

INTERCOM NEWS BULLETIN

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Greetings and welcome to the month of February, we have been expecting you! This month – as we all know – is LGBT History month so do read on as we are featuring some of the local events that will be celebrating the lives and achievements of the LGBT community. As well as History month we have the usual events diary and lots of exciting group news from around the South West peninsula – and rather more sport news than usual – which is nice.

LGBT History Month...

We know that this month a lot of local councils and colleges are putting up LGBT history month displays and putting on various event which is great – if you haven't got anything planned and would like to have a pop at celebrating LGBT History Month in some way - why not get in touch or have a look on the LGBT History Month website for some ideas - <http://www.lgbthistorymonth.org.uk/>

Here are a few events that people have emailed in to us...

LGBT Stories and Consultation event

As part of LGBT History month – Pool Borough Council is collecting stories as part of a consultation event. You can join them for stories, coffee and a chat on Saturday 13th February (10am – 12noon) at Poole Central Library or on Wednesday 24th February (4pm – 6pm) at Branksome Library. Contact j.westcott@poole.gov.uk or c.gardiner@poole.gov.uk for more information.

Rainbow Source

Rainbow Source is LGBT radio for Cornwall and beyond. The splendid team behind the community radio show is hosting a series of programmes over the month on LGBT history they will be having guests and special presenters – so tune in and listen!

<http://www.thesourcefm.co.uk/listen> - From 6pm till 7:30pm every Wednesday listen live online at www.thesourcefm.co.uk anywhere in the country!

LGBT History Month events a little further afield

Join author and creative writing lecturer Paul Magrs as he talks about his work and influences. Paul's work ranges from the dark gothic comedy of the acclaimed "Brenda and Effie" novels, through Sci-Fi works in the Doctor Who series, to gritty teen fiction such as his controversial 2002 book "Strange Boy". **Bedminster Library, Thursday 25th February, 7:30-9pm**

Tickets cost £2 and are available from any Bristol Library or by ringing Bedminster Library on 0117 9038529.

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Rhapsody, the BME LGBT social group has organised a film at the Watershed on Sunday 7th Feb at 1pm.

In this our Lives is Topher Campbell's film of the struggles and triumphs of black gay men in the UK. The film is introduced by the director Topher Campbell and will be followed by a question and answer session with him. Cost is £3.50 Speaker costs funded by the Bristol LGB Forum
For more about the director and his work go to <http://www.rukus.co.uk/content/view/5/26/>

Football V's Homophobia

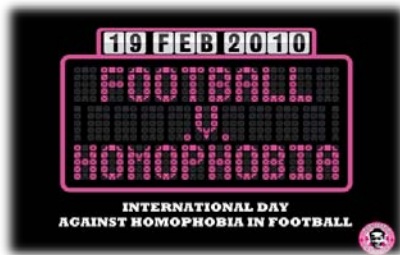
On February 19th 2010, The Justin Campaign are launching an initiative, Football v Homophobia, to raise awareness of homophobia in amateur and professional football; to unite clubs, players and fans internationally by using the game of football to bring communities together in opposing hate and intolerance in the world's favourite sport.

After listening to our partners and supporters, The Justin Campaign believe that to tackle homophobia in football effectively a collective show of opposition needs to be made by all involved to get a message of zero tolerance across to the perpetrators of homophobic insults and abuse.

We intend that Football v Homophobia on Feb 19th will become the one day out of each year where individuals, community groups & teams and clubs internationally can express their disapproval of homophobia in football by celebrating under the banner of Football v Homophobia.

The launch in the UK this year will also coincide with LGBT (Lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgendered) History Month, a full month of activity celebrating the lives and achievements of the LGBT community. We hope that you can express your support for the day and ensure that this initiative significantly changes how LGBT people are perceived

and treated in football. You don't have to be a football fan or sports groups to back the campaign.



Ways non-football groups can show their support for Football v Homophobia:

- Upload the Football v Homophobia logo onto your website, briefly explaining the purpose of the initiative and add a message of support.
- Include an article on Football v Homophobia in your organisation's newsletter.
- Provide The Justin Campaign with your organisation's logo and details so that we can ensure they appear on our campaign materials.
- Circulate this message and news of Football v Homophobia to other organisations, community groups, football teams and the media in your area.
- Support local teams in arranging football matches, tournaments, skills events, quizzes or other themed events in your area to celebrate Football v Homophobia.

Here at The Justin Campaign we are happy to field any questions regarding the launch of the initiative, support you in developing any ideas you might have about how you celebrate Football v Homophobia and provide you with any promotional materials such as posters and flyers.

Via website: www.thejustincampaign.com

Via email: justincampaign@gmail.com

Via phone: 07791583088 – Jason Hall, Founding Director.

07925733387 – Darren Ollerton, Campaign Director.

07904208187 – Paul Windsor, Campaign Director.

Local Diversity Tournament

This year, as part of the series of celebrations for Exeter pride and the Justin campaign, the Exeter Lions, Exeter's very own LGBT friendly football team are hosting a 6 a-side football tournament. The aim of the tournament is to celebrate awareness of the diverse community groups within Exeter and further afield who share a passion for football. The tournament also coincides with the International day against homophobia in football (see above) which is being organised by the Justin



Campaign.

Exeter Lions FC are proud to be sponsored by Devon & Cornwall Constabulary and are grateful for their support which has enabled us to host this event. **Saturday 20th February 2010 from 2pm until 6pm.**

Exeter University Sports Centre - Streatham Campus, Stocker Road, Exeter, EX4 4QN, To find out more e-mail-mail@exeterlionsfc.co.uk

Educational Action Challenging Homophobia REACH Project Coordinator Post

Bristol - **£21,500 - £28,179** (pro-rata) – 30 hours per week

You will be responsible for coordinating, delivering, developing and promoting EACH's new project for LGB/T young people: REACH. REACH is a 5-year project supporting lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender (LGB/T) young people develop a sense of pride in their identity and help their peers and adults in young people's settings challenge homophobic or transphobic bullying. The REACH Project Coordinator will manage and develop the existing youth group for LGB/T young people based in Bath and will coordinate and deliver a range of related initiatives across Bath & North East Somerset, North Somerset, South Gloucestershire and

Bristol. Subject to a satisfactory Criminal Records Bureau check, the successful applicant will join the team of this hard-working and award-winning charity.

To download an application pack, visit: www.eachaction.org.uk/jobs Or call: 0117 946 7607

Closing date for applications: Friday 26th February 2010

Devon Records Office

Don't forget the LGBT archive is up and running at the Devon Record Office! They are happy to accept material/letters/LGBT correspondence to increase LGBT Heritage information but they don't take newspapers or magazines or collect photos unless they come in with a specific collection of documents. So just letters or minutes from meetings... that sort of thing.

Visit http://www.devon.gov.uk/record_office.htm or email devrec@devon.gov.uk

Fancy a sneaky peek at your local prides for 2010?

Exeter Pride Rumble in the Jumble!

Exeter pride hosted a Big Gay Jumble sale on Saturday 6th February – which was a brilliant success and apart from all the fun that was had they raised £355. The committee would like to thank all of the kind donations from everyone and the splendid volunteers who worked so hard to make the day run smoothly. The Cake factor went down well– with 10 entrants – congratulations to the winner who produced a rainbow cake (outside and in!) and we got to eat them all after they had been judged – good times!

Here is a bit of an update of some of the things that Exeter pride has in the offing...

Saturday 20th Feb- Pride diversity tournament @ Exeter Uni

What's occurring on the day...

Saturday 17th march - EXETRE PRIDE – a fun packed day including...

Pride Parade through Exeter City centre | Community and commercial stalls | Womens space | Dedicated youth space | Speed dating | Mens space | Workshops | Discussion panels | Chillout Café with Live music

Check out www.exeterpride.co.uk for more information about any of the events.

To find out info@exeterpride.co.uk or call 01392 201012.

Stewards Needed for Exeter Pride Rainbow Parade!

As part of the celebrations for Exeter Pride on Saturday March 27th we will be having a parade through the City Centre to kick start the day. The simple parade will start at St Sidwell's Centre on Sidwell Street, move down through the High Street, turn right into Queen Street and finish at Little Paul Street just in the right place for everyone to head into the Phoenix...clever huh ☐! We will be parading with our 50m long rainbow flag and are encouraging everyone to bring along any rainbow flags they have to make it as colourful as possible.

In order to make the parade a success we need about 20 volunteers to act as stewards and ensure that we keep the parade moving, ensure the public's safety and make sure everyone has a great time ☐! Does this sound like something you would be interested in doing? If so, I would love to hear from you. You will be required from 10:30am on Sat 27th until 12:00pm. You can contact me on 01392 201012 or paul@intercomtrust.org.uk. Be a part of this exciting day!

Bourne Free need you to get to the Wild West

It has now been revealed that Bourne Free, Bournemouth's Pride Festival, will be taking over the seaside resort for the weekend of Friday 9th until Sunday 11th of July 2010!

The 2009 event attracted thousands of people from across the UK with the "Circus" themed parade around the town, extended Live Show and Street Party in the triangle.

Bourne Free Committee already working hard to put together a packed programme of entertainment and has finalised details of a unique new theme; "Wild, Wild West". Expect to see sexy cowboys and cowgirls, outrageous red-Indians, and even the odd pantomime horse for good measure. Bourne Free is now looking for new Trustees and volunteers – so if you feel that you can spare a few hours a month to be part of this exciting event get in touch with them on peter@bournfree.co.uk

They are also very happy to take donations or work with people to set up fundraising events/ideas – it's YOUR local Pride so don't forget to support it!

For information and all the latest news visit www.bournfree.co.uk

Cornwall Pride plans are underway

Following the tremendous success of last years Cornwall Pride festival, the committee are pleased to announce this year's festival will be held on Saturday 28th August 2010 in Truro.

Last year's event attracted almost 1000 people from the county's gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender communities who all took part in a parade through Truro City Centre, an afternoon garden party and finished with a dazzling, star studded evening of entertainment on Lemon Quay. Although a day of fun, it's purpose is to celebrate and embrace the diverse communities in Cornwall.

If you would like to be involved or just find out more about the event visit www.cornwallpride.co.uk

Somerset Lesbian Network

The Somerset Lesbian network are almost one year old! The network launched last March and they will be celebrating their anniversary and International Women's' Day on 13 March, at the Foyer, Peter Street, Yeovil, from 11.30am - 2pm. Jelly, Cakes and more..... everyone is welcome.

The book club will be meeting, on 23 February at 7.00 (in Yeovil area) to review Ruby Fruit Jungle by Rita Mae Brown. Next Book – Push, the 1996 debut novel of American author Sapphire linked to seeing the

film based on the book, Precious, followed by a Book Club meet to discuss film and Book. Get in touch via email to sln09@btinternet.com or phone 07599 070755 if you need more info.

Gay Book Worms?

The first Gay Book Worm book group was held on Monday 1st February at Intercom Community Centre. The group chose 'Middlesex' by Jeffrey Eugenides as their first book to read so for anyone that missed the first meeting but would like to come along next time, you can get reading in time! The group will be meeting on the first Monday of every month from now on – so just contact the group on gaybookworm@gmail.com or find the group on Facebook by searching for 'Exeter Gay & Lesbian Book Group'

New LGBTQ Youth Group for East Devon?

We have recently been approached by a few young people from across East Devon who are keen to set up a new LGBTQ youth group in the Honiton area to serve East Devon and nearby parts of Dorset. The young people are keen to know if anyone would be interested in such a group – you can contact the young people through us on 01392 201012 or vickyw@intercomtrust.org.uk

Events Calendar

For more events and further details of all the following events, check out
www.lgbtcollective.org.uk

Date	Event & Contact	Time & Location
Saturday 20 th February	<p>IDAHO – international Day Against Homophobia in Football</p> <p>The Exeter Lions are marking the day with a diversity football tournament - followed by a bit of a drink!</p> <p>exeterlions@googlemail.com</p>	<p>2pm – 6pm</p> <p>Exeter University Sports Centre - Streatham Campus</p>
Sunday 21 st February	<p>Dorset Chillout Café</p> <p>LGBT chilled out friendly café style event</p> <p>dorsetchillout@hotmail.com</p>	<p>1.30pm to 4.30pm</p> <p>Nappers Mite, 19 South Street, Dorchester</p>
Sunday 21 st February	<p>Cornwall Chillout Café</p> <p>LGBT chilled out friendly café style event.</p> <p>cornwallchilloutcafe@hotmail.co.uk or 01392 201012</p>	<p>2 - 5pm</p> <p>Cross Roads Inn, Scorrier</p>
Monthly & Regular Events		
1 st Monday of the month	<p>Gay Book Worm is Exeter's new gay & lesbian Book Group - like reading? Love this group!</p> <p>gaybookworm@gmail.com</p>	<p>7:30pm</p> <p>Intercom Community Centre, New Bridge St</p>
3 rd Saturday of the month	<p>Western Boys is a support and social group for FTM identified people Do not meet in June or December</p> <p>info@westernboys.org www.westernboys.org Text or phone: 07811 814302</p>	<p>6pm – 9pm</p> <p>Taunton location</p>
1 st Saturday of the month	<p>PONY CLUB NIGHT @ BAR BEYOND</p> <p>Monthly event for LGBT women in and around</p>	<p>8pm – late</p> <p>Bar Beyond, The</p>

	Bournemouth's Triangle. info@theponies.co.uk	Triangle, Bournemouth
Every Sunday	Pink Sundays at Pâtisserie Angelique Coffee and loveliness every Sunday	2-5pm Pâtisserie Angelique, 79 Poole Rd, Westbourne, Bournemouth
	cakes@patisserieangelique.com	
2nd & 4th Friday of the month	Kiss n Make Up Social group for TS/TVs, partners and admirers	8:30-late At Bar Beyond, Bournemouth
	http://groups.yahoo.com/group/kissnmakeupdorset/	
Monthly	Bournemouth Gay Writers Meet monthly to discuss writing and their own work.	7:30 – 9pm Over The Rainbow in Bournemouth
	bournemouthrainbowwriters@hotmail.co.uk	
1st Thursday of the month	Bideford Benders A fun LGBT night in Bideford.	7:30pm -1am Tavern in the Port, Bridge Street, Bideford
	bidefordbenders@hotmail.co.uk	
Last Saturday of the month	Torbay Rainbow café Monthly café style event for LGBT people in the Torbay area.	11.00am - 1.00pm MCC - Unitarian Church hall, Torquay
	torbayrainbowcafe@hotmail.co.uk	
2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month	Sit & Stitch New knitting group in Exeter for those who like to knit and have a chat!	6:30pm-08:30pm Heavenly Yarns, Fore St, Exeter
	heavenlyyarns@hotmail.co.uk or 01392 215131	

Got an event coming up?
e-mail us, because not only will it appear above it will also appear on the new **LGBT Collective Website** -see www.lgbtcollective.org.uk

Community Notice Board



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