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Welcome

Greetings and welcome to our May edition of the Intercom e-bulletin. Hope you all survived election fever over the last month – as we write this a hung parliament has been announced so we are pretty much none the wiser as to what's occurring now that the results have come in then we were before!

Don't forget that the LGBT Collective has been busy running an election campaign to ascertain what local candidate's views on certain equality issues are – it's still all up on www.lgbtcollective – so take a look!

Read on for community news and events...

IDAHO - May 17th

The Day has been launched with the idea of creating a worldwide community of activists and committed people, sharing the ideal of a world without homophobia nor transphobia in which everyone can freely choose their own sex life and gender identity.

May 17 was chosen because the date is the anniversary of the World Health Organization's May 1990 decision to remove homosexuality from its list of mental disorders. This victory of the lesbian-gay-bisexual and transgender (LGBT) cause was a historic step towards considering freedom of sexual orientation and gender identity as a fundamental basic human right.

(International Day Against Homophobia & Transphobia) In more than 80 countries in the world, same sex relationships are criminalised and in 7 of them, death penalty can be enforced. Intolerance, prejudice, hate, ignorance and fear still largely prevail in individuals, groups, States, international institutions, etc... This is why this international day to fight against homophobia and transphobia and for sexual freedom was created

In 2008, sexual relations between persons of the same sex were punishable by death in 7 countries and considered to be some form of crime in more than 80 others. In most countries in the world, people from the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, transsexual, intersex, queer, ... community are being denied their fundamental human rights as defined, inter alia, by the Universal Declaration of Human Right, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, and the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights.

We can also use this day to reflect on how lucky we are that people have fought and continue to fight for the equal rights we can already enjoy with everyone else.

Hardship Fund - Your Help is needed...

Here at the Intercom Trust we have been very fortunate to have had funding to be able to pay for counselling for clients who need it. However, this funding is coming to an end and so we would like to appeal to anyone who is able to give to our hardship fund to please do so, any amount small or large is welcome! We can then continue to fund counselling and other vital services.

Please contact Andy or Lizzie at the Intercom Centre, thanks.

Diversity Football Tournament

Torbay Pride 2010 is set to be bigger and better than 2009 and as part of the series of celebrations; Intercom's PITCH (Proactive Initiatives To Challenge Homophobia in sport) campaign is hosting a 6 a-side football tournament. The aim of the tournament is to celebrate awareness of the diverse community groups within Torbay and further afield who share a passion for football.

This event will serve to raise awareness of the issues surrounding homophobia in football and will provide participants with a fun yet competitive tournament.

If you would like to enter a team, please let us know by email. Your entry will only be confirmed upon submission of a completed entry form. Entry is run on a first-come-first-served basis.

We are restricted to the number of teams that can enter this event, so please get in touch as soon as possible!

For more information or to book a place please contact Joe on 07551 588952 or email joe@intercomtrust.org.uk

Sunday 13th June 2010 at Torbay Leisure Centre, Paignton

Advocacy workers, the story so far

We have successfully recruited for the Cornwall post so a big welcome to Intercom's latest team member Steve Cannon. Steve will start in the brand new role at the beginning of June and brings a wealth of knowledge on issues that can affect LGBT people.

Unfortunately we were unable to appoint for the Dorset Advocacy post. We are now recruiting again, details of the post will be available on line from Monday 17th, meanwhile you can contact intercom for more information or download a copy of the application form from [www/intercomtrust.org.uk/recruitment](http://www.intercomtrust.org.uk/recruitment) from Monday 17th May. (Previous applicant need not apply)

LGBT Archive

Devon Records Office set up an LGBT archive two years ago (with the help of Intercom's Heritage Project) and they are accepting local material e.g. letters, correspondence and documentation.

They also have an LGBT history guide, to research LGBT heritage at the office.

You can contact Katherine for more information on 01392 384253 or devrec@devon.gov.uk

New Women's Group in Ilfracombe anyone?

Anyone? We have had some enquiries through www.lgbtcollective.org.uk asking about groups and activities that may go on in Ilfracombe. If you know of any groups that are going on in that part of the word please let us know, likewise if you live in or around the area and would like to see a new group set up. Contact vickyw@intercomtrust.org.uk in the first instance.

GLEE* (Gay & Lesbian Entertainment in Exeter)

GLEE is a new group for people who want to meet up with others to go to a wide variety of events, including: theatre, gigs, concerts, musicals, comedy, opera, festivals, theme parks, exhibitions, open mics etc.

It is open to all LGBT people, their friends and families and will operate as a Facebook group/email list. The group love Exeter GLAM and hope to operate in a similar way, only not with films of course because they've got that covered! More details are to follow, but in the meantime why not put a date in your diary for our launch night on 25th June at Exeter Comedy Club?

The group are in the process of setting up their own email but until then you can contact them through us on vickyw@intercomtrust.org.uk or 01392 201012

* Sorry to disappoint you if you thought we were anything to do with the TV show, but it got you looking didn't it?!

50+ Mens Group

A new group for men over 50, a regular Wednesday coffee morning 10:30-1pm, £2 coffee and biscuits.

Be a part of this exciting new group. Be involved. Be Pro Active and Join Us - help us with this new groups by giving us your ideas and suggestions, or maybe help hosting.

Future events in the planning - Sunday cabaret and dinner; Social evening get togethers; Discussion Groups; Bridge Nights; Walks; Day trips and Movie evenings.

Rainbow Source

Rainbow Source is a splendid LGBT Community radio show and available only on The Source 96.1 FM, Community radio for Falmouth & Penryn! Rainbow Source is live on air every Wednesday night from 6 - 7pm. Al Green, Steve Cannon & Guests bring you a lively mix of news, issues, music and gossip from the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community here in Cornwall, UK. The show aims to celebrate a vibrant and diverse community, which needs YOUR support.

Why not email into the show - rainbowsorce@hotmail.co.uk or call 07776 136387

Facebook: www.facebook.com/home.php?#/group.php?gid=74378013942&ref=mf

Station website: www.thesourcefm.co.uk

Senior Moments

A new group for people over 50 who are LGBT. All welcome - come along for coffee and chat 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 Jacquie on 07815 530012 or see website for more information <http://dustys.yolasite.com>

Community Notice board



We are happy to advertise for you here. Contact Vicky on vickyw@intercomtrust.org.uk

Community Listings

Date	Event & Contact	Time & Location
Sunday 16 th May	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 16 th May	Cornwall Chillout Café LGBT chilled out friendly café style event. cornwallchilloutcafe@hotmail.co.uk	2 - 5pm Cross Roads Inn, Scorrier

Monday 17th May	Exeter Pride 2011 meeting The pride has its first official committee meeting – all welcome	6pm New Bridge Inn Exeter
	www.exeterpride.co.uk	
Monday 17th May	IDAHO International Day Against Homophobia & Transphobia	All day Everywhere!
	www.idaho.org	
Tuesday 18th May	Exeter GLAM May's film is looking as those it might be Robin Hood TBC	TBC Exeter Picture House
	exeterglam@hotmail.co.uk	
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	6pm – 9pm Taunton location
	info@westernboys.org www.westernboys.org Text or phone: 07811 814302	
1st Saturday of the month	PONY CLUB NIGHT @ BAR BEYOND Monthly event for LGBT women in and around Bournemouth's Triangle.	8pm – late Bar Beyond, The Triangle, Bournemouth
	info@theponies.co.uk	
Every Sunday	Pink Sundays at Pâtisserie Angelique Coffee and loveliness every Sunday	2-5pm Patisserie Angelique, Bournemouth
	cakes@patisserieangelique.com	
2nd & 4th Saturday of the month	Kiss n Make Up Social group for TS/TVs, partners and admirers	8:30-late Bakers Arms, B 'mouth
	http://sites.google.com/site/kissnmakeupgroup/	
Last Wednesday of every Monthly	Bournemouth Gay Writers Meet monthly to discuss writing and their own work.	8pm Over The Rainbow in Bournemouth
	bournemouthrainbowwriters@hotmail.co.uk	
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 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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