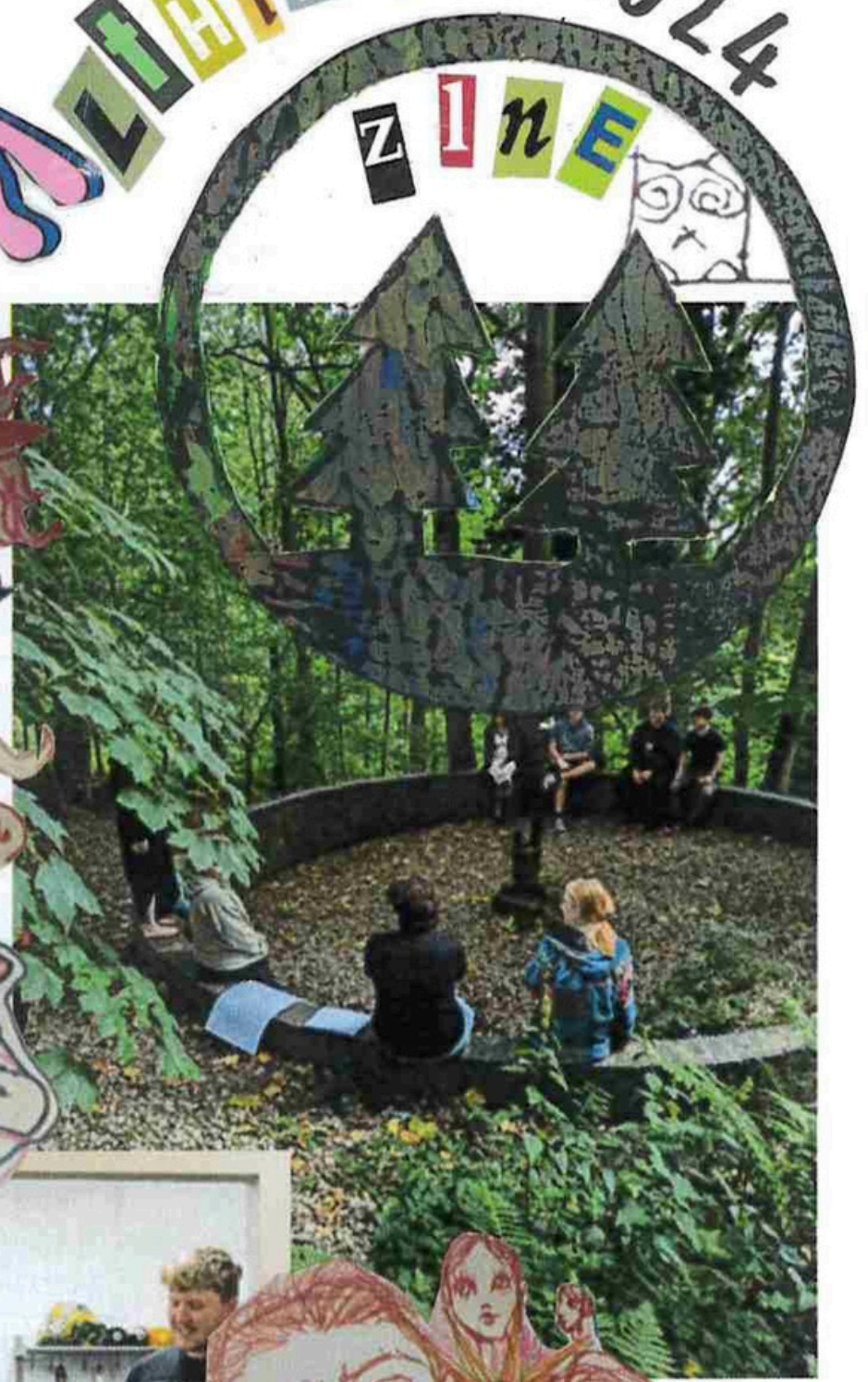




FREAKY?
NO.

NOTHING 2024 ZINE



Beer & Beans



This zine contains brief summaries of the outcomes of motions and musings, as well lots of DF contributions to remember the event by. You can find more detail in the fantastically recorded minutes on the website (thank you Wilf!). They also include annual reports from committee members that give a great insight into what having a role is

like.

The DF business year starts and ends in early September, at our Annual General Meeting held at the residential business event, Althing. It is named after the world's oldest parliamentary system, that of Iceland. Here is where the DF committee, regional council and other key DF roles are elected, for which any member of the Woodcraft folk of DF age may stand. It is run by committee themselves, and expects around 60 people for one weekend, although the weather is usually nice so part camping can be nice so long as there is a large meeting room. DF committee and regional council are obliged to attend so do not pay.

From the DF website
Span that. World



When???
our business
events are
far smaller
than whenever
this was written.

Thank you to all DFs who submitted motions and musings for us to look at and ran or voted in the elections. It's great to hear so many perspectives and we had so many great

discussions!

Beans are being
difficult
VOTE FOR



For each motion, the minutes explain who proposed it, what it would change, why? how Althing felt about it, any amendments we made, actions to be taken and if the motion fell or was carried. For this zine, I tried to summarise general feeling from these, but keep in mind that there were still a range of opinions and votes.

Motion 24-01 (No Brunch)

RATIONALE If you were at summer camp, this will be self-explanatory. This motion was carried, brunch is now banned.

Motion 24-02 (Change to the Food Policy)

This was about meat on camp. We wanted to leave these issues for coord teams to look at for individual events, so this motion fell.

Motion 24-03 (Preventing Laymember Overexertion)

This motion was amended and then passed, so that going forward, one person may not hold more than one role on DF committee.

Motion 24-04 (Altering the two-stage Election Process)

This motion was carried, so that for specific roles when only one candidate runs, and no one votes against them, we don't need a second voting round. (Basically, we streamlined an over complicated process to reduce admin.)

Motion 24-05 (Change to the Shift Policy)

Honestly this one made my head hurt a bit, it was about ratios of DFs on shift, and a wider discussion about the ways to improve shifts and the orange high vis role. It was amended twice then carried.

Motion 24-06 (Manchester Liaison)

Some haters wanted the Manchester liaison role gone. Obviously, this motion fell.



Motion 24-07 (Two Events Reps)

We want less stress for our incredible event reps, but this opened up a wider discussion about support systems, previous shared roles, and pressure from implied expectations. This motion fell, as we wanted Old/New to look at rewriting some descriptions instead.



Motion 24-08 (Committee and Non-Committee)

This motion was amended and passed so that the sustainability role becomes supervisory.

Motion 24-09 (DF Moots)

This motion was carried and amended our constitution to explain how working groups can be set up to tackle specific topics, and name them Moots.

Motion 24-10 (2027 Moot)

This was about setting up a 2027 Moot to plan for the 50th anniversary of DF! The motion was carried so thanks Delilah for getting us talking about it, now let's get planning!

Motion 24-11 (International Moot)

This motion was carried to establish a Moot to work on international participation at DF events, and DF participation internationally.

Motion 24-12 (No clan for coord team)

We considered all the work that coord teams put in, before and during camp, and how we want to encourage people to join coord teams. This motion carried.



Motion 24-13 ("Manchester Leiasgon")

This Althing changes the title of the Manchester Liaison role to "Manchester Leiasgon" [including quotation marks]. Each time it is spoken aloud, it must be with air quotes.

Punishable by enforced clan, enforced by other liaisons.

This motion passed.

Musings

Musings are more open-ended topics of discussion. They aim to get the Movement talking about an issue, work through the topic collaboratively and generate some pointers for future action.

from
The Rough Guide to
Motions & Musings
by Wilt

DFs in the Summer of 2025



Next summer is going to be super busy with camp 100, DF camp, and Althing. We discussed getting DFs involved with camp 100 (check out the Instagram), and considered how we might merge Althing and DF camp, with how busy everything will be. We are really looking forward to it!

Internal Comms

We talked about a more effective way for committee to see what is going on with others, so we divide and coordinate labour more effectively. This has been acted on by the chair (thank you Tyler!) and we now have the DF network – a discord server for DFs with roles, coord teams and moot members to talk.

Spring Awakening

Some of us felt Spring Awakening sometimes falls short, since it sits by an exam period that makes it a smaller event, no matter what we do. We had a bit of a rethink about what we want it to be and reducing stress on DFs. We suggested a more chill, wellbeing focused event, with support from MEST-UP and potentially a revision space. As always, its up to future events teams what comes of this, so get involved, and let us know what you think.

Integration of different groups of DFs

This was about avoiding cliques on events. We discussed how programme could facilitate integration, but it needs to be accompanied by a cultural shift, and we recognised the coord team and committee can also be a clique. I think the website minutes are well worth reading for this one.



DF obituaries

In memory of DFs who have aged out, and times gone by



Join us to celebrate
the life of Brunch.
Taken from us
too soon. In these
times we must
remember the good
things about it
like ~~its~~ how tasty it
was, not how delayed

Thomas Boxall

Some say that even though Thomas
may be gone, his presence is still
felt. Some say they feel it when they
forget their Google drive passwords.

Others, when the DF website
crashes once a month.

Though he is gone, a part of him
exists in the very code of DFs.

We remember Thomas and treasure
our memories of that venturer camp that he organised. And
the long list of times when he single-handedly saved DFs
from doom. Gone but never forgotten fr.

RIP



Paul - one of greatest organisers DFs ever saw.

RIP
vango
boy

No one knew how to coordinate transport to events quite
like him. We will treasure the memories of all those crazy
protests he got us to
as activism rep.

Those who were close
to him will celebrate
that time he definitely
got arrested for
something. We all
agree that without
him, camp crush
could never be the
same.

RIP.

The Manchester liaison meant
so much to so many people.

"I've abandoned my child.
I've abandoned my boy" - Tyler,
creator of the
Manchester
Liaison.

"We will miss your role, but
never the City, you will live on..."
- Alex Manchester
LIAISON

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DF Okituanics

In memory of DFs who have aged out, and times gone by

Joe Walker, DF 2018-2024, former

Treasurer



It was difficult for a young Joe Walker to make a name for himself in a Movement already so saturated with Joes: Bike Joe, Joachim and, later on, MCBJ.

But make a name for himself he did! I first met Joe at



Spring Awakening 2022, where he was running around filling up a cereal box with cash payments and scribbling down bank details. At the time he was just Shadow Treasurer, but seeing as the actual treasurer had gone AWOL in Australia, he had to take on all the responsibility and has effectively led the treasury team for three years. His consistent presence has allowed us to seriously clean up our books and has kept us stable and able to grow as a Movement. Joe's dedication to DFs was demonstrated most clearly at DF Camp 2023 when he left camp halfway through to go to Cornwall for his graduation, only to COME STRAIGHT BACK to finish camp. His lovely chill presence at DF events and his stock-image-filled financial report PowerPoints will be missed by all.

credits

by Wilf

★ RON

★ All DFs who sent contributions, or just made the event so lovely to be at ☺

★ Wilf - for writing the minutes and Rough Guide to Motions & Musings - both on the website

★ Eunice ☺
DF Zinester
2024-2025



Always a free spirit, he will be missed.