

London Irish Women's Conference Planning Group

Minutes 1 November 1989

1. Room 21 will now be used for the workshop on Six Counties-Strategy and the Lesbian workshop will take place in room 19.

2. Tea/Coffee: Sheila will ask the caterers at the Albany if they can provide tea/coffee, milk etc., trolleys and two urns so that refreshments can be provided during workshops and from 5pm to 6pm. ✓

3. Volunteers: Sheila will draw up a rota/shifts for volunteers for various tasks outlined in Brid's list. We should each try to get at least two volunteers and the Management Committee of the Centre will be asked to recruit volunteers also. ✓

4. Stage/venue: Sheila will sort this out. - Skelagh

Bar { 5. Bar: Majella will ensure that there are non-alcoholic drinks/coctails and snacks available in the bar and will sort out opening times etc.

6. Map of centre: Sheila will get this. ✓

7. Speakers/workshops: The Management Committee at the Centre will be asked to ensure that all main speakers are confirmed, that their travel arrangements are made, accomodation and expenses sorted out. They will also make sure that Bernadette Hyland knows what she is to talk about and will find out if Joe Tully has got in touch with Bernadette re speaking about the withdrawal movement. Angie will sort out a speaker on Older Irish Women, asking Kathleen Dermody first then the Irish pensioners group in Greenwich. Angie will also find a speaker on Travelling women.

It was agreed that the following people will ensure that there is informatioun written up on the various workshops:

Management Committee IWC: Six Counties Strategies
Lesbians
Education
Second Generation

Angie: Travellers
Housing (both workshops)
Older Irish Women

Eilish: Six Counties
Women and Children

Sheila: Irish language
Irish Women in Greenwich ✓

Joan: Emigration

8. Publicity: Angie will send out copies of the Annual Report/Conference Report to the press.

9. Videos/photographs: Agreed that if the video group have completed their video on Gibraltar, they will show it sometime during the day. Sheila(?) will find out what eqpt. they will take with them, who will look after it and how it will be transported. Sheila will ask the photography class at the centre if they are willing to do the photography, taking pictures of the creche, entertainment and speakers for use by the centre in any reports and for press.

10. Exhibitions/stalls: Management committee to be asked to look after this. We need a bookstall, a stall for the LIWC and stalls for groups, welfare info etc. Sheila will find out about the availability of free-standing exhibition stands at the Albany. Exhibitions could also go in the various rooms. MC will ask groups to bring exhibitions.

11. Cloakroom: It was agreed to forget about this as it would involve too much volunteer time and responsibility for others' valuables.

12. Transport: There will be two minibuses available for taking women to the conference. Agreed that we will not advertise this facility but just inform women who ask us about it. The buses will leave from the centre but if women cannot get there they will be picked up. Women must have booked up before. The bus will leave the Albany at 5.00pm and at 11.00pm. Priority will be given to older women, women with disabilities and women with children.

13. Menu: The following items were agreed:

Irish Stew
Chicken in breadcrumbs
Mushroom quiche
Pizza (Veg)
Jacket Potatoes
Vegetable Soup
Chick Pea Moussaka
Mixed Veg Rice
Mixed Green Salad
Five Bean salad
Coleslaw
Fruit Salad + Cream(optional)
Carrot/Fruit Cakes
Ice Cream
Scones
Fruit Juice Tea/Coffee

*Alternative menu
provided by
Albany - not the
same.*

NEXT MEETING MONDAY 13 NOVEMBER 1989 2.00PM AT THE IRISH WOMEN'S CENTRE.