



Plus Gazette

A SUMMARY OF PLUS NATIONAL NEWS

National Federation of Plus Areas National Gazette

This National Gazette covers the decisions, information and discussions agreed by the NEC at the May 2007. It also covers other National information.

Thanks very much to James Oliver, Midland Area Administrator who stepped in to help by taking the minutes of the May NEC meeting and to Katie Hawkins for compiling the new National Directory. (See your Area Chairman for a copy of the new National Directory).

Thanks also to HGS Emma Dunning who withdrew her resignation and therefore continues in the post of Honorary General Secretary.

New Area chairs Matt Dickinson, North Thames & Chilterns Area and Kath Bloie, Southern Area were welcomed to their first NEC meeting.

Annual General Meeting 2008

The NEC confirmed it's intent to run and organise an Annual General Meeting in 2008. A resolution of the NEC was passed inviting all Groups to attend, thus confirming the National Chairman's invitation at the AGM in February.

Midland Area Chairman, Adam Redshaw agreed to organise and run the 2008 Annual General Meeting and was appointed AGM 2008 Co-ordinator - he also proposed the possibility of organising a training day (Focus 2008) to take place on Sunday following the AGM at the same venue.

Annual General Meeting 2009

The NEC is now looking for an AGM Co-ordinator or for an Area to Tender to organise and run the Annual General Meeting to be held in 2009. Please forward your interest or nominations to the NEC as soon as possible.

Constitution

In February the NEC appointed Emma Dunning to be tasked to look at the new national constitution and identify flaws found during the past year and suggest ways these might be corrected. Emma was also tasked to draw up a Code of Conduct and Equalities Policy.

The NEC agreed to take the draft Code of Conduct and Equalities Policy documents to their next Area Conferences with a view to adopting these documents into the Standing Orders.

Accounts

Plus has been deregistered for VAT from Monday 21st May 2007. The VAT registration number should therefore be deleted from any invoices, documents etc.

Accountants/Auditors

Glen Anderson and Katie Hawkins were appointed as Accountants for the 2006 and 2007 accounts.

Health & Safety Forms

Health & Safety / Risk Assessments should be sent to the National Finance Officer one month before the event is supposed to take place as it takes two weeks for the insurers to respond.

Criminal Records Check

The NEC decided that it was not still necessary to have Criminal Records Bureau Checks for National Finance Officers.

Election of National Officers

NEC creates the position of NEC Administrator - deadline 22/7/2007

Nominations for the posts remaining open should be directed to the NEC for election at the next NEC meeting.

Positions Vacant:

Training Officer
Internet Co-ordinator
NEC Administrator

Mandate

One or two members and Groups seem to have got themselves into a muddle as to their Groups being mandated to send delegates to the Annual General Meeting (AGM).

Plus is a democratic organisation and as such any mandate may only be made by a vote. Therefore the Groups' mandate to send up to two delegates to the AGM comes from the vote to adopt the current constitution and the votes to amend the constitution to include an AGM for Groups at the 2006 Annual National Conference.

As the NEC has confirmed it's intent to run and organise an Annual General Meeting in 2008 and as a resolution of the NEC has been passed inviting all Groups to attend, thus confirming the National Chairman's invitation at the AGM in February Groups are now mandated as per the votes at the 2006 ANC to sent up to two delegates to the AGM in 2008.

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WASH

Kings Lynn Group, East Anglia Area are organising WASH 2007 on Friday 2nd to Monday 5th November 2007 at Searles Holiday Park, Hunstanton.

The cost is £63.95, with a deposit of £20.00 payable by 31st July 2007 and the balance of £39.95 is payable by 30th September 2007.

Dates - National Meetings

August 18th 2007
November 17th 2007
February 23rd 2008 AGM
May 17th 2008 (FA Cup Final 2008)

Next NEC Meeting

18 August 2007 at Warwickshire County Council Staff Club, Northgate House, Northgate Street, Warwick, CV34 4SP

John A Smith
National Chairman