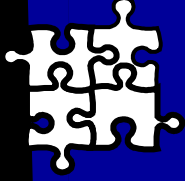


Meeting Minutes - October 25, 2007

Information Niagara 3:30-4:30

GLTBQ Youth  
Advisory  
Committee



Present: Courtney Pitre (Rainbow Youth Niagara), Cathy MacKenzie (PFLAG), Judy Robertson (OPSEU/SCDLC), Cyndy Davis (Parent), Nigel Evans (Thorold Secondary School), Catherine Caughell (Westlane Secondary School), Karen Stuart (Westlane Secondary School), Stacy Terry (Distress Centre).

Regrets: Nadine Wallace (NRPS), Bonnie Prentice (TALK), Keira Knowles (Aids Niagara), Kay Holly (St.Catharines Collegiate), Kathy Moccio (Lakeshore Catholic School), Judith Rossman (Niagara District Highschool), Martha Hunt (Kernahan Park Secondary School).

1. Presentation by Stacy Terry from the Distress Centre of Niagara.
2. The latest developments with Rainbow Youth Niagara were discussed.
  - Development and distribution of Safer Schools Manual [attached]
  - We Will Rock You trip for youth (Nov. 4)
  - Public Health—Sexuality Forum (Nov. 26) [attached]
  - Niagara Suicide Prevention Coalition public Forum (Nov. 6)
  - Music Trivia Night Fundraiser (Nov 17) [attached]
  - List serve for glbtq youth in Niagara
3. Roundtable Discussion: What's Happening In Niagara
  - Nigel Evans (Thorold Secondary School) - Expressed his interest in the materials being discussed at the meeting.
  - Karen Stuart (Westlane Secondary School) - Presented proposal to start a Gay Straight Alliance/Safer Space group with school administration and school staff. Response was positive and the group is in motion to begin shortly.
  - Cindy Davis (Parent) - Interested in starting Colage group in Niagara in coordination with Rainbow Youth Niagara.
  - Judy Robertson (OPSEU/SCDLC) - Distributed new booklets put out by the Labour Council. These booklets are available online and are a good resource for organizations to obtain.
  - Cathy Mackenzie (PFLAG) - Interested in learning how to better advertise for Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays everywhere. Indicated willingness to present to community groups, school etc. to ensure the community knows about PFLAG.
- 4.. Meeting adjourned.