Re: current state of development of lesbian/gay disco

Dear

The main recent developments on the lesbian and gay disco project are:

1. the Quay Co-op have decided not to proceed with the lease on the Glanmire Road premises and we are now looking at alternative venues.

2. the first meeting of trustees for the Munster Lesbian and Gay trust Fund has taken place,

3. we have passed the halfway point to our £10,000 fundraising target with just over £5,000 paid or firmly pledged to date.

THE PREMISES: the lease we had negotiated on the Glanmire Road premises is not now going ahead for two reasons. Firstly because the landlord refused to agree to terms in the lease our solicitors advise us are essential to preserve our interests. Secondly because the the Co-op has been strongly advised to purchase a building under a mortgage rather than enter into a lease. The search for a suitable premises is going ahead actively and we are very hopeful of finding it in the next two weeks. We have a fall-back premises available if something more suitable does not turn up.

TRUST MEETING: the first meeting of trustees to establish the Munster Lesbian and Gay Trust Fund took place on Tuesday 16th. of February. This was an information meeting at which plans for the Trust and for the development of the disco were discussed. The deed of trust is now being drafted and a meeting at which Trustees will formally sign the deeds establishing the Trust will be held on Tuesday the 13th. of February.

FUNDRAISING: has progressed well with a very positive response from almost everyone we approached. As ever it takes time before people actually sent the promised cheque but we are confident that the committments people have made to the project will be honoured.

We hope the slow and thorough approach we are taking to the project will be reflected in the long-term viability of the arrangements that result. In the meantime if you feel frustrated that we still have not opened for business, just think of how we feel!

I hope my next letter will be to announce our opening date.

Yours sincerely,

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Donal Sheehan.

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