

LGBT Network Newsletter

Welcome

August 2011



Welcome to the second edition of the LGBT Network newsletter. Every month an update will be sent with the exciting news and developments within the LGBT community. This newsletter is for all LGBT people who live, work or socialise in Wolverhampton.

If you have any LGBT news you would like in the next edition please forward it to me by 25th of August.

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This newsletter is for you. All suggestions and comments welcome.

LGBT News from the Midlands and around the World:

www.midlandszone.co.uk

www.pinknews.co.uk

A MASSIVE THANK YOU TO GORGEOUS FOR SUPPORTING THE NETWORK WITH THEIR CHARITY NIGHT DRAGORAMA ON 31ST JULY. ALL THE MONEY RAISED WILL GO TOWARDS DEVELOPING SERVICES TO SUPPORT THE LGBT COMMUNITY IN WOLVERHAMPTON.

Successful AGM

We were delighted with the turnout for our AGM and would like to thank all those that attended. We would particularly like to thank Councillor Ian Claymore, Oxley Ward for his inspiring speech. It was heart-warming to hear of his passion and enthusiasm for improving services for the citizens of Wolverhampton and of his commitment to serve the LGBT community.



We would like to warmly welcome all new members and appreciate the continued support from existing members. We are proud to announce our **new Chair, Sherrie Tomlinson**, "I am honoured to take on the role of Chair of the Network and I look forward to meeting you all at forthcoming events during this exciting time, and supporting Martha in taking the Network forward.

I would also like to express thanks to the standing down Chair Anwen Muston and Treasurer Martin Hogg for their contributions."



Health and Well-Being Show Planning Meeting - We will be holding a meeting to collect your ideas,

inspiration, suggestions and feedback from previous events.

Anyone interested is welcome to attend between **5pm and 8pm**

on Monday 8th August at WVSC, if you can't make 5pm, feel

free to drop in anytime until 8pm. Please let us know if you will

be attending on 01902 425 092 or

Martha@lgbtwolverhampton.org.uk

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More information coming soon!



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Trans South Staffordshire Launch!

Trans South Staffordshire would formally like to invite you to attend the launch of our group on **Wednesday 10th August 2011 from 6:30 – 10:00pm at Wiltell Lodge, Upper St John Street, Lichfield, WS14 9ET**



We shall be laying on refreshments and a buffet at 7:30pm, so I would be very grateful if you could respond either by e-mail or phone (01543-411413) no later than by Friday 5th August 2011 on whether you would like to attend, which will enable us to ensure there is sufficient time for the catering to be organized.

After the launch the Group will meet, monthly on the first Wednesday of each month, **6:30-10:00pm, starting 7th September.**

Our vision is that individuals that identify as Trans have a safe and secure environment where they can express themselves freely, knowing that everything will be confidential. We have set aside a room for our clients who may need to change.

In time we hope to offer informed advice on Trans matters and signpost where appropriate. As part of the process we hope to include other groups such as the LGBT Network and will try to build up a strong support network for our respective clients.

We will be working alongside Gender Matters as our main partner and with their advice and expertise, we will try to provide our Lichfield clients with clear signposting to other agencies and social activities.

I do hope you are able to support us both in the Trans South Staffordshire's Group launch and in the future.

Kind Regards,

Michelle Radcliffe



Success at Wolverhampton One City Show

Martha and the team enjoyed a great weekend at the One City Show, engaging the community and sharing the positive message of LGBT Network Wolverhampton. It was a terrific opportunity to show the community some of the amazing things the Network has to offer.

We were delighted to attract new members and volunteers to the Network.



All New Bisexual Group, ThirdWay

Looking for somewhere that's all things Bisexual? We are looking to set up an all-new group, ThirdWay, for Bi and Bi-friendly, aged 18 or over, in Wolverhampton. You could come and join us once a month for a coffee and a chat, and if there's enough interest, we'll organise trips to 'BiFests' and family fun-days. BiFests are one day festivals which take place around the country. They're the perfect chance to attend workshops to discuss aspects of bisexuality and make new friends. Who knows, with your help, we could have our very own BiFest here in Wolverhampton! As well as a monthly meet up, we'd like to have a monthly outing and welcome suggestions for what to do and where to go.

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Pride in the City on Civic Sunday

The annual Civic Sunday Service at St Peter's Church was a delight to attend.

The Mayor and the councillors of the city made a commitment to serve the people of Wolverhampton.



The service was led by Rector of Wolverhampton, the Reverend David Wright, with a sermon by the Most Reverend Bernard Longley, Archbishop of Birmingham.

Martha attended on behalf of the LGBT Network and said "I felt extremely proud to be part of such a wonderful city".

What's going on in AUGUST?

Health and Wellbeing Show planning meeting

5-8pm Monday 8th August

For the most up to date news on events why not visit our website?

www.lgbtwolverhampton.org.uk

What's
Happening

Want to see your news and events appearing in our Newsletter? Get in touch with the team: Martha@lgbtwolverhampton.org.uk



What's happening with Gender Matters

10am-9:30pm Every Thursday **Drop in Session**

7pm-9pm 3rd August **Yoga (Drop in)**

4pm-9pm 16th August **Professional Massage (Appointment only, see contact below)**

All these activities are fully open to all the trans community, their family and friends. All we ask in return is a donation to help Gender Matters continue its hard work within the West Midlands.

Phone: 01902 744 424 E-mail: info@gender-matters.org.uk



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LADS CAFÉ	Provide an off the scene place for gay and bisexual men over 18 to meet in a friendly atmosphere. 1—4 session primarily aimed at men 40+	Mondays: 1—4 & 6—9	Contact Sam 01902 711818
L:Bow Room	Support, social space and opportunities for lesbian and bisexual women over 18 www.Lbowroom.co.uk	2nd & 4th Wed's 7.30pm	Admin@Lbowroom.co.uk 07817 548802
X2Y youth group	Youth group for LGBT young people	Saturdays 12— 3pm	Website: www.x2y.org.uk Email: info@x2y.org.uk
Gender Matters	Drop in sessions and social events for people who are transgendered, their family and friends to meet socially with other transgendered people.	Various times	01902 744424 www.gender-matters.org.uk
LGBT Reading group	At the Greyhound Pub, Bond Street, Wolverhampton. Free! Everyone welcome!	3rd Wednesday of every month 7pm	Contact Jayne 01902 552060 www.wolverhampton.gov.uk/lgbt
Wolverhampton Harts GFC	We hold open training sessions every Sunday from 1pm at Fowlers Park.		www.wolverhamptonharts.co.uk

If you want your group to appear here, let us know: Martha@lgbtwolverhampton.org.uk