

FTM London Annual General Meeting Minutes – September 12th, 2020

Chair: Ramses Underhill-Smith

Committee Members Present: Cameron Millington, Alex James, Jai, Ziggy Hithersay

Topics

1. New Name Announcement

- The new name of the organisation was revealed as TransM London.
- The name is changing primarily due to a conflict between our group and someone else using the FTM London name on a website unaffiliated with us. The new name is intended to be more inclusive and reflect the group's focus on both binary trans men and non-binary transmasculine people.
- The group will relaunch under this new name in January 2021, where the website, email and social media will transition over to the new TransM London domain.

2. Future of the Group

- Looking to the future, we will be stepping up efforts to become a CIC/charity so that we can hopefully secure more funding. This will mean looking again at the constitution to make sure it reflects the necessary guidelines beforehand.
- When physical meetings are able to resume, we are hoping to move to a better venue since the one we are currently at is somewhat inappropriate, to make meetings more accessible. The space we are looking for ideally will be in central London, will be wheelchair accessible and have wi-fi. Future funding may help us cover the cost of renting a newer space.
- We reminded attending members that online meetings are free and all membership fees are waived until we resume physical meetings next year, but in the future outside funding may allow us to lower these attendance fees and we may also move away from membership/attendance fees entirely towards charitable funding/donations, and are looking at putting a donate button on the website.
- In terms of future projects, we are looking towards setting up a binder scheme, possibly expanding the library again, producing new educational materials on a range of transmasculine-focused topics, and in the near future doing a giveaway/promotion with the makers of Spouti STP. It was suggested that we could reach out to other organisations who have experience running these projects for advice on setting these up.

3. Finances for Year Oct 19-Sept 20

- Jai reported that we had a total of £250 coming in this year from door fees and donations, and an outgoing total of £445, broken down as below:
 - £145 towards running meetings – speakers, food, and other expenses
 - £100 towards keeping our PO Box address

- £200 towards website running costs
- In addition, our funding application from the London Community Response was successful and we will receive approx. £400 towards funding speakers, digital infrastructure and running online meetings for the next few months.

4. Election of Committee Sept 2020-Oct 2021

- Those intending to run for the next committee put themselves forward as follows:
 - Co-chair: Ramses Underhill-Smith
 - Co-chair: Cameron Millington
 - Secretary: Alex James
 - Treasurer: Jai
 - Communications: Abe, MJ
 - Funding and Projects: Hayden
 - General Duties: Ziggy
- All who put themselves forward spoke unanimously about the importance of the group as a space for transmasculine people and wanting to help the group grow back.
- A survey will be sent out after the AGM concludes so our members can vote on the committee.
- We also stressed that we are accepting volunteers who wish to help out the group occasionally but don't want to be on the committee.

5. Next meeting

- The next meeting will be on Saturday 3rd October starting from 7PM. The details will be sent out in the next newsletter.

Minutes recorded and documented by Alex James