

LGBT Community Newsletter

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Welcome to Intercom's October Newsletter!

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

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

=== Deadline for the November Newsletter is 27th October ===

==== Please send items for the Newsletter to News@intercomtrust.org.uk ====

Refreshing the LGBT Collective website!



Our best news from here is that two great volunteers have been updating the Collective website. They've started with the What's On page, so do **check it out for upcoming events near you.**

Email Zach and Nicole at Volunteers@intercomtrust.org.uk with any of your group's activities that are coming up in the next few months.

After we've got the What's On pages sorted, we'll start updating entries for individual groups. So if you've got additions or corrections for your group's entry, just email us: Volunteers@intercomtrust.org.uk.

Still on the Collective: Michael has been trying hard to get on top of the County and Regional Collective meeting arrangements, but since the end of July he's been frankly overwhelmed with meetings, fundraising deadlines, annual accounts, and budgets.

He hopes very much to have got things moving a day or two after this bulletin has gone out.

YOUR Collective website, www.lgbtcollective.org.uk

What's on in the South West peninsula —where — and when

Rainbow Café: Volunteers!

The Rainbow Café is looking for volunteers! It's fun, it's really useful, and it's great on a CV!

Add your name to the Roll of Honour! Help us deliver this massively successful event!

Contact Lizzie on 01392 678744 or e-mail Lizzie@intercomtrust.org.uk.

Go on, have a go!

On SATURDAYS, every week, the Exeter Rainbow Café is now held on accessible premises, at Exeter Age UK, 138 Cowick Street, Exeter EX4 1HS, from 11 o'clock to 2 o'clock.

(Many thanks to our friends and colleagues at Exeter Age UK).

As always, the Tuesday evening Rainbow Café is at the Intercom Centre from 6 o'clock to 9 o'clock.



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Intercom's Confidential Community Help and Info

Cornwall Devon Plymouth & Torbay
helpline@intercomtrust.org.uk

Freephone 0800 612 3010
(or 01392 201018)

Dorset Bournemouth and Poole
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

Number 3 Coffee Mornings

Coffee morning for men held on the last Saturday of every month (the next meeting is on 29th October) from 11am – 3pm at Number 3, Tiverton.

For more information visit their website:

<http://www.lgbt.number3.co.uk>

Torbay Adoption Team

Torbay Adoption Team is looking for people who can offer a permanent home to children in need of adoption.

We welcome applications from prospective adopters regardless of sexual orientation. The only requirement is that you are able to meet the needs of a child and provide a stable, loving environment.

Telephone 01803 207870. Email adoption.team@torbay.gov.uk. www.torbay.gov.uk/adoption

Healthy Gay Cornwall events

Men's Social Evening

Men's social evening at The Brea Inn, Higher Brea (near Camborne) Thursday 13th October 6 - 9pm. The Brea Inn is a gay-owned and gay-friendly country-style pub, and is open to all. Come along and make some new friends or meet up with the regulars. For more information go to our website: www.healthygaycornwall.org.uk

Power Talking – Communication skills for life

Healthy Gay Cornwall & The Eddystone Trust in association with GMFA are hosting a free, two workshop on Saturday 15th October and 22nd October. It's for gay & bisexual men and looks at how you can improve your communication skills - saying yes to things you want from life and no to the things you don't want! The course is being held in Redruth (and will be repeated again in Devon early next year) and booking is essential - for more information go to: www.gmfa.org.uk/national

Rainbow Source

Rainbow Source is a LGBT radio show for Falmouth, Penryn, Cornwall and beyond. It's hosted by Al Green and Steve Cannon and they are occasionally joined by friends and guests to present the show from 6pm till 7:30pm every Wednesday from the studios in Falmouth. They'll talk about the current issues for the LGB&T communities, play music and let people know what's happening with events and groups across Devon and Cornwall, nationally and internationally!

The award winning Rainbow Source (most innovative radio show 2011) can be found online at www.thesourcefm.co.uk and just look for the listen live button!

Their email is rainbowsource@hotmail.co.uk and you can search for them on Facebook under Rainbow Show.

Happy listening!!

Exeter Pride Volunteer Open Evening

Preparations are well under way for Exeter's fourth Pride event, one of the area's largest lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) celebrations.

The day, which is expected to attract hundreds of people to the city from around the South West and beyond, will include a rainbow flag parade through the city centre, fun events, workshops, music, stalls and a discussion with a panel of invited guests.

Exeter Pride Volunteer Open Evening will be held on Wednesday 5th October, 6:30 - 8pm @ Cafe Nero (High Street).

Have a coffee and sign up for stuff - be great to see as many there as possible.

Google Application — New Campaign!

One of Intercom's supporters writes:

"Google, makers of the Android phone, have a clearly offensive application on sale in their marketplace. The "Is My Son Gay?" app asks mothers if their child "likes football" rather than "musical comedies" and other laughable stereotypes. But worse, the app implies that being gay means you're weird and that your parents did something wrong to make you that way.

There's a petition to remove this app immediately. If it gets enough signatures soon, it can be removed for good.

Go to <http://allout.org/androidapp> to add your signature."

Pride after Prejudice

Pride and Prejudice is an exciting one-off event giving you the chance to listen to four innovative and provocative speakers addressing the issues affecting today's LGBT youth. You'll also be able to challenge them during an hour-long debate with members of the audience - from bullying and discrimination to homelessness and mental health issues and they will be discussing the pride of the LGBT community and the problems they face in search of recognition and acceptance.

The event will take place on October 31st (6-9 pm) in Bristol, and you can find more details on <http://prideafterprejudice.org>.

An Evening with LGBT Campaigner Troy Perry

MCC presents 'An Evening with Troy' this Friday evening, 30th September at 7.30 pm.

Troy will share about his life and his over 40 years as an LGBT Campaigner.

Troy was the first openly gay person to serve on the Los Angeles County Commission on Human Relations. In 1978 he was honoured by the American Civil Liberties Union Lesbian and Gay Rights Chapter with its Humanitarian Award. He has been awarded honorary doctorates from Episcopal Divinity School, Samaritan College, and Sierra University and was honoured by the Gay Press Association with its Humanitarian Award.

For more information visit <http://www.mccbournemouth.co.uk/ministries.htm>

Exeter Fringe Festival

During Exeter Fringe festival there will be performances featuring Lucy Lepchani, Sara Hurley and Rachel Miller.

'Telling the Way Back Home', an Evening of Women's Words, with 'And Then She Said'.

Friday 1st July - 7.30 pm - Cygnet New Theatre, Exeter EX2 4AZ

Tickets £7 or £5 concessions.

Tickets can be purchased from Exeter Phoenix Box Office:(01392) 667080 |

www.exeterphoenix.org.uk

For more info see : www.and-then-she-said.co.uk and www.exeterfringe.org.uk

Gay Outdoor Club Events

Teignmouth to Dawlish, Sunday 2nd October.

A 5 mile circular walk along the coast path and return, after a steady climb, via field paths.

Autumn in the South Cotswolds , Sunday 2nd October

Circular walk in south Cotswolds around the villages of West Littleton and West Kington. Approximately 8 miles. Please bring a picnic lunch.

The Roseland-Nare Head, Sunday 9th October

A 7-9 mile walk from Carne towards Veyan with coastal views of most of Roseland Peninsula, returning inland to enjoy Autumn colours.

Littlebredy/Valley of Stones/Portesham, Sunday 9th October

An 8-mile circular walk with some climbs, following a section of the SW Coast Path (Inland route)

Visit their website at <http://www.goc.org.uk/>

Institute of Equality & Diversity Practitioners

Autumn Training Programme

Training on Public Sector Equality Duties

This short course provides an opportunity to share and clarify what the public sector duties mean to you if you are a provider or user of services of public services. The course covers organisations who work with or for public authorities. What does 'due regard' mean? What is proportionate? And who to you make or avoid a legal challenge if due regard has not been exercised?

8th November 2011: Vassall Centre Gill Avenue Bristol, 11am- 3pm. Bring your own lunch.

To book a place please contact: info@iedp.org.uk

Our November Newsletter will go out at the end of October.

The deadline for news this month will be 27 October.

Local Groups, if you want us to promote your events,

let us know in good time!

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