

National Federation of 18 Plus Groups

Gazette

Report from the October 2002 NEC meeting.

NGOOT 2003

The NEC agreed that Midland Area should run NGOOT 2003 as a National Scale event. The event will take place on Friday 23rd May – Monday 26th May 2003. Further details to follow.

Procedures for booking National & National Scale Events

The National Activities Officer produced draft guidelines to the NEC. A final draft will be produced at the January NEC meeting with a view to it being distributed to all Groups shortly thereafter. Any Group / Area wishing to hold a National Scale event should contact the National Activities Officer, Jarrett Smith in the meantime.

Evening Standard Advertising

Barry Healey of Havering Group has managed to persuade the Evening Standard newspaper to allow 18 Plus to advertise for volunteers in its “Just for Jobs” supplement.

Wayne Fenton, North Thames & Chilterns Area Chairman took on the responsibility for drafting the advert and contacting the newspaper.

Equipping Members

Francis Wallington was appointed Training Officer at the meeting.

He will concentrate on one project, namely the organisation of an event that will equip members with the skills they need to take a role on a committee and to organise projects. The event will take place over a weekend and is likely to be centrally based to enable as many members as possible to attend. The event will be fun with a good social side. Further details to follow soon.

ANC 2003

The ANC committee are already working hard on this prestigious event, which will be held at the Britannia Hotel Coventry on 15th & 16th March 2003.

The theme for the Saturday Dinner Dance will be “Hollywood Oscars Ceremony.” The committee have arranged a four-piece band together with a DJ who will ensure that all the 18 Plus favourites are played.

National Restructuring Forum

The NRF are still discussing the proposals with a view to them being presented to the January NEC meeting. If accepted, the NEC will present them to the ANC 2003.

No details regarding the proposals have been forthcoming, although members of the NRF will be attending Area Conferences in advance of the ANC to explain the proposals.

Several trends were shown by the replies to the NRF survey and these will be published soon.

Apparently, the proposals will be far-reaching and radical. Watch this space!

Plus News

Plus News will now be published in January, April July and October. To ensure the continuation of this publication, please send your articles to Pete Sharples. If you attend an event and enjoy it, then share your views with the rest of the Federation.

Health & Safety at events

The East Anglia Area Chairman, Ian Robinson presented preliminary proposals to the NEC.

Health & Safety at events is an important issue and one that all event organisers should be aware of.

It is likely that risk assessments will have to be carried out for all events organised to ensure that adequate insurance is arranged. Further details will follow after the January NEC meeting.

Vacant Posts

The positions of HGS, National Finance Officer, TAG Co-ordinator and National External Public Relations Officer are all up for election at the January NEC meeting. Anyone wishing to stand should contact the current incumbent (details in the directory) or their Area Chairman.