

Riveters Minutes 14/05/2009

Get out and vote:

- We dressed as Suffragettes to get people to register to vote and promote the upcoming EU elections.
- Success – lots of people did register

Riveter (and EU election flyer):

- We gained a negative response from the BNP quote on the flyer (ace!), but people also felt the disclaimer was not strong enough.
- People also disliked one of the articles in the Riveter, and felt the two together propagated negative ideals from the group.
- Proposal 1 – to have a disclaimer in the Riveter that states each article is the opinion of the individual writer. AGREED
- Proposal 2 – to include a letters page in the Riveter, and set up an email address for it. AGREED

Men's Society:

- Misguided in some ways, believed the Riveters were a women's society (we're not) and that we had an 'all women exec' (we don't). Have to ensure they are not reactionary to us as we're nice and there's no reason to be reactionary!
- Don't like all their ideas, but they are open to be fed into so we should, and should get involved and maximise the potential to deliver anti-sexist campaigns from a men's perspective.
- Would also be good to do a joint event with them.

Social

- 4th June at Dough (Northern Quarter) for 8pm, after the Riveters meeting. Book for 15 people.

Future discussion topics:

- Religion – what would we do if we got a pro-life women's officer
- Housework and women
- Guardian women – the Julie Bindle makeover