

1st December 2012

STAN Committee Handover Meeting

Outgoing committee – Reflection

Positives

- STAN Meetings
- Liaising with staff in different departments
- Getting to know the board plus the AMSC Chair
- Reaction to CAPP – All coming together
- Learning about AIUK's democracy – motions etc.
- Lots more people ran for the STAN committee – proactive
- Bonding as a group
- Student Conference – talking to students, really fun
- Networking at events and attending events
- Action for Change – Good practice for Conference – e.g. public speaking
- Public speaking opportunities generally
- Joint meeting with Oxfam at the AGM
- Free hoodies
- STAN deciding entertainment. E.g. Student Conference
- This year's committee spent less money than last year's

Negatives

- Student Group round-ups – need to talk more about regions, not own group
- Should have been in touch with groups more
- Roles:

Fundraising: Kat kept offering her support but felt like no-one took her up on it.
Though workshops at A4C and Student Conference were good

Secretary: Concrete role

Graduate retention: Difficult to be more involved (Difficult role – all new)

- IAR role – Difficult (but Caitlin ended up doing more on media)
- School speaking: Not a lot to do
- Twitter: Should be more student ownership
- Roving Chair didn't really work
- Blog: Caitlin and Hannah did theirs but others didn't

Recommendations for roles for next year- from Outgoing Committee

- Chair: Everyone has different opinions
- Secretary
- Blog/Twitter/European Facebook group
- CAPP/EGM/Governance
- Fundraising: India, Publicising raise-off more (Bryn)
- Working with new/struggling Amnesty groups
- Graduate retention

- Re-evaluate roles halfway through the year
- Regions: Handover period for a couple of months?

Handover session

Action for change

- Targeted at new and struggling groups
- Dress rehearsal for Student Conference
- Important to get weaker groups from each region to attend
- Build on diversity

AGM

- Thom has a concern that it's not sufficiently youth friendly

Student Media Summit

- Lots of networking
- Amazing speakers

European Youth Meeting

- Encouraging European collaboration
- Different set-up in different countries - the most useful thing was finding out how activism works in different countries

Group support

- Add yourself to the Facebook groups for groups in your region
- Lots of groups don't know what STAN do (important to raise the profile of STAN)
- Passing on Facebook groups: Transition
- Twitter: Should it be the voice of STAN or run by the office? (at the Student Conference, twitter helped groups in regions meet each other)

Roles

Fundraising

- Kat ran workshops at Action for Change and the Student Conference
- Pretty Pro-active in offering fundraising workshops – no-one took her up on the offer
- Raise-off pages of website could be updated more often
- Richard Glynn = Great
- Important to get smaller/different groups to join the Raise-off

IAR: There wasn't much for Caitlin to do

Media: Caitlin helped run workshops with Niall

European Youth Meeting/European coordination: Caitlin

Secretary: Notes – add to the Facebook group (and/or website)

Governance: Important role – (getting more students to propose motions)

Student Conference

New STAN

What could have been better?

- Workshops: Don't duplicate content from plenary. Also too long (1 ½ hours)
- Smaller tables in Circus Space
- Mixing groups more – regional challenge
- AGM Motion – understanding.

Old STAN

- Keep STAN phone switched on
- Knowing their role at The Circus Space – have a volunteer coordinator?
- Mix groups more
- Workshops too long, some not of great quality
- Standing orders committee – to help with counting votes etc. And bring back Pascal
- STAN playlists weren't played

Two day event next year: What should we cut?

New STAN

- Have lunch at the HRAC
- Campaign action shorter: Just do a photo shoot, and do petition gathering back on campus (week long competition)
- Just do one photo – no separate group photo

Old STAN

- Keep plenaries and cut workshops
 - Shorter STAN speeches
 - Cut film screening
 - Later dinner on Saturday night to squeeze in extra plenary
 - Shorter breaks (20 mins)
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Old STAN priorities

- Plenaries
 - AGM
 - Action
 - Networking opportunities
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What went well?

New STAN

- The acts in the evening
- Plenaries
- Food
- Branding
- Circus Space décor

Old STAN

- Mingling and approachability of STAN
- Band/Ceilidh
- Food
- Twitter
- Good debate at the AGM
- More people ran for STAN
- Plenaries (especially WOZA)
- Accessibility
- Regional breakfast

- 2nd December 2012

- **STAN Committee Meeting**

- **Notes from Icebreaker**

- York – 70 people turning up to meetings at the start of the year
- Edinburgh – 20 – 25 people attend meetings (Committee of 16)
- Hull – Organise larger profitable fundraisers, taking £700 for a Secret Policeman's Ball (Exeter do lots of smaller events like bake sales)
- Stirling – is smallest group, (12 official members, of which approximately 6 people attend meetings). Rely heavily on very committed individuals and need to engage with more people
- Hull – do handover book for new incoming committee
- Edinburgh – had one great ceilidh, one not so great
- Nottingham – similar, one great Jamnesty, one not so great –

(Don't assume every event will do really well)
- Hull – exciting campaign actions
- Edinburgh – collaborate with lots of other societies, eg, Tibet Society, "Occupied Nations Demo" outside Scottish Parliament. Lots of cross over in membership.

Contacts & Communication

- **Action points for Hannah:** (1) Send STAN contact details for groups in their regions; (2) Send round Regional Rep contact details and put in touch with relevant people, (3) Circulate Facebook group lists, (4) Ask old STAN to add new reps as administrator on Facebook, (5) re-direct STAN@amnesty.org.uk email address to Eilidh – eilidh.douglas@gmail.com

ALL ACTION POINTS DONE

Twitter

- Daisy to set up STAN Committee Twitter account - **DONE**

Website

- Profiles (60 words) to be submitted by Sunday 9th Dec 2012 - **DONE**
- Laura Francis to make Student Conference AGM page live again- Eilidh to be asked to look at this - **DONE**

More Action Points for Hannah

- Book trains and hotels/rooms for January 26th – 27th - **DONE**
- Amend Terms of Reference in light of Student Conference motion re one year terms - **DONE**
- Circulate Activism strategy - **DONE**
- Activist Code & Conduct to be sent to STAN - **DONE**

ROLES

- Chair – **none** (though officially Daisy)
- Secretary - **Eilidh**
- Blog, Social Media - **Daisy**
- Fundraising advisory role – **Bryn**
- CAPP / EGM / governance & policy - **Eilidh**
- Grad retention - **JP**
- Groups Development - **Michelle**
- Campaigns/activism advisory role - **Euan**

Role of Secretary

- Eilidh
- Puts together the agenda, contributions to be sought a week in advance

- Goes through action points at start of each meeting (person facilitating meeting leads this process)
- Writes minutes

Hoodies

Email STAN re hoodie colours. **Current suggestions:**

Red/White

Black/Green

Bright/Bold Colours

Mailings

January

SHSH

GNL

AGM plug

A4C

February

ATT

AHC plug

AGM plug

March

Afghanistan

Ideas for Still Human Still Here mailing:

£5 a day challenge – for 5 days

Photo stunt - what you can buy for 5 today v 7 today, photo sent to your MP

Comparison with what students can buy

FB profile pic with your head in place of the Queen's

Student media coverage/blog/Twitter party, hashtags:

#fiverperday

#survivewithafiver