

Leith Chooses meeting, 18 February 2026

Present: Abby, Bruce, Don, Donna, Jack, Jason, Lisa, Naomi, Rachel. Sally

Apologies: Susan

Definite actions are green-highlighted

1 Student involvement with LC/steering group

- There is a Napier public policy student (Casey) who would like to do a summer placement with us in, possibly on a 'strategic' topic.
 - She might shadow CEC to get sufficient hours.
 - April/May is when the steering group is 'dormant'.
 - There may be opportunities at CEC in the summer.
 - Perhaps the student could liaise with the funded projects
 - **Actions: Abby/Jason to supply module handbook, Naomi to check with her managers.**

2 TVL

- Jack has met with CEC TVL lead. It would help her knowledge of PB ops if she meets with us, perhaps on 25 March
 - It was suggested that she links in with the current CGF self-review.
 - We agreed to meet her at that meeting.
 - So we'll have a **preparation session on 11 March**, maybe spilling over into 18 March.
 - **Action: Jack to ask this person to supply any questions she has in advance**, so we can think about/construct answers.

3 Awards night running order etc

- Jack has been working on the slideshow.
 - QR code leads to survey for applicants.
 - **Action: Jack to shorten the slideshow.**
 - **Action: Jack to bring laptop (Naomi and Bruce to bring back-up laptops)**
 - **Action: Bruce and Abby to be fire-risk bods.**
- There was discussion about the in-progress press-release, e.g. whether it should call for volunteers, number of new applicants.

3.1 Running order

17:30	Setup
18:00	Arrival and refreshments (Abi: welcome guests and get them signed in)
18:15	Don: History/spirit of Leith Chooses
18:20	Jack: Thanks to Steering Group, Volunteers, all applicants, (+ briefly, news about PB and visitor levy)
18:25	Sally: Brief summary of this year's Leith Chooses (numbers supplied by CEC/Bruce)
18:30	Willy Barr: announce winner, hand out envelopes to successful applicants (supported by Naomi / Tremaine)
18:45	Kayleigh Kinross-O'Neill: Roundup/closing remarks, thank all of Iwith, Harbour and Utilita
18:50	Jack: thanks to Docherty and Rob (Jack is sorting gifts for Docherty and Rob)
18:50	Group and individual photos
19:00	Pack up

- **Action: Jack to draft press release (including who are first-time winners and first-time applicants), N&T to issue.**

4 Preparing for the future

- **We will do a half-day of 'self-reflection' at the library on 22 April.** Time TBC but it may help to start later in the afternoon.