conferences and workshops to address E&D issues nb. There are no small groups planned for the Autumn Conference
 - iv) Forums**Action:** Giovanni and Floralba to provide wording
Action: Vicky to discuss the work of the Committee with Forum Organisers.
6. Monitoring the dropout rate of Birkbeck Counselling courses
Action: Sabi and Tami to provide figures.
7. Birkbeck to provide additional academic support to students
Action: Sabi and Tami to raise issue with Student Reps and Student Union
Action: BCA to run academic writing workshops Kate to contact Dominic McLoughlin
8. Representation from Child & Adolescence courses after Tami stands down at the AGM
Action: Sabi to positively discriminate in favour of a student rep to stand from the Child & Adolescent courses.
9. Representation on the Equality and Diversity Steering Committee
Co-op members to join the committee for wider diversity.
Action: invite guests: Ayan Ali, Sylvia Cowell and Hicham Jabrane
10. Link to BAATN <https://www.baatn.org.uk/> posted on website
Explore possibility of BAATN providing training for workshops 2018