**Sheffield LGBT+ Multi-Agency Network**
Chaired by SAYIT (note: chairing will alternate between SAYiT and LGBT Sheffield)
**Wednesday 18th May 2021**
via Teams

**1. Welcome – Introductions / Apologies**

Present: Disability Sheffield, Andro & Eve, Rainbow Blades, SAYiT (chair)

New member introductions:

Project 6 – recovery organisation – formerly SASS - [Sheffield | Project 6](https://project6.org.uk/sheffield/)

Disability Sheffield – runs social café for LGBTQ+ people who are neurodiverse - [The Centre for Independent Living | Disability Sheffield](https://www.disabilitysheffield.org.uk/)

**2. May Agenda items**

* IDAHOBIT Feedback – great turn out at the IDAHOBIT event in the Sheffield Winter Gardens on 17th May organised by SAYiT and LGBT Sheffield.
* Franklin Graham Demo – the evangelical preacher, very far right, Trump ally is booked to preach in the UK. 8 UK cities banned him and when he threatened legal action, 4 backed down – Sheffield was one. Adverts for the event are around town, some on First buses. Open letters have been written to First, you can see these on Open Sheffield Site. Feel free to add your own. Demo is taking place on the day at 5.30 at Sheffield Arena carpark with many speakers booked. Contact Sheffield Against Hate if you would like to get involved. There is a banner making session on Saturday 21st May at Scotia Works. Some material will be provided but also BYO.
* Pinknic - 16th July
* Pride 50 – 50th anniversary of the first London Pride. There is a new Sheffield Pride committee. Facebook page – Sheffield Pride CIC. Fundraising and awareness events planned for this year but the committee hasn’t been formed in enough time to put a large scale pride event on in 2022. So the next Sheffield Pride event will be in 2023.
* Andro and Eve – ‘reyt queer extravaganza’ – dancing event, Sat 30th July. Leadmill. 18+.
* Hate crime – The recent Dempseys news about police not appropriately responding to their needs has led to some actions. This network group now has a seat at the table for the Hate Crime Priority Group, which SAYiT is attending. If anyone has anything to feed into those meetings please pass them on.
* National/Government issues
	+ EHRC single sex guidance – EHRC have put out additional guidance around access to services which seem exclusionary to a number of groups. This is non statutory guidance which contradicts the law, so is not valid. The ranking remains: Law (equality act), Statutory Guidance, Non Statutory guidance. This wouldn’t stand up in a court of law and can be ignored. SAYiT are happy to speak to you if anyone wants some advice.
	+ Conversion Therapy Ban – government has promised ban since 2018, it was in manifesto and queen’s speech. They are now saying they are going to scrap it. Then saying they are not going to scrap it for LGB people but are for trans and non-binary. So it will be called a ban but will be a watered down version. Lots of protests going on. Go to Ban Conversion Therapy.com for the most up to date info on how email MPs, join mailing list, etc. There was a very well attended event in Sheffield recently which Olivia Blake MP spoke at.
	+ Trans Healthcare – Cass Report – young peoples trans healthcare is currently under review and an interim review has been published. The report is likely to say that UK trans healthcare for young people is not fit for purpose. At the moment there is just Tavistock clinic which based in London with satellite clinic in Leeds. Adult clinic has 8-10 nationwide. Suggested that child clinic should be the same. LGBT consortium have a network and their focus is on trans healthcare at the moment, so if your organisation is affected then maybe consider becoming a member of that to participate and have say.
	+ Education Secretary Trans Students Statement – ‘trans students are a safeguarding issue and parents should be contacted’. SAYiT have written an open letter saying that ‘outing trans kids is a safeguarding issue’ to the safeguarding leads at the council and they agree. Sheffield council agree and will make a guidance for Sheffield schools at some point soon.
* International
	+ Alabama – practically made it criminal to be trans. Schools must out young people. Withdrawing all trans healthcare. Forcibly detransitioning people. Parents who are permitting young people to transition face up to 10 years in prison. This is where they have ended up.
	+ Discussion around how the agenda items show that there is a lot going on to impact people at the moment. So you can see that people may need support.

**3. Upcoming events**

* Wed 25th May - Franklin Graham Demo <https://www.facebook.com/events/267922648631031>
* Tuesday in June, Andro and Eve collaboration with Ghetto Fabulous – Feeling Fabulous dancing workshop – June costs – July is free. July sessions can feed into Leadmill event on July 30th.
* Sun 26th June – Rainbow Laces Charity Cup – Olympic Legacy Stadium - £2 a ticket for spectators
* Sat 16th Jul – Pinknic <https://www.facebook.com/events/1262881257532909>
* 14th Jul – International Nonbinary Day
* 16th Jul – International Drag
* Shout out for Sheffield LGBT events page
* 12 June - Sunday Andro and Eve 5th birthday event

**4. Member updates**

* Andro and Eve – Site Gallery gender awareness zine upcoming and will be distributed in July. Recruiting a Freelance Marketing Assistant and a freelance producer. Launching scheme called Party Pals – to help people going to events on their own. [https://androandeve.com](https://androandeve.com/)
* SAYiT – Recruiting an Admin Assistant and a Volunteer and Events Coordinator. [sayit.org.uk](https://www.sayit.org.uk/)
* Rainbow Blades – nominated for National Diversity Award. [Rainbow Blades | shefflaces.com](https://www.shefflaces.com/rainbowblades)
* Inclusive LGBTQ+ Café – in person. 3-5pm at Dempseys . zoom 3-4pm. Alternating Thursdays. – through Sheffield Voices. – email before attending to see if it is in person or online. [Sheffield Voices - Home](https://www.sheffieldvoices.org.uk/)

**5. Consultations**

* Local: <https://sheffield.citizenspace.com/> - no lgbt specific ones but would be good to have lgbt voices on there – education, transport, youth spaces
* National: <https://committees.parliament.uk/committee/328/women-and-equalities-committee/> - worth looking at. None accepting evidence yet.

**6. AOB

7. Next Meeting: Wednesday August 31st 2022, 6pm**