



LGBT Newsletter

Welcome

Welcome to the December newsletter. This is your LGBT community newsletter for Wolverhampton and surrounding areas, to celebrate our achievements and share information. If you would like anything in the newsletter, please contact LGBT Wolverhampton - details on the last page.



Community Meeting

Each month the LGBT community get together for a meeting to discuss what's happening. With lots of great events, including PRIDE, to look forward in the year ahead, come along and share your views. This month's meeting will be Wednesday 14 December from 5pm – 7pm at The Greyhound Pub, Bond Street, Wolverhampton. WV2 4AS. **Everyone welcome**

World Aids Day



World AIDS Day 1 December is an opportunity for people worldwide to unite in the fight against HIV and AIDS. Show your support for those living with HIV and AIDS and commemorate people who have died.

Since the first diagnosis of HIV was made 30 years ago, there have been 115,000 infections diagnosed in the UK alone. Of these, 27,000 cases progressed to AIDs and 20,000 people have died.

To find out your local testing centre please visit: <http://www.tht.org.uk/contactus/thtmidlands> for local Terrence Higgins Trust's within the Midlands.

Wolverhampton World AIDs Day Events

Event	Time and date	Location
THT Coffee Morning	Thursday 1 st December 10am – 2pm.	Wolverhampton YMCA café
Health Promotion Centre	Saturday 3 rd December 10am – 5pm	Wulfrun Shopping Centre
Charity Night	Thursday 1 st December	The White Hart
Church Service	Thursday 1 st December 6pm	St. John's in the square



Budget Consultation for 2012/2013

You are invited to take part in a focus group for LGBT people who live, work, study, or socialise in the city. The focus group will take place on **Thursday 1 December** at **6pm** in the meeting room at **Wolverhampton Voluntary Sector Council, 16, Temple Street.**

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If you are interested in attending please telephone Angela Palmer on 01902 554405 or email Angela.Palmer@wolverhampton.gov.uk.

The council has begun its 2012-2013 budget-setting process and this year, it's expected to be even more challenging. Consultation is taking place around the suggested funding cut of £350,000 to the voluntary sector. This meeting is a chance for you to have your say about services provided by Wolverhampton City Council and the proposed funding cuts.

£3,000 from Comic Relief

We are delighted to announce our success with Comic Relief. This grant will enable us to encourage more LGBT people to be involved within the community. An evening event, with a variety of entertainment, to appeal to a large audience, will be arranged. Part of the money will be used towards employing a part-time events and marketing worker - see last page for further details.

Hate Crime

Sadly hate Crime/incidents towards LGBT individuals still happen. West Midlands Police take Hate Crime incidents extremely seriously and want to offer the best service possible. They are keen to hear of your experiences. LGBT Wolverhampton run a LGBT Police Forum – if you think there is something we should know about please let Martha know (contact details last page). If you work for an agency and are interested in becoming a third party reporting centre please email t.mahmood@west-midlands.pnn.police.uk. A Hate Crime awareness and reporting conference for LGBT people will be run in February, more details to follow.

If you have been a victim of a Hate Crime/incident and would like support you can contact LGBT Wolverhampton, Safer Wolverhampton Partnership or Victim Support for support, whether you choose to report it or not. You can also report anonymously at True Vision: Stamping Out Homophobia www.report-it.org.uk

We know that LGBT Hate Crime/incidents are very under-reported. We need to hear if something has happened to you – there will be no pressure to report to the police. It is important we have a clear picture of what is happening in Wolverhampton to ensure a safe place for us all.



Life Gets Better Together

Life Gets Better Together, a celebration of LGBT people in Wolverhampton was hailed a great success with over 250 visitors. Held in Wolverhampton Art Gallery on Saturday 12 November the day included inspirational talks from Peter Tatchell, Campbell X and others. Peter Tatchell praised the work local groups were doing to support the LGBT community. Local Wolverhampton LGBT groups and other community groups were available for support and information. The mini market place selling a variety of goods, was a hive of activity. The community were invited to contribute to a huge piece of art to commemorate the day. Visitors enjoyed a variety of free taster sessions such as Indian head massage, manicures, nail art and henna hand painting. The local youth group X2Y offered a range of 'rainbow games'. Event organiser Martha Bishop said 'What a great day, it was wonderful to see the community come together. I am very proud to be part of the amazing community in Wolverhampton and would like to thank everyone who contributed to make the day such a happy, relaxed and friendly event, especially the 'green team' who worked exceptionally hard to ensure the day ran smoothly. Following this success we are now looking forward and busy planning our first PRIDE which will be held on 29 July, 2012.



More photographs on the following page ...



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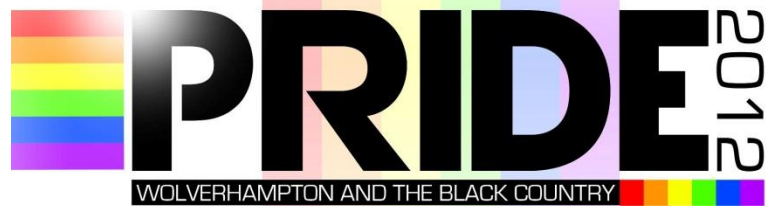


[Twitter.com/LGBTWolves](https://www.twitter.com/LGBTWolves)



**Sunday 29
July 2012**

Market Place,
School Street and
Salop Street.



LGBT Wolverhampton are organising the community area in the Market Place where there will be community and commercial stalls and a community stage. If you would like to be involved contact Martha Bishop Martha@lgbtwolverhampton.org.uk or ring 01902 425 092

Shaun and Ricky from Gorgeous are organising the commercial and catering side of the event, see the facebook page for more information

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Wolverhampton-BlackCountry-Pride-2012/102436016533439>

LIPZ @ Gorgeous Bar

10pm – 3am every Wednesday @ Gorgeous Bar

7th, 14th, 21st December

Karaoke, Fun, Mayhem, Free Prizes, Christmas Raffles,
Action & Adult Humour Games.

BOGOF on all Mainline Spirits

Facebook: "LIPZ Gorgeous"



Facebook.com/LGBTWolverhampton



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LGBT Community Groups

<p>X2Y Youth Group Youth group for young LGBT people under 18. Meeting at a central location. Meet: Every Saturday. 12pm – 3pm. Email: info@x2y.org.uk Website: www.x2y.org.uk</p>	<p>L: Bow Room Support, social space and opportunities for lesbian and bisexual women over 18. Meet: Second and fourth Wednesday of the month. 7:30pm. Tel: 07817 548802 Email: admin@lbowroom.co.uk Website: www.lbowroom.co.uk</p>
<p>Gender Matters Drop in and social event for people who are transgendered, their family and friends to meet socially with other transgendered people. Gender Matters – The Mill House, 5B Bridgnorth Road, Wolverhampton, WV6 8AB. Meet: Various times throughout the month. Tel: 01902 744424 Website: www.gender-matters.org.uk</p>	<p>Third Way Must be 18 or over. Join us for a coffee (or tea) and a chat, either about things in general or bi-related issues. Gender Matters – The Mill House, 5B Bridgnorth Road, Wolverhampton, WV6 8AB. Tel: 07969 132310 Email: info.thirdway@googlemail.com Website: http://www.facebook.com/thirdwaybigroup</p>
<p>LGBT Reading Group At the Greyhound Pub, Bond Street, Wolverhampton. Free! Everyone Welcome! Meet: Third Wednesday of the month. 7pm. Tel: (Jayne) 01902 552060 Website: www.wolverhampton.org.uk/lgbt</p>	<p>LADS Cafe Off the scene place for gay and bisexual men over 18 who meet in a friendly atmosphere. Meet: 6pm – 9pm Mondays Tel: (Sam) 01902 711818</p>
<p>Wolverhampton Harts Gay Football Club Open training sessions at Fowlers Park. Meet: Every Sunday. 1pm. Email: hartsgfc@gmail.com Website: www.wolverhamptonharts.co.uk</p>	<p>Older LADS Cafe Off the scene place for gay and bisexual men over 18 who meet in a friendly atmosphere. Aimed towards those 40+ Meet: Every Monday. 1pm to 4pm Tel: (Sam) 01902 711818</p>

You may need to contact some groups for location details.



Vacancies

Part-time Events and Marketing Worker, one year contract

7 hours per week (flexible) AfC pay band 5, £24,554 pro rata. 25 days annual leave (pro rata).

To organise events such as Charity Night, PRIDE, LGBT History month events etc.

To market these events and LGBT Wolverhampton.

For an application pack please ring 01902 425 092 or email

Martha@lgbtwolverhampton.org.uk

Volunteer Student Counsellor Placement

Counselling student placement opportunity (level 4 or above)

To offer 3 hours counselling per week to LGB people in Wolverhampton. The student counsellor will be supported by LGBT Wolverhampton, with expenses paid. Please call Martha for an initial discussion on 01902 425 092 if you are interested in this position.

Contact Us

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