

MEETING OF CIRCLES AND CINEMA OF WOMEN
AT CINEMA OF WOMEN
TUESDAY 21ST AUGUST 1990

PRESENT: Jenny H, Sarah, Liane (Circles) Jenny W (Cinema of Women)

APOLOGIES: Abina

MINUTES: Jenny (Cinema of Women)

ACTION

1. The Minutes of the meeting held on 13th August 1990 were agreed.
2. Circles reported that IC had received their revised budget and had agreed to grant £10,000 'holding money' in two installments. The first £5,000 to be issued immediately and the balance in December on condition that a) the consultancy was completed and b) no additional expenditure was made to Circles budget.
3. IC had responded to the amended brief and had stated that the addition of Point 1 was not acceptable. In his reply he stressed that only one cheque would be issued in April of next year to a single entity. The meeting discussed the implications of IC's response and agreed after discussion to drop point 1 from the brief. The meeting stressed that the issue of autonomy was important but agreed that changes in funding necessitated looking at a merger or alliance. The BFI's decision to look only at a single entity was seen as short-sighted and not based on any cultural decision. Cinema of Women felt that a merger could be quite positive and were keen to explore the possibility in full. Circles agreed that given the present situation a merger or alliance could have certain benefits especially in attracting sponsors and charitable status.

The meeting then moved on to look at possible structures for a new organisation which would combine and expand upon the activities currently done by both groups. Some of the areas highlighted as important were: Education, Research, Information, Video Retail, Exhibition, International profile, acquisitions, despatch and tv. It was agreed that separate meetings would be held to look at possible structures during the course of the consultancy.

5. It was agreed that we would write to Irene Whitehead in response to IC letter and also arrange a meeting with her to discuss the consultancy and also to ask for use of BFI facilities or additional money.

Jenny W

6. The next ^{meeting} between the group would look at last ^{year's} applications to the BFI, internal procedures and Accounts.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY 28th AUGUST, 11 AM AT CIRCLES