

Riveters Meeting Number 3 – 09/10/08

NUS/ BY-Elections

- Nominations are from 10-14th October, and polling from 29-30th October
- Plugged that more women should stand in the elections and for any more details of NUS, people should speak to the women's or communications officers.

Reclaim the Night – North

- Question was raised whether the march should be women only followed by an open march or one open march.
- Lengthy discussion ensued with some of the following points raised:
 - o The original march aimed to get more women onto the streets, by having it open does this challenge it?
 - o Some people thought it was important to just have people on the streets.
 - o Important men and non-women can be involved to show support.
 - o Was the men's only / open block more powerful.
 - o Lots of women were not happy with the segregation of the march.
 - o Questioned if the march was against violence against women or just anti-violence or anti-violence on a gender basis.
 - o Explored how trans people (not necessarily just trans women) face violence for the same reasons as women.
 - o The idea that a women only space is safe ignores same-sex violence. Also noted men increasing face violence.
- Proposed for one open march – everyone agreed.
- Proposed for Natalie to come to the next NUS women's committee meeting to represent the Riveters, again agreed.

Reclaim the Parks

- Have mini Reclaim the nights in different areas women have faced violence recently.
- First one will be on the 22nd October at 7pm in Platt Fields Park.
- We will promote using regular channels (facebook, emails, posters, flyers), to local community groups, to halls of residence in Fallowfield and to Friends Of Platt Fields.
- Press release to the sanctuary paper and a flyer for Student Direct.
- Jennie – arrangements and promotion
- Aileen, Lizzie and Rachel – cakes and tea
- Trudy and Jo – candles

Eco-feminism

- Agreed to invite Lydia Meryll to the Riveters to speak.

Fundraising

- Decided on a quiz for the 13th November at 7pm with a section on feminism and facts about women on waves on the top of the quiz sheets.
- To ask Amnesty to do the quiz with us.
- Charge £1 each – all profits to Women on Waves

BBC

- Meera Syal wants to look at the interrelationship between a fall in feminism and an increase in self-harm.
- We will have a specific Riveters meeting for this so we can be filmed chatting to her for anyone who wants to participate.
- Filming will take place before December.
- Women's officer will also send details of the programme to the list to see if people would like to input further.