

MEETING OF
CIRCLES AND CINEMA OF WOMEN
HELD ON 12 JUNE 1990 AT 11 AM
CINEMA OF WOMEN OFFICES

Present: Jenny, Lee Ann, Sarah, Jane (Circles), Kim, Namita, Abina
(Cinema of Women)

Apologies: Sandra Lahire

Minutes taken by: Abina

ACTION

1. There was a recap of the BFI/Circles/COW situation to date.
2. Circles outlined their enquiries into consultants. From a list supplied by the Arts Council, one woman consultant, Sarah Kingham, quoted £3500-4500 for a 10 to 12 day project.
3. Sarah outlined the last RCC meeting on Friday 8 June, where the Circles/COW cases were discussed. She had briefed Judith Higginbottom previously, and she reported after the meeting she said that Wilf Stevenson had assured all present that neither group would be cut while the enquiries go on. However, money wasn't mentioned, as Ian Christie was absent.
4. Decided to write to Ian Christie and ask for the 3 year funding guarantee mentioned by their Press Office to be confirmed in writing. Abina
5. Decided that any consultancy should look into feasibility of merger and autonomy. We will ask for this years funding to be reinstated to last years levels, while we look into a feasibility study, and that next years funding be also at that level while we enact the findings. Circles/COW to write to Ian Christie to outline this proposal; cc WS/JH. Sarah/
Abina
6. Before the tender is put to consultants, we need to discuss the aims of both groups, and what we see as the future for women's distribution. Meetings to be scheduled. We will present BFI with a timetable for discussion and try to get Judith Higginbottom behind it. Points for the brief to include are other sources of funding and merger vs autonomy.
7. Very important to get some form of guarantee from Ian Christie now in order to proceed with this plan. Equal Opportunitites Policy is a strong card. Find out next RCC meeting and petition governors. Sarah/
Abina

ACTION

- 8. Various forms of action were discussed. We should attempt to hit BFI events with handouts about the situation, + petitions.

Toulouse education trip beginning July.
BFI Awards mid July
21/23 June NFT 'A' level course, including a session on the independence of independents. Attempt to get speakers to mention it, and hand out updated release at the doors.

Keep press who have already covered the situation informed of developments. Menton might want to do a follow-up. **COW/
Circles**

Next Circles/COW meeting at 6.30 at Circles offices, 113/115 Roman Road, E2 (telephone 081 981 6828), Wednesday 27 June.