

Leith Chooses meeting, 17 December 2025

Present: Abigail, Bruce, Debbie Douglas, Don, Donna, Jack, Lisa, Naomi, Rachel, Sally, Susan

Apologies: Jason, Tremaine

Definite actions are green-highlighted.

1 Future meetings

- Bruce gave apologies in advance for Wednesday 14th January.

2 Gallery and boost vote

- Action: Bruce to make some wee tweaks to the gallery
 - Delete the third bullet point under The Junction: 'What We Will Do' which says, "Deliver one-to-one mental health support in alternative venues, online, and outdoors through 'walk n talks'."
 - Teens plus shouldn't be down as a boost vote.

2.1 THELMA boost vote

- There was discussion of whether they should have a boost vote.
- THELMA didn't apply for one, and don't make the criteria – nor did Mustard Seed really but they ask for boosting and were given it. Giving boost votes to everyone would dilute things.)
- Steering group voted 7 for THELMA getting a boost vote, 2 against, so decision is THELMA gets a boost vote
- Action: Bruce to update the gallery.

3 Ballot boxes and layout

- There was discussion of numbers of ballot boxes, and the number of people needed to staff them.
- Action: Jack to make 'ballot box closed' sign, and bring a blanket to cover it, in case these are needed.
- There was discussion of flows into/out of and use of the Kinnaird room.
- Action: Naomi to circulate the confirmed table plan.

4 Voting cards

- Naomi gave out cards and stickers.
- Action: people to stick them, then get them back to Naomi on 7th or 14th January.

4.1 Who has which cards for stickering

- Jack: Volunteer Edinburgh, U-evolve
- Rachel: Water of Leith Conservation Trust, Who cares? Scotland
- Lisa: The Junction, THELMA, Forget me Notes, Edinburgh Remakery
- Donna, Pilmeny Development Project, Edinburgh Community Food, Dr Bells Family Centre
- Abby: Teens+, Creative Arts Therapy Space, Citadel Arts
- Sally: Tiny Changes, Turn the Tables
- Don: Tidy Scot, Men of Leith Mens' Shed
- Susan: Broughton Parent Council, ARTs Afternoon
- Bruce: Leith pPrimary, YMCA, Leith Community Growers, Kin Collective
- Naomi and Tremaine: the other 6

5 Posters and flyers

- People took posters and flyers to distribute.

6 Voting day first aider and police contacts

- Action: Donna to find which of her colleagues can do this by Friday.
- Action: Naomi to circulate training dates from St Andrews.
- It may well be cheaper to hire people from St Andrews – and less risk!
- Action: Naomi to email relevant police contacts to ask them to attend.