

## **Riveters Meeting Number 2 – Minutes**

### **1) The Riveter Magazine**

- ‘Gender issue’ proposed for next Riveter
- Ideas for the issue:
  - Women in history who have dressed as men, e.g. pope Joan
  - Transphobia – liase with LGBT for contributions
  - Review – book – ‘My year as a man’
  - Women in conflict – how they cope, art therapy group
  - New ideas list to go to editor.
- Feedback from last issue:
  - ‘Loved article on heels’
  - ‘Impressed with linking all articles to theme.
  - Suggested letters page/feedback
  - suggestion to avoid genital based words – cock/dick etc – consensus made on no offensive language in whole magazine (4 stand asides)
- Suggestion for background to be lighter, then proposal for magazine to be produced inhouse so no further costs incurred – consensus.

### **2) Reclaim the Night**

- Proposal – mini reclaim the night events leading up to the bigger events – consensus
- Details to be discussed next week
- Critical mass bike event linked with RCTN – consensus – to link in with I bike Mcr women’s day.

### **Women on Waves**

- Feedback from WOW saying they will provide materials and our event should be between the 16-21<sup>st</sup> October.
- Research into pool pjama party, if not, rent rowing machines from aquatics centre. Finalised fully next week.

### **Sex Work**

- Sex and the Revolution meeting on Monday showed a general consensus for decriminalisation, and sex workers against criminalisation as it pushes sex work underground.
- Resolution to be sent from Riveters against criminalisation and in solidarity with sex workers, 1 stand aside.

### **General Meeting**

- Real Choice and Reproductive Rights as a general meeting motion. Proposed by Jennie, seconded by Natalie.

### **Pro-Choice Action Plan**

- Model letters to MPs available.
- Women’s officer has already sent letter to local MP’s
- Solidarity with Northern Ireland – information for MPs who are not sure.
- Activist group for any demo’s – people needed for banner and tshirt making
- Stall for information before bill amendment, posters being printed and talk being organised.

### **Raveaid**

- Raveaid are happy to do a women's charity event and have a women's line up
- Suggestions for charity – rape crisis centre, women's aid.
- Consensus – split proceeds between two.
- Suggestions for line up – Natalie Heppenstall, Female Trouble

### **Film Feedback**

- Vera Drake showing after Riveters next week
- 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> November – open slots at Open Media for Hardcore; Rape, who I am.

### **Ladyfest**

- 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> November volunteers needed!
- Profits to anti-sex trafficking appeal and Salford Women's Centre.
- Riveters Support Ladyfest posters to be made
- Article for Student Direct – Rachel volunteered

### **Announcements**

- Sheffield Feminist Fightback on Monday 6th
- Meeting – against climate change (Monday after next)

### **AOB**

- Students for sensible drug policy based on harm reduction and information for membership on women and drugs
- Stickers to cover sexist club nights promo's – consensus.