

CONFERENCE PLANNING GROUP 11/12/89 (post conference)

PRESENT: Shelagh O C: Angie B.: Majella C.: Brid B.

AGENDA:

1. Personal Reactions

2. VENUE

3. FUNDING

4. REPORT

5. RESOLUTIONS

Members gave personal reactions to the day: generally the comments were as follows:

Good chairing: good turnout: not many older women; not many very young women: problem with food delays: very difficult for planning group members to assess on the day as were too busy: very tired afterwards; Joan O F's speech to be commended: comments on other speeches - Una Marron's thought to be excellent: some volunteers excellent - others very unreliable: clearing up at end of day (responsibility for) left to one person (Shelagh) - too much for one person - was the responsibility of the planning group to anticipate this. Feedback received from women was that the conference was extremely well organised.

Two things to be remembered for the future:

1. Responsibility for evening to be catered for.
2. Contents of talks - planning group have more input into these.

Agreed that apology re food delays to be included in conference report.

it was felt that the entertainment went very well - worth organising good entertainment.

Pat Hextall (Albany administrator) has written to the centre re food caterers - wants us to write a letter of complaint to them reciting the sort of complaints we have received from women.

The planning group has drafted a letter to be sent - copy to Mohamed and one to Albany.

FUNDING: Nat West donated £1,500 towards conference

Total raised so far £5,700

spent £4,260

surplus £1,440

CONFERENCE REPORT: Agreed to use format of folded sheet of paper instead of booklet form. Design from poster to be used for cover of report. Brid to arrange transcription of tapes.; Geraldine may be interested.

PHOTOGRAPHS; Due to accidents with photographers development of prints, the Irish Post and The Irish News are now the only people we know of with photographs of the conference; need to follow these up.

CONTENTS will include; agenda, speeches, workshop reports, resolutions, acknowledgements, photographs, extracts from women writers who read on the day, funding bodies itemised, apology regarding delays re food - a disclaimer re responsibility re food people: need for the conference; number of meetings; thanks to all who helped; action taken on resolutions.

RESOLUTIONS :

1. Letter to Teresa Smalley from conference planning group re resolution on Guildford 4 campaign - congratulations - MAJELLA
2. Travellers - local authorities to be informed - the leader; copies to Irish Unit, in Harringay, Brent Irish Liaison Officer; copies to Irish Government and Irish Embassy; London Travellers Forum; agencies in Ireland working with travellers. - ANGIE.
3. Votes for Irish people abroad (citizens of Ireland resident here) -copies to be sent to Glor Deorai: Irish Government. Agreed to ask Glor Deorai re their position on 6 counties. - MAJELLA.
4. "IRISH WOMEN IRRESPECTIVE OF BIRTHPLACE" - term to be used describing second generation women; women involved in w/shop to be invited to clarify the practical implications of their resolution.... what future w/shops are to be called. etc etc.
5. Positive images of lesbians & gays to be promoted in creche at the next conference. ILN to be asked for information on Jill Knight Bill. - BRID
6. Letter to Alf Lomas MEP; Stan Newens; European Commission; Migrant Workers Fund.
7. Resolution on London Irish Women's Centre services - brought to Management committee of LIWC
8. Poll Tax resolution - contact Jackie Kelly (worker at West Hampstead Law Centre); write to all Poll Tax organisations and group - group letter?
9. Immigration resolution - letters to leaders of all political parties
10. Resolution from 6 counties w/shops; 2 groups have been set up - one from each w/shop.