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Bonjour

Welcome to June, by the time you read this, the Eurovision song contest will have been sung and the last bank holiday for three months will have been enjoyed. But do not despair because we have a bevy of things for you to look forward to... Pride season continues this month with Torbay Pride, we have some networking evenings up our sleeves and on top of all of this we have news of some new groups starting up!

We also bring you details of the LGBT10 Community Conference for LGBT groups and projects in September. Once again it is taking place in a stunning location and this year has a more varied selection of workshops than ever before – book your place early to avoid disappointment!

We also bring you some job news this month so if you're in the market for a new job – read on!

And finally – check out the Community listings for what's on and when. Don't forget to keep sending us your events and group meeting details – its free you know!

LGBT Networking

Following on from the success of the LGBT Collectives' Coffee evenings earlier in the year, the Collective are hosting two more evening events this month and a further two in July.

The events, both held in cafe's are for groups, individuals and anyone who provides an LGBT focused service. Everyone is invited to come along any do a bit of that all important 'networking' and find out what's occurring and what's available to them as LGBT groups and individuals.

For groups, it's an excellent opportunity to promote themselves, let people know who they are and what they do. For individuals it a great event to look at what's going on in your area, find out about local groups and events, get involved or just make some new friends!

Since the last set of events, several local groups have started working together, setting up a joint event and benefitting from each others experience and expertise. Another group has seen an increase in membership and we even saw a new group set up of the back of it!

Apart from anything else, both of June's events are in lovely surroundings with great coffee and even better conversation – there is even cake, and sometimes that's all you need!

Dorset - Tuesday 15th June, 6:30-08:30pm - Patisserie Angelique, 79 Pool Road, Westbourne, Bournemouth.

Devon - Wednesday 16th June, 6:30-08:30pm - Cafe Nero, High Street, Exeter

Torbay Pride

Kicking off on Friday 11th June with an evening boat trip Torbay Pride is set to be bigger and better than last year. When you get your land legs back you can hop over to the Official launch party at Candy Floss with DJ's and offers till silly O'clock in the morning.

Saturday 12th has a nice gentle start with a Pride Rainbow Café at the Community Hall in Montpellier Road where you can grab a coffee and some conversation.

The one of the highlight events of the weekend will be the Cirque du so Gay, a specially developed gay circus in the UK's only pink big top at Torre Abbey Meadows. Open from 1pm, show at 2pm, after-party in Ring-Master's Bar with live entertainment till 7pm then take a break until the Big Bang in the Circus Tent - Torre Abbey Meadows (9pm – 1am.) The biggest gay dance party the English Riviera has ever seen!

Wind down on Sunday with a 'Walk With Pride' for an hour and a half stroll around Torbay taking in pubs, clubs, historic sites, cafes, some places of notoriety and some unexpected places!

Then Chill out at the Big Gay Garden Party in the stunning gardens inside Torre Abbey. Bring a picnic, drinks and a blanket and enjoy a colorful garden party with charity stalls, live music stage (this event is Free)

Finally head on to the Meadfoot Street Party and finish off the weekend with the Pride Closing Part after which the Torbay Pride teams 'highly recommends you book Monday off!'

Other events include a BBQ Pool party 'Come to Daddy' at the Keywest Resort Hotel which is a night for bears and their fans - £5 and a VIP Party at Candyfloss

For a full programme of events see www.torbaypride.co.uk or Official Pride Torbay Group on Facebook for more information including times, prices and booking.

Tickets (ranging from £8 to £15) for all events are now on sale from the Torquay Tourist Information Centre, and selected gay venues.

Diversity Football Tournament

Intercom is delighted to announce that as part of this year's Pride Torbay celebrations, the PITCH campaign is hosting a 6-a-side football tournament for Torbay Pride. The aim of the PITCH (Proactive Initiative To Challenge Homophobia) tournament is to celebrate awareness of the diverse community groups within Torbay and further afield who share a passion for football. PITCH's Sports Education Outreach Worker has been working over the last five months to create a sustainable community resource to tackle homophobia in sport and make it more accessible to LGBT people. This event will serve to raise awareness of the issues surrounding homophobia in football and will provide participants with a fun yet competitive tournament. The knock-out tournament will be played on the Astro Turf and supporters are very warmly welcomed. If you would like to enter a team, please let Joe from Intercom Trust know by email.

Sunday 13th June Torbay Leisure Centre – Paignton 11 am

email- joe@intercomtrust.org.uk or call 07551 588952

Plymouth Pride

Organisers of the annual Plymouth Pride Event are hoping that the recent flying of a Rainbow Flag outside Plymouth Guildhall will help to encourage more reporting of hate crime to the police.

Plymouth Pride Event is a city council partner organisation and arranged for the Rainbow Flag is to be flown to mark the International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia (IDAHO). It hopes the move will help raise awareness of the need to report hate crime, which is estimated to be under-reported by 75 per cent. Leaflets and beer mats giving advice on how to report hate crime have also been produced and are being distributed in LGBT venues by the council and Plymouth Pride Event partnership.

The Guildhall was chosen for the flag flying because it has been a focal point for the annual Plymouth Pride Event celebrations over the past four years.

Plymouth Pride Event is currently looking for new voluntary trustees to oversee and help with the running of the annual event as the existing post holders step down due to their own work commitments and for health reasons.

Plymouth Pride Event treasurer David O'Brien said: "We hope to recruit people whose fresh energy and ideas can take the event to the next level. It is financially sound and is well-supported by LGBT groups and the wider community, but we just do not have enough people to cope properly with all the work that needs doing."

Anybody interested in becoming a Plymouth Pride Event trustee or joining the organising committee should get in touch as soon as possible because of the need to organise events this year. They can email chair@plymouthprideevent.org.uk or write c/o 36 Looe Street, Plymouth, PL4 0EB.

Further details about the vacancies and more information about the festival can be found by logging on to www.plymouthprideevent.org.uk or by emailing chair@plymouthprideevent.org.uk

DEAFAB

This June the second DEAFAB – (deaf and fabulous) – Deaf Gay Pride will be taking place in Bristol. With a weekend of events you can get a weekend pass (£10) which gets you on a boat trip and to into selected venues at discounted prices with offers on drink and food. Check out their fabulous – and I mean FABULOUS, website for more information... <http://www.deafab.co.uk/enter.htm>

LGBTIO

Oh my Nan, it's that time of year once more when all the LGBT groups and projects convene for a weekend of networking and workshops! This year's community conference is taking place in the stunning location of Torquay with *Amazing* views over the bay. Last year the groups spoke and we listened, and this year's conference will have plenty of that all important networking time and an even wider variety of workshops but places are going fast so get in touch!

Just to remind you....

Each LGBT group/project can send up to two representatives.

There is a charge of £30 per delegate, this includes overnight accommodation and meals/refreshments (we do have some bursaries set aside for those groups who would be prevented from attending without assistance, so please do get in touch)

Lead Officers from the LGBT Collective will need to be in attendance as their will be an open South West Collective meeting.

Lead Officers should try and come as one of the two delegates from their group if possible.

To find out more or to book your groups place please contact us on 01392 201012 or

vickyw@intercomtrust.org.uk

A few interesting jobs...

Bar stall in Vaults, Exeter LGBT friendly bar & night club (All positions applicants must be 18+)

Vaults require part time bar staff

Experience required - personal license preferred but not essential

must be able to work weekends and some weeknight shifts.

They are also looking to recruit part time bar staff (experience not essential) - must be able to work weekends and a glass collector (Saturday nights essential)

For more information please contact vaults Exeter on

01392 203939 or info@vaultsexeter.co.uk



Broken Rainbow LGBT Domestic Violence Service (UK) is the only National charity for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender people experiencing domestic violence.

We are currently recruiting an

Office Co-ordinator

£22,693 - 26,739 (Inc ILW)

Based in London SE16

We need an experienced, organised individual to manage our daily office operations. You will need to have experience of charity sector office management, be a confident decision maker, particularly with stakeholders and public enquiries. An understanding of domestic violence, and the LGBT sector is preferred.

The successful applicant will be required to demonstrate working on own initiative, managing a diverse workload, meeting deadlines, and flexibility. The post holder should also have excellent people skills in order to support an administrator, and volunteers.

The Broken Rainbow office is based in London SE16, flexible working hours can be arranged, and P/T or Job Share proposals will be considered.

To apply, please download a job specification and person specification with an application form via **our website**: <http://www.broken-rainbow.org.uk/jobs.html>

Closing date for applications Sunday 20th June 2010 **Interviews** will be on Thursday 24th June 2010

Starting or Running an LGBT group

Ever visited an LGBT group or events and thought – I wish there was something like that where I lived? Or maybe you just can't find any LGBT groups or activities in your area!

Don't despair, start your own.

It isn't as much work as you think it is – and we can offer you all the support you might need.

Intercoms Community Development team offers general and tailored support and training (it's all free for volunteers) to community groups and projects. We are here to support people and their groups, it is what we do! This can be anything from helping you advertise a brand new group, designing the new group a leaflet and printing them off for you to helping you find somewhere to meet!

Once you're up and running with a few members, the support doesn't stop there, we will continue to offer ongoing support to enable your groups to develop with the members from finding funding sources, - to working with you to structure your group, to applying for funding and running events. Because we work with such a varied range of groups we can really bring you up to date information and experience from the groups themselves, this might mean linking your new group with one that's been running for a while so you can learn from each other's experience.

If you would like any further information on any of the above services or networks – please do get in touch.

Look at www.lgbtcollective.org.uk , www.intercomtrust.org.uk/lsw/index.htm or contact us directly on vickyw@intercomtrust.org.uk / 01392 201012

Cornwall Chillout Café

The Chillout café has now been running for roughly six months and was getting great mixed crowds every month. However over the last three months numbers have been declining and the group was wondering why! If

any one has any feedback for the group, or ideas to pick it up again – please email the group on cornwallchilloutcafe@hotmail.co.uk and let them know.

Alternatively if you would be interested in hosting a similar group or volunteering for the existing one – please let them know. Unfortunately the café will cease to be if no one uses it, if you don't use it you lose it, that's what they say!

Tallulah Theatre

Tallulah is a new community performance group meeting weekly in the Bristol. It welcomes lesbian, gay, bi and trans women who have a passion for performance and want to be part of a like minded theatre community. We wouldn't normally promote things in Bristol as it's out of the area we cover, but this unique group looks really great and Louise, the organiser would consider bringing a group to an interested crowd – so don't be shy to contact her even it's a bit far for you to travel.

Group meets every Thursday starting on June 10th. Contact Lou for more information on 07967204441 or louise@prettygoodgirl.com.

Glee* (Gay & Lesbian Entertainment in Exeter)

Glee will be launching on Friday 25th June, with an evening of comedy.

Contact exeterglee@hotmail.co.uk for more information and ticket prices (tickets are going fast so be quick!)

Senior Moments

A new group for LGBT people over 50, pop along for coffee, cake and conversation with other like minded people. Takes place at Over the Rainbow in Bournemouth. Contact John on 01202 257478.

Cameo

This group, although new to the LGBT Collective, has been around for at least 12 years now. They meet every third Wednesday of the month, near Poole.

Meetings start at 7.30pm and run till approx 11.30. The meeting place is secluded with private parking, so very accessible for the "new" trans person coming out. Food and refreshments inc alcohol are available at the venue. Approximately 10 - 20 people can turn up. The group charge £3 per head to help cover cost of renting the venue and any surplus is used to subsidize a Christmas meal and summer BBQ. The group welcome all transgendered people including partners or friends offering support and they also offer informal support and advice on all things transgendered. If anyone wants to join they can make contact through the website to chat to someone about going along and to find out details about venues etc... <http://www.cameogroup.org>

Dusty's

For the 40+ lesbian. Dusty's is a networking site for the forty plus lesbian. Based in Weymouth, Dorset it is aimed at those who are single or just wanting to meet new women.

Women meet informally at a Weymouth Pub - 2nd and 4th Monday evenings of the month. Also arrange walks – call Jackie on 07815 530012 or see website for more information <http://dustys.yolasite.com>

Community Listings

Date	Event & Contact	Time &
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		Location
Thursday 10th June	Tallulah Theatre The first of regular meetings for a new community performance group for lesbian and bi women. 07967204441 or louise@prettygoodgirl.com	7pm Community Arts Space Bristol
11-13th June	Torbay Pride A veritable plethora of events and activities – see above for summery of events www.torbaypride.co.uk	Various times Various locations
Sunday 13th June	Diversity Tournament Intercom's sport initiative PITCH – come and enter a team for free and be part of this 6 – a – side tournament joe@intercomtrust.org.uk www.torbaypride.co.uk	11am Torbay Leisure Centre Paignton
Tuesday 15th June	Dorset Collective Networking Evening An relaxed evening of networking for LGBT people to find out about local groups and events www.lgbtcollective.org.uk	6:30-8:30pm Patisserie Angelique Bournemouth
Wednesday 16th June	Devon Collective Networking Evening An relaxed evening of networking for LGBT people to find out about local groups and events www.lgbtcollective.org.uk	6:30 – 8:30pm Café Nero, High St Exeter
Sunday 20th June	Dorset Chillout Café LGBT chilled out friendly café style event dorsetchillout@hotmail.com	1.30pm to 4.30pm Nappers Mite, 19 South Street, Dorchester
Sunday 20th June	Cornwall Chillout Café LGBT chilled out friendly café style event. USE IT OR LOOSE IT! corwallchilloutcafe@hotmail.co.uk	2 - 5pm Cross Roads Inn, Scorrier
Regular Events		
3rd Saturday of the month	Western Boys is a support and social group for FTM identified people. Group does not meet in June or Dec info@westernboys.org www.westernboys.org Text or phone: 07811 814302	6pm – 9pm Taunton location
1st Saturday of the month	PONY CLUB NIGHT @ BAR BEYOND Monthly event for LGBT women in and around Bournemouth's Triangle. info@theponies.co.uk	8pm – late Bar Beyond, The Triangle, Bournemouth
Every Sunday	Pink Sundays at Pâtisserie Angelique Coffee and loveliness every Sunday cakes@patisserieangelique.com	2-5pm Patisserie Angelique, Bournemouth
2nd & 4th Saturday of the month	Kiss n Make Up Social group for TS/TVs, partners and admirers http://sites.google.com/site/kissnmakeupgroup/	8:30-late Bakers Arms, B 'mouth
Last Wednesday of every Monthly	Bournemouth Gay Writers Meet monthly to discuss writing and their own work. bournemouthrainbowwriters@hotmail.co.uk	8pm Over The Rainbow in Bournemouth

1st Friday 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 (mixed) 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

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