

# LGBT Community 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 February Newsletter is 27<sup>th</sup> February ===

==== Please send items for the Newsletter to [news@intercomtrust.org.uk](mailto:news@intercomtrust.org.uk) ====

## Same-sex marriage

There are rumours that some MPs, led by a very active figure in the Conservative Christian Fellowship, are planning a revolt which would torpedo Mr. Cameron's promise that we should have marriage equality. Intercom will be looking into this further: if you want to keep up to date, keep your eye on the Intercom website front page, [www.intercomtrust.org.uk](http://www.intercomtrust.org.uk).

For the background, have a look at the Independent's lead story yesterday, 17 January:  
<http://www.independent.co.uk/hei-fi/news/100-tory-mps-to-rebel-against-pms-plan-to-legalise-gay-marriage-6290749.html?origin=internalSearch>

## Tea for T Girls

Tea for T Girls is a social group for trans women in Exeter, running on the second Sunday of each month, at the Intercom Centre in Exeter.

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.

They meet here at the Intercom Centre from 4pm-9pm every second Sunday, the next dates are: 12<sup>th</sup> February, 11<sup>th</sup> March, 8<sup>th</sup> April, 13<sup>th</sup> May

Please contact Becky at: [Ccforfun94@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:Ccforfun94@yahoo.co.uk) for further details.

Or contact:

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

## Rainbow Café

Rainbow Café continues to hold its Saturday sessions at a venue which is fully accessible at Exeter Age UK on Cowick Street, every Saturday from 11am-2pm, please help us to spread the word. If you would like any fliers about the cafe please let us know.

The Tuesday café continues to run at the Intercom Community Centre from 6pm-9pm.



## Room to Let in Exeter

Looking for spare room to let.  
Must be trans friendly.  
Preferably in Exeter area.

Please contact Andy or Lizzie on 01392 201012 or email [lizzie@intercomtrust.org.uk](mailto:lizzie@intercomtrust.org.uk) for further details, thanks.

## LOVE TO ALL!

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Nicole, Zach, Michael and the team

**=== Community news follows on the next page ...**

## Community news

You tell us — We spread the good news

### Outset Festival 2012

Following the success of the LGBT arts festival Outset last year, the Brewhouse Theatre in Taunton is throwing open its doors once again for the festival and this year it runs across a whole weekend from February 10<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> 2012.

The theatre will present a sensational mix of LGBT theatre, dance, comedy and music. With professional performances coming to Somerset from London and Brighton, plus regional artists premiering their new shows - this weekend will be one to remember!

The whole event is focused on celebrating lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender arts with shows running from 5pm on the Friday to 3pm on the Sunday. Full details of all the acts can be found at [www.outsetfestival.co.uk](http://www.outsetfestival.co.uk) and don't forget to follow them on Twitter or 'like' them on Facebook!

There is also plenty of ways to get creative; we want people to read their poetry at the open mike (email Louise) and as many 'up for it' people to try out the free dance and singing workshops - absolutely no experience necessary! This all takes on the Saturday with the cafe bar in full swing!

If you lead a group or want to promote your LGBT resource then please email Louise as soon as possible as they would love to offer you a stall pitch in the Cafe bar on the Saturday between 12 and 4pm - so you can share what you are up to with visitors to the festival! Please email:

[louise@prettygoodgirl.com](mailto:louise@prettygoodgirl.com)



### Writer in residence for local LGBT community

Lit Up!, the writer and writing development programme for Poole and Bournemouth, are delighted to announce the appointment of a writer in residence within the LGBT (lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans) community in Bournemouth and Poole.

The selected writer – poet Andrew McMillan – will be working within the Over the Rainbow centre, St Michael's Road, on most Thursdays and Fridays from 19<sup>th</sup> Jan – 24<sup>th</sup> Feb and will be offering free group and one-to-one writing sessions for the local LGBT community.

Poet Andrew McMillan said: 'I can't wait to start working with the amazing LGBT community in Bournemouth and supporting them to tell their stories and release their creativity.'

Local novelist and facilitator, James Cole, will also be on-hand to lead some sessions for those who are keen to write longer pieces of work.

To find out more about the sessions email Andrew on [andrewlitup@gmail.com](mailto:andrewlitup@gmail.com). More information about Lit Up! can be found at [www.litup.org.uk](http://www.litup.org.uk).

## Dorset Police

Over the last few years Dorset Police have established a great track-record in equality and specifically in involving LGB and Trans people, and they're also now working hard to deal with homophobic and transphobic crime in Dorset Bournemouth and Poole.

There are several bits of good news coming out of Dorset police as we embark on 2012...  
... but this month we'll focus on their consultation, which runs till the end of January.

(But watch this space next month for a great new instalment of Dorset police news...)

So. This month they're consulting on their draft Equality Objectives. Do let them know your thoughts about whether these objectives are the right ones for LGB and Trans people, or if they could be improved.

Please follow this link: <http://www.dorset.police.uk/Default.aspx?page=5742>

The closing date for responses is 31<sup>st</sup> January 2012.

## Consultation on School Admissions

### Consultation on Admission Arrangements for Devon schools for 2013-14

Devon County Council are very eager to make sure that their policies and arrangements to support schools and academies are positive and welcoming to LGB and Trans parents and children and young people. They're doing a consultation on school admissions and transport, and would LOVE LGB and Trans people who are parents, or who want to respond on behalf of their own local LGB or Trans community, to give them any thoughts you have about the way they're proposing to deliver services.

The consultation will be available for review and comment until **1 March 2012: have a look at [www.devon.gov.uk/admissionarrangements](http://www.devon.gov.uk/admissionarrangements)**. (The Council ask us to say, please mark your responses "ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS 2013".)

Views will be welcomed and will contribute to decisions on how Devon and Devon schools will manage access for children.

## Volunteers for Gendered Intelligence

### Do you wish to volunteer for Gendered Intelligence?

Come to our GIVS Induction Day! All are welcome! All ages, all genders and you do not have to reside in London!

At Central School of Speech & Drama in London on Saturday 28th January from 1:30 – 4:30pm.

We are holding an induction day for all those who wish to get involved and volunteer for Gendered Intelligence.

In November we launched our Gendered Intelligence Volunteers Society (GIVS) with an open day. We recruited about 20 volunteers who have already started working hard at Gendered Intelligence.

From this day we have formed: a steering group, an events group, a group that will represent Gendered Intelligence on steering groups, panels, consortiums and other projects and collaborations, a group that will build resources and ad hoc that will help us with the work that we already do.

At the induction day we will outline the work that we do at Gendered Intelligence and how GIVS has so far been set up. We will also workshop our ideas and find out where potential volunteers' interests lie. It may be that you have some ideas yourself for a project that will contribute to our causes.

In exchange for your volunteering we hope you will:

- Raise your career aspirations
- Build skills
- Increase job prospects
- Gain job references
- Develop your own interests (hobbies, political and community activism)
- Gain opportunities to socialize and meet other like-minded people
- Strengthen our communities!

Sign up by e-mailing them at [volunteer@genderedintelligence.co.uk](mailto:volunteer@genderedintelligence.co.uk)

## LGBT History Month

Lesbian Gay Bisexual Trans History Month takes place every year in February. It celebrates the lives and achievements of the LGBT community and is committed to celebrating its diversity and that of the society as a whole. Visit <http://lgbthistorymonth.org.uk/> for more information.



The latest edition of the LGBT History Month bulletin is now available, as usual packed-full of news, information, notices of upcoming events and quotations: [www.lgbthistorymonth.org.uk](http://www.lgbthistorymonth.org.uk).

## Exeter Pride 2012

Exeter Pride has a fabulously colourful website full of exciting information! Visit their website for details about events and how you can get involved - <http://www.exeterpride.co.uk/>



'Now in its fourth successful year and bigger and better than ever, Pride Day is a **FREE** event, thanks to our many sponsors and a hard-working committee of volunteers and trustees who work hard raising funds all year long to ensure that **Exeter Pride** takes place.

Pride Day this year will include a Rainbow Flag Parade through the city centre plus plenty of entertainment, including music, song and dance plus things like legal workshops, drumming, a big debate and so much more!'

## New LGBT Tavistock Group

There is interest in setting up a new LGBT group in Tavistock, for support, networking, campaigns and events. If interested please contact AI on 01822 616083 or email [myfaerieking@btinternet.com](mailto:myfaerieking@btinternet.com).

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Our February Newsletter will go out at the end of January.

Local Groups, if you want us to promote your events, let us know in good time! **The final deadline is February 27<sup>th</sup>.**

If you want to be sure your event reaches the Newsletter team, **send it to [news@intercomtrust.org.uk](mailto:news@intercomtrust.org.uk)**

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