Women's Film History Network—UK/Ireland: Workshop 4

Infrastructure & Strategies for a Sustainable Network

19 July 9.30-5.30 at The Women's Library, 25 Old Castle Street, London, E1 7NT

AGENDA

9.30-11.00   Session 1: Network Connections and Collaborations

- Relationship with TV & Broadcasting Studies
- Collaborations with other disciplinary organizations & professional practices   - e.g. MECCSA'S Women's Media Network & Race Networks, Women's History Network, TWL, Screenonline, WiFTV (UK), BEV, etc.
- Affiliation to MECCSA
- Regional group representation
- International connectivity

AIM: to draw from and be useful to different groups with an existing or potential stake in women's film history, both in and beyond academia.

11.00-ll.30   Coffee/tea break

11.30-1.00   Session 2: Network Membership Structure & Steering Group Roles

- Confirm/amend membership structure (see Blueprint)
- Confirm/amend core activities (see Blueprint)
- Define and fill vacant steering group roles to support them
- Strategies for co-option where necessary

AIM: to ensure activities and outcomes that will generate research, contribute to knowledge and new understandings, and ensure their circulation and impact in educational, media and cultural arenas.

1.00-2.00   Lunch break

2.00-3.30   **Session 3: Website Development**

A grateful thanks to Alexis for setting up and looking after the wiki, which we propose to retain as the archive of this now closing AHRC phase; to Clare and Linda for outlining a strategy for developing a Network website to cover our key preliminary functions (see Blueprint); to Clare for undertaking to put the template in place using wordpress and with Shelley Cobb to oversea the website once up and running for a two year period. Also to Paul Moody and Malcolm Zammit who are willing to offer technical help, especially when we get more ambitious!

- Functions
- Who to develop what content?
- Logo
- Organisation of oversight and maintenance
- Funding implications

AIM to function as the virtual home of the Network, support the generation of activity and to ensure the dissemination and preservation of outcomes.

3.30-4.00   Tea break

4.00-5.30   **Session 4: Programme for 2011-2013**

Define what at a minimum will be done by whom in the first two years of the Network's independent existence, including confirming dates for **DWFH 2**

NETWORK ROLES AND VOLUNTARY COMMITMENTS

Steering Group Chair to liaise with the executive secretary in arranging meetings and preparing agendas; coordinating activities; following up action points; chairing meetings	Christine Gledhill & Julia Knight (AHRC Developmental Stage to end 2011) - **Vacant from 2012**
Executive Secretary(ies) (2?) to liaise with chair in setting agendas & following up action points; take & post notes of meetings & action points; arrange venues	**Vacant**
Membership Secretary to keep membership lists up-to-date & oversee the listserve	Melanie Bell (Newcastle)
Website Co-ordinators (2) to maintain & oversee website activities & new developments	Clare Watson to set up, Clare and Shelly Cobb (Southampton) to oversee + Paul Moody & Malcolm Zammit (Brunel) advisors
E-Newsletter Editors (2) to solicit, receive & collate news items & send to listserve members 3 times a year	Melanie Bell (Newcastle) and Vicky Ball (Sunderland)
DWFH Organisers (2) 2013? Or 2014?	Laraine Porter (DeMontfort) & Yvonne Tasker (UEA)
DWFH Organisers (2) 2016?	**Vacant**
Steering Group Members to share publicity, fundraising, network collaborations, web content/education/screening package development, etc.	Continuing SG members ? + new volunteers Claire Monk (DeMontfort) Melanie Williams (UEA) Lee-Jane Bennion-Nixon (York & St John)
Regional Coordinators: **North England** **Scotland** **Wales** **Ireland** **Special InterestLiasion:** **Black & Asian media groups** **TV & Broadcasting Studies** **Women's History** **BFI/NFTVA/Special Collections** **BUFVC** **WiFT-UK/BEV**	 Angela Martin (Sheffield) **Vacant** **Vacant** Ruth Barton? June Givanni, Karen Alexander? Vicky Ball **Vacant** Bryony Dixon? Nathalie Morris? Linda Kaye? **Vacant**

We need now to know who of the current AHRC group would be willing to commit to two or three meetings a year and to take on responsibility for certain tasks necessary to keep the Network up and running. We probably need a pool of people, not all of whom will need or be able to attend every meeting. But there must be an in-principle commitment to so doing.