

# LGBT Community Newsletter

July 2011



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## Welcome to Intercom's July Newsletter!

A long busy rush this month, because this issue is PACKED with good things...

### Round and about: Community news

Pride events coming up...

**MANY thanks to everyone who sent us news for inclusion below.**

Don't think we've missed anyone out, but if we have please accept our best apologies.

**=== Deadline for the August Newsletter is 27 July ===**

**== New arrangement: please send items for the Newsletter to [News@intercomtrust.org.uk](mailto:News@intercomtrust.org.uk) ==**

## Recording Phobic Incidents



There is a rumour that it is no longer Devon & Cornwall Police policy to make any log record of homophobic and transphobic incidents unless they are immediately seen to be crimes.

Hmmm... this would be very alarming. However, we understand that this is not correct. We're told that the Force policy is that all reports of homophobic, transphobic, disablist and racist incidents, and domestic abuse, will be logged, but will not necessarily be given a crime number.

**However, there are real concerns about this; particularly around the questions:**

- whether this policy is being consistently applied
- whether such incidents are being properly investigated
- whether the reporting systems are working well in these cases.

If you have any *current* experience (i.e. over the last few months, or in the future) of dealing with Devon and Cornwall Police over the reporting, criming and following-up of homophobic or transphobic incidents, please get in touch immediately with Michael ([Michael@intercomtrust.org.uk](mailto:Michael@intercomtrust.org.uk), or direct line: 01392 678741). He would also be very interested to hear how people feel these matters are being handled in Dorset or Somerset.

The LGBT Regional Collective expressed great concern about these issues at their meeting on 18 June, and we believe the Lead Officers are planning to work with Intercom to look into all this.

Keep an eye on Intercom's front page ([www.intercomtrust.org.uk](http://www.intercomtrust.org.uk)) and the Collective's front page ([www.lgbtcollective.org.uk](http://www.lgbtcollective.org.uk)) over the next few weeks, for future developments.

## Intercom's Rainbow Café



The first Rainbow Café in the accessible premises of Age UK on Cowick Street was a huge success. There'll be another on Saturday 30 July.

And this coming Saturday, 2 July, the Rainbow Café event will be a PICNIC in the Old Exe Bridge Park immediately below the Intercom Centre. All welcome, as always!

The Rainbow Café is always looking for volunteers! If you'd like to add your name to the Roll of Honour and help support this long-established and massively successful event, contact Lizzie on 01392 678744 or e-mail [Lizzie@intercomtrust.org.uk](mailto:Lizzie@intercomtrust.org.uk).



## Info, Help, Support and Advocacy

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Grassroots Help & Advocacy Service — a key milestone!

We're just coming to the end of our first year with funding from the Big Lottery and from the Dorset public sector. It's been a wonderfully productive year. We'll put an activities report up on the Intercom website during July for everyone to see.

Meantime, a Massive Thank-You to everyone who's helped make this project so successful. And above all to Andy and Lizzie in Exeter, Steve in Redruth, and Sue in Dorchester, to our Rainbow Café lead workers and the Rainbow Café and helpline volunteers, and to our Funders.

*Michael Halls (Executive Director, The Intercom Trust)*

Dorset Bournemouth and Poole

**LGBT Helpline**  
a project of The Intercom Trust  
Reg. charity 1072772

**01305 266642**

lesbian gay bisexual and trans  
Advocacy, Info & Support  
Dorset Bournemouth and Poole

[www.intercomtrust.org.uk](http://www.intercomtrust.org.uk)

Local Groups and Activities

DorsetHelpline@intercomtrust.org.uk

Coasters for Dorset

We've just produced some cute coasters (aka beer-mats) AND some promotional ball-point pens.

Have YOU got some good ideas about how these could help us reach out to LGBT people who don't know about the service?

If so, do contact Lizzie on 01392 678744 or at

[Lizzie@intercomtrust.org.uk](mailto:Lizzie@intercomtrust.org.uk).

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harassment \* bullying \* discrimination

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workplace \* family issues \* goods & services

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**0800 612 3010**  
Confidential LGBT Helpline

Coasters for Cornwall & Devon

## Steve's work with LGBT People who have a Learning Disability



Steve (Cornwall Advocate) writes: "I've been doing some work with the recently formed Healthy Relationships Working Group to promote the rights of people from the Learning Disabled communities that are Lesbian, Gay Bisexual and Trans.

Having realised that a number of clients of the advocacy team have been from the Learning Disabled community, with a number struggling to access social activities we recognised a need to effect some change. The Working Group developed from a number of professionals working in a similar area realising that separately we could not achieve what we wanted so we would work as a partnership. It is made up of a multi-disciplinary team of people drawn from NHS, Police and third sector.

Having had meetings over the last 6 months we attended a 'Blue Light Day' at Kingsley Village and then various events over Learning Disability Week (20th – 25th June).

Forming a healthy relationship, emotional or sexual connection can enhance a life, and those with a Learning Disability who have formed relationships experience all the highs and lows that other people that choose relationships do.

The events we attended were aimed to break down some of the barriers, promoting a relationships course that is being piloted in West Cornwall and consulting clients, parents and carers on their views and experiences."

### Our Confidential Community Helplines

**Cornwall Devon Plymouth & Torbay**  
[helpline@intercomtrust.org.uk](mailto:helpline@intercomtrust.org.uk)

Freephone **0800 612 3010**  
(or 01392 201018)

**Dorset Bournemouth and Poole**  
[DorsetHelpline@intercomtrust.org.uk](mailto:DorsetHelpline@intercomtrust.org.uk)

**01305 26 66 42**

In Cornwall & Devon this service is funded by the Big Lottery Fund (Reaching Communities Programme)  
In Dorset this service is jointly funded by Dorset County Council, Bournemouth Borough Council  
and Poole Borough Council

**Love to all!**

**Michael and the team**

**Community News follows...**

## Community news

*You tell us — We spread the good news*

### Tea for T Girls: Sunday 3 July, Exeter

Tea for T Girls is a new social group for trans women in Exeter, running monthly on a Sunday. It aims to provide a safe social space for M2F women at any stage of their journey. Come dressed or not—space to change will be provided for those who would rather dress here.

**The first meet up will be on Sunday 3rd July from 4pm-9pm  
here in the Intercom Centre.**

Please contact Andy or Lizzie for further details.

01392 678744 [lizzie@intercomtrust.org.uk](mailto:lizzie@intercomtrust.org.uk) or [andy@intercomtrust.org.uk](mailto:andy@intercomtrust.org.uk).

### Space Youth Project: CONGRATULATIONS! And NEW POSTS.

SPACE has won a grant from the Government's Transition Fund, and is able to advertise two part-time posts. (Fixed-term appointments till March 2012. Both 12 hours per week, based in Poole and working across Dorset.)

Project Co-Ordinator, NJC Scale 5 (19.6K – 21.6K) pro rata.

Office Administrator, NJC Scale 3 (15.4K – 15.8K) pro rata.

CLOSING DATE Friday 8 July. CONTACT for more information: Helen Walsh, 07973 405280.

The groups currently meet as follows:

In **Weymouth** at Waves (52 St Mary's Street DT4 8BJ)

In **Poole** at Quay Advice (18 Hill Street BH15 1NR)

In **Christchurch** at Somerford Children's Centre

For activities, and up-to-date venues and times, please check out the Space Project website, <http://www.spaceyouthproject.co.uk/whats-on/month.calendar/2011/05/24/>.

## New Network for LGBT Parents



### LGBT Family Network

RainbowFamiliesSW@gmail.com

There's a new social network being developed so that LGBT parents have got a space to meet each other (online or otherwise), and give support, advice, and generally meet to have fun and socialise the children. New members are welcome, so do get involved and suggest activities, where to meet, etc. Tell us what you find fun! Contact Jeannette and SJ on [RainbowFamiliesSW@gmail.com](mailto:RainbowFamiliesSW@gmail.com).

## Calling All Teignbridgers!

### Do you live or work or use services in the Teignbridge district?

If so, the District Council would love to hear your thoughts about their new Draft Council Plan. It's so rare for local government to specifically ask LGB and Trans people to get involved in their planning for good services. We welcome Teignbridge District Council's approach as always, and we encourage everyone to whom it applies to consider helping them with their community consultation.

**See their page at the end of this Newsletter.**

## LGBT Community Information Event, Truro



Steve writes from Cornwall: "Many thanks to Sorrell Atkinson of FFLAG for suggesting the LGBT Community Information Event on Lemon Quay on Saturday 25th June. A whole host of organisations, groups and individuals worked together after Sorrell proposed the idea at an LGBT PACT (Partners And Communities Together) meeting earlier in the year. Running from 10am till 3 it was hailed a great success by all and with just a couple of months to go before Cornwall Pride it was a great opportunity to remind people about that!

More pics and video are available on Facebook – look for Steve Intercom or CIOS Diversity."

## Breakthrough for equality at the United Nations...

For the first time in the 55 years of the UN, the UN Human Rights Council has passed a resolution calling for universal rights for lesbian, gay, bisexual people and trans people.

<http://www.pinknews.co.uk/2011/06/17/un-passes-gay-rights-resolution/>

[http://www.pinktriangle.org.uk/press/2011\\_06\\_19.html](http://www.pinktriangle.org.uk/press/2011_06_19.html)

The actual text doesn't yet seem to have reached the UNHRC website, but we'll keep searching.

## ...but QUITE the opposite in Nigeria...

The Women's World Cup kicked off last Sunday. Immediately beforehand, the Nigerian Football Federation claimed to have fired all the lesbians from their national team. If you want to tell FIFA your views about this kind of dangerous (and numbingly stupid) prejudice, have a look at

[www.allout.org/fifa](http://www.allout.org/fifa).

## Government Equality Office: Trans E-Bulletin

The GEO has just released its second Transgender E-Bulletin: have a look at

<http://www.equalities.gov.uk/pdf/2nd%20transgender%20e-bulletin.pdf>.

## Trans Men: Qwest FtM UK

**Qwest FtM UK will be holding its Third National FtM conference on 3 and 4 September.**

For information, contact [admin@qwestftmuk.org](mailto:admin@qwestftmuk.org).

## Men's Health Survey ( for over 18s)

Glen Jankowski has written to us from Bath University. He and his colleagues are conducting a Health Survey for men aged over 18 called "Men and their mates". The data it generates may well help to inform men's support services. They invite men over 18 to have a look at the survey website and complete it. (There's a chance to win a £20 gift voucher.)

The survey is at:

[http://uwepsych.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV\\_erKVL8QIWEMgl48](http://uwepsych.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_erKVL8QIWEMgl48)

## Somerset Lesbian Network

**The Annual General Meeting of the Somerset Lesbian Network will be on  
Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> July**

**11:30 at The Foyer, Peter Street, Yeovil BA20 1PN.**

“We hope to welcome as many of you as possible to this. It will be brief and will be followed by our normal monthly drop-in. Please join us and find out what has been happening and help to decide our future plans.”

If you plan to be there, do drop them an e-mail so they can plan for refreshments and seating:

[sln09@btinternet.com](mailto:sln09@btinternet.com)

## Somerset Lesbian Network Summer Picnic!

**Wells, Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> August, 12:30.**

If you're interested, contact [mallen63\\_8@msn.com](mailto:mallen63_8@msn.com). There are alternative arrangements in case of bad weather!

## WOW Picnic and Rounders, 13 August

**WOW Picnic and Rounders afternoon on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> August. Full details to follow!**

And remember...

**...Women On Wednesdays have their regular Wednesday Night Wow from 8 p.m. at the Exeter Picturehouse , Bartholomew Street.**

Contact details for WOW: 07814 19 84 75 or  
[womenonweds.social.exeter@hotmail.com](mailto:womenonweds.social.exeter@hotmail.com) or [www.wowexeter.org](http://www.wowexeter.org).

## Gay and Pleasant Land?

**“Gay and Pleasant Land?” is a Bournemouth University project researching the views and memories of older LG people in rural areas.**

It's part of the national New Dynamics of Ageing research programme.

The team is working with the film-maker Josh Appignanesi to make a 20-minute film, *Rufus Stone*. For more details, have a look at <http://www.timeshighereducation.co.uk/story.asp?storycode=416473>.

## Bourne Free 8 — 10 July

A great programme from Bourne Free as always, bigger and better every year so far.

For full details go straight to <http://www.bournefree.co.uk/mainsite/>.

## **Pride Bristol begins on 9 July. Pride Day is the 16<sup>th</sup>.**

A massive programme this year:

### **Pride Day plus Pride Week plus Pride Fringe!**

For full details go straight to <http://www.pridebristol.org/>.

## **ShoutOut, Bristol LGBT Radio, 9 July**

ShoutOut the LGBT radio show for Bristol and beyond has a big day on Saturday 9th July. It's the beginning of Pride Fringe week in Bristol and we will be broadcasting all day from 10am til Midnight, with lots of music, chat and special guests between 10am and 9pm and music after that which you can also enjoy live with us at the Queens Shilling in Frogmore St from 9pm.

You can listen in Bristol on 93.2 fm and also online at [www.shoutoutbristol.org.uk](http://www.shoutoutbristol.org.uk).

## **Pride Torbay, 28<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> July**

Joe McElderry, Diva Fever and much more. Check out the website at <http://www.pridetorbay.org>.

The organisers are offering discounted tickets to LGBT youth groups: any worker interested should contact [dave@pridetorbay.org](mailto:dave@pridetorbay.org).

## **Cornwall Pride, Saturday 27 August**

Bigger, better, more Cornish than ever — see [www.cornwallpride.com](http://www.cornwallpride.com).

## **Same-Sex Dance Classes**

There will be a dedicated class for same-sex couples when Gemini Dance Studios starts its New Beginners' classes in September. For more information have a look at [www.gemini-dance.co.uk](http://www.gemini-dance.co.uk) or e-mail [credfern@macace.net](mailto:credfern@macace.net).

## **Woman told she must use the disabled toilets at Poole stadium because she is transgendered**

This deplorable story broke a week ago, and is being vigorously followed up by local people.

<http://www.pinknews.co.uk/2011/06/23/transgender-woman-banned-from-using-poole-stadium-toilets/>

If you have experienced any similar kind of discrimination in Poole (or Bournemouth or Dorset) do get in touch with Sue, Intercom's community advocate in Dorset: 01305 266642 or

[DorsetHelpline@intercomtrust.org.uk](mailto:DorsetHelpline@intercomtrust.org.uk).

## Fertility Forum in Exeter: LGBT member wanted

Rachel Cook of Michelmores Solicitors in Exeter writes: "I am in the process, with one or two others, of setting up a Fertility Forum. The idea being that the Forum contains a multi-disciplinary group sharing knowledge and best practice for the benefit of an individual experiencing infertility.

The aspiration is that an individual (or a couple) experiencing infertility can get access to appropriate information and treatment, from a variety of professionals, in a sensible and 'joined up' way.

I am mindful that your clients/service users may require further information on (a) adoption; (b) donated eggs/sperm; (c) surrogacy.

It would be great to have a LGBT representative on the Forum."

Anyone with an interest or relevant skills who would like to consider responding to this, contact [rachel.cook@michelmores.com](mailto:rachel.cook@michelmores.com).

## Black South West Network: Accredited Volunteering

There are ten volunteer places available at BSWN in Bristol, including sponsored accredited training. Anyone interested should contact Karen at [office.manager@bswn.org.uk](mailto:office.manager@bswn.org.uk).

## Pride events coming up...

<b>Bourne Free</b>	<b>Bournemouth Pride, 8 – 10 July. <a href="http://www.bournefree.co.uk">www.bournefree.co.uk</a></b>
<b>Cornwall Pride</b>	<b>Truro, Saturday 27 August. <a href="http://www.cornwallpride.com">www.cornwallpride.com</a></b>
<b>Pride Torbay</b>	<b>Torbay Pride, 28 -31 July. <a href="http://www.pridetorbay.org">www.pridetorbay.org</a></b>
<b>Plymouth Out Fest</b>	<b>Plymouth Pride: To Be Announced. <a href="http://www.plymouthout.co.uk">www.plymouthout.co.uk</a></b>

**Our August Newsletter will go out at the end of July.**

**The deadline will be Wednesday 27 July.**

**Local Groups, if you want us to promote your events,  
let us know in good time!**

**If you want to be sure your event reaches the Newsletter team,  
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**Teignbridge District Council is looking for feedback from lesbian gay bisexual and trans people and others who live or work or use services in the Teignbridge district!**

## Teignbridge District Council Draft Council Plan 2011-2015



### Consultation

**By taking part you could win a £50 voucher for a local shop, or charity, of your choice**



### **New Draft Council Plan 2011-2015**

A new four year Council Plan has been drafted to take into account the new priorities and guidelines coming from political change at national and local levels.



Goal 1 – Economic Prosperity

Goal 2 – Quality Environment

Goal 3 – Wellbeing

The new draft Plan tackles the needs of our communities and environment by setting out the Council's goals and key challenges. It describes the positive action the Council will take on issues that affect us all.

### **We want to know what you think!**

By taking the survey you can tell us if you agree with the Plan, or if you think we have missed something.

**[Click this link to take the survey](#)**

### **When is the consultation taking place?**

From Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2011 to Friday 29<sup>th</sup> July 2011

If you have any problems accessing the survey, please try the links below.

Customer Excellence Team  
Teignbridge District Council  
Email: [consultation@teignbridge.gov.uk](mailto:consultation@teignbridge.gov.uk)  
Web: [www.teignbridge.gov.uk/consultation](http://www.teignbridge.gov.uk/consultation)  
Tel: 01626 361 101

### **Data protection and confidentiality**

Teignbridge District Council is committed to the protection of personal information and is subject to the Data Protection Act. We guarantee that your information will be held securely, in accordance with data protection law and used only for the purpose for which it was collected.

If you wish to be removed from our database please [reply to this email](#) putting **UNSUBSCRIBE** in the Subject Box

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[www.teignbridge.gov.uk/consultation](http://www.teignbridge.gov.uk/consultation)

**You could win a £50 Voucher for a local shop, or charity, of your choice!** (Survey ends 29 July 2011)