

NAWRA

Committee meeting – 10 April 2025

Present: Daphne (Chair) Corin, Michael, Lee, Andrew, Tom, Dan, Kelly (minutes)

Apologies: Julie, Atif, Rachael, Alan, Greg, Gareth, Maureen

Communications and publicity

- **Dan** to reconvene the social media working group, involving Will Hadwen.
- **Alan** to set up a NAWRA email address for committee members without one. **All** to email Alan at alan@nawra.org.uk to request a NAWRA email address.
- **Greg** and **Lee** to write content for new area of the website for [NAWRA in Scotland](#).
- **Alan** to create a graphic for NAWRA's 50th anniversary.

Equality and diversity

- Notes from working group meetings can be found on the [NAWRA website](#).
- The working group met on 18 March 2025 and the next meeting will be arranged for June 2025.

Governance

- NAWRA members were asked for vote on proposed changes to the constitution. The deadline for votes is 15 April 2025.
- Julie has decided to stand down as rep for the north east of England. **Kelly** to organise a regional election for a new rep.

Policy and campaigns

- Daphne has drafted a survey to gather the views of our members on the changes to disability benefits in the recently published green paper.
- Accreditation and advice sector workforce development will be discussed at NAWRA's advice summit in Stockport on 5 June.
- Evidence collected by NAWRA on pension credit delays were used as evidence in a recent pre-action letter sent by Greater Manchester Law Centre.
- Welsh MP, Gill German (Clwyd North) hopefully hosting an event for MPs in autumn for us to promote our call for a statutory advice duty.
- Dan is in touch with housing groups about untidy tenancies.

- Corin talking to Rose Doran (LGA) about the household support fund. The LGA would like to see funding for advice provision to be covered. Rose is interested in our FOIs on advice provision and might be able to help analyse the results. **Corin** to speak with Dan.
- NAWRA could work with the LGA on commissioning a literature review on the value of advice

Finance

- Kelly updated the finance report to the end of 2024-2025 and circulated it to the committee on 31 March 2025.
- Members were invoiced for their 2025-2026 membership fee on 1 April 2025.
- **Dan** to check with Ryan at Leigh Day about sponsorship.

Future conferences

- 5 June 2025 NAWRA 50th anniversary advice summit at Stockport Town Hall, Edward St, Stockport SK1 3XE.
- 6 June 2025 in-person at Stockport Town Hall, Edward St, Stockport SK1 3XE. Hosted by Greater Manchester Law Centre and Stockport Council.
- 10 and 11 September 2025 online, host needed.
- 5 December 2025 in-person in York. Hosted by Welfare Benefits Unit.

Potential hosts

- WRAC? Swansea Council? Hire a venue in Cardiff? (**Gareth** and **Tom**)
- Woolwich? (**Corin**)
- Central Bedfordshire Council (online) – **Kelly** to follow up
- Central Borders CAB (online) - **Kelly** to follow up
- Newcastle City Council

Potential speakers and workshops

- **All** to add their ideas of potential speakers and workshops to the '[Future NAWRA conferences – ideas and offers](#)' working document on GoogleDocs.

Future committee meetings

- The next NAWRA committee meeting will take place on Teams on 8 July 2025. **Kelly** to circulate calendar invitation and Teams link.

