

NEC Meeting Summary October 2001

ANC Awards & Trophies.

Each Group will shortly be supplied with a new list of Awards & Trophies detailing the criteria for entry for each award and the date by which your entry should reach the office. To make this simpler and quicker, entry forms for some of the awards will also be issued.

Diamond Jubilee

Feedback on the event was very good. There was a great atmosphere at the event and the memorabilia exhibition was well received. Coventry Group won the "Who Dares Wins" competition.

Several attendees commented that it would be a good idea to organise a similar event, perhaps on a smaller scale, every two years to enable members past and present to meet up.

Sadly, support from current members of the Federation was on the poor side, which meant the event made a loss.

Money back to Groups who retain & recruit

After comments made at the ANC 2000, the NEC have decided to reintroduce the scheme whereby Groups who recruit at least five members (or 10% of their membership if greater than 50) and manage to retain their current members, will receive £100 at the ANC 2003. The proposed start date of this scheme will be for the calendar year beginning 1st January 2002. The NEC has decided that this scheme should continue indefinitely each year. This is of course dependant upon the NEC motion being passed at ANC 2002.

ANC 2002

This prestigious event will be held at The Britannia Hotel, Coventry on Saturday / Sunday 20th/21st April 2002.

The ANC committee have promised another excellent event and are currently busy working on a theme for the Dinner Dance.

The ANC committee have managed to secure low priced drinks during certain times over the weekend, upon production of a valid membership card.

NGOOT 2002

Dave Filer was duly elected as NGOOT Co-ordinator.

NGOOT will take place on 3rd – 6th May 2002. Details and entry forms will follow soon.

Development

The National Development Officer is in the process of setting up a Development List on the Web. This list be in addition to the National Web site and Onelist Discussion List. The Development list will contain information on how to open a new Group and will be a forum for discussion and idea swapping in relation to Development only.

National Video

The National video will be used as a publicity tool. More footage is needed as the video will show a wide variety of Plus activities. If you have any suitable footage, please contact the National Development Officer, Iain Parkes.

Free, Free, Free

The NEC has decided to invest in some glossy folders. The folders will be A5 size and will be able to accommodate Group programmes, new members information and a reduced size Plus News.

Potential new members enquiring at HQ about Plus membership will be sent a folder containing a new members pack, Plus News and any other information your Group may have sent to the office.

Each Group will be given five folders free of charge. Future supplies of the folder can be obtained from the office at a cost of 75p each.

Directory

Please ensure that your Group details are sent to the office for inclusion in the new directory.

To make administration easier at Group level, the NEC are looking to supply each Group with an A5 ring binder containing a copy of the directory, a copy of the National Activities Diary, ANC Award & Trophy criteria and entry forms, Job descriptions, Information on how to open an Plus Group and a general guide to Plus. Updates can be sent out on a regular basis. It is hoped that work on the contents of the ring binder will be completed in time for the January 2002 NEC meeting.

Vacant positions

Nominations are invited for the following vacant positions:-

National Executive Officer

National External Public Relations Officer

National Training Co-ordinator

TAG 2002 Co-ordinator

Plus News Editor

Nominations for the above positions must be received at the office in Newent no later than Monday 21st January 2002.

Working Party

Volunteers are still needed for the Working Party set up at the July 2001 NEC meeting. The Working Party will look into the possible restructure of the Federation.

Meetings are likely to take place every couple of months, the first of which is provisionally arranged to take place on 21st January 2002. This is a long-term project and those people wishing to stand should bear this in mind.

The Working Party's proposals will be presented the ANC 2003.

Any member wishing to take part should contact Jo Woodhead.