

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2009**  
**Student Parliament**

**Attendance**

Kirsty Haycock	Sally Senior (external Equality and Diversity consultant)
Rebecca Murphy	Kathryn Brentnall/Eileen Ashmore (chair)
Adam Beggs	Emma Davies (note taker)
Dale Evans	
Stacey Lister	
Ryan Morris	
Craig Balmer	

## Sally Senior- Equality and Diversity

- S Senior introduced herself to the group and discussed the meaning of Equality and Diversity
- A short video was presented on screen regarding sexuality/transgender and bullying. The group agreed it would be effective if shown to students.
- A draft poster, which had yet to be agreed for use at the College on the Single Equality Scheme was shown to the group and asked for any feedback and was agreed by the group this would be effective to use.
- The group split into two separate groups and worked for 45 minutes designing their own posters of what they thought the meaning of Equality and Diversity would be, and what the students could do to prevent bullying happening. The posters would be presented in the common room.
- Students questioned how to know to report bullying regarding Equality and Diversity, and this should be made clear.
- The group came up with a number of different ideas to promote Equality and Diversity around the College in different departments. The members attending student Parliament would create a working group to discuss the ideas with Mike Batty. Stacey and Dale would take this forward.

Issues Raised	Suggested actions planned/ SMART TARGET	By whom	Target Date	Achieved Progress
Students raised the issue of lift access. As staff have all access they enquired to see why students and staff are not equal to the	This would be looked into further by the Assistant Principal.	D Bailey	Next meeting- February 2010	<i>This would be included as an agenda item for the next meeting with feedback. All students that have declared a disability or</i>

same access.				<i>have a specific need have lift access. This was decided as a result of continuous vandalism to the lifts when they had open access.</i>
Some student council meetings are not happening within individual academies, which should solve any minor issues before coming to Student Parliament.	Students should contact Mike Batty, who will arrange/sort out any outstanding councils with Academy Directors.	Mike Batty/ Students	Next meeting- February 2010	<i>Update at next meeting on which councils had been happening or not.</i>
Students would like to involve their skills/ studies into jobs around the College i.e. providing food for meetings from the Waterfront Restaurant and Art students selling paintings.	Students would inform Academy Directors to advertise student's facilities and work with Mike Batty in Student Union to take forward.	Mike Batty/Academy Directors	Ongoing	<i>Update at next meeting of anything that had been put into place, or would need to be placed.</i>
The rooms on N5 on the 5 <sup>th</sup> floor are cold. This is also occurring	This would be reported to the Estates team to look further into room	H Lightburn	January 2010	<i>This will be reported to the helpdesk to adjust the temperature by</i>

in many other rooms.	temperatures.			<i>tutors.</i>
Students enquired about extra recycling bins outside the College.	As the land around the College is owned by DMBC, the Estates team would refer to DMBC to see if this is possible.	H Lightburn	2010	<i>We have spoken to the Council but as the areas outside are designated emergency access routes for fire tenders etc and general access is difficult for waste removal firms. It has proved too problematical to install additional bins.</i>
Students are encountering problems with printing costs. Students can't find out how much they have left on their cards and they are being charged if the printer has no ink and it still prints.	This would be reported to the CITS team for the College to look into.	G Tizard	Ongoing	<i>We have added a banner to the default student homepage (studentweb.don.ac.uk) which displays the current printing balance. There is a link to display the printing history showing what has been printed, where it was printed, and when it was printed. We have also included some tips on how to make the printing credit go</i>

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