



# LGBT Newsletter

## Hello

Welcome to the November newsletter. This newsletter is for the LGBT community in Wolverhampton and surrounding areas to inform of past news and upcoming events. If you would like anything put in this newsletter, please get in contact with LGBT Wolverhampton by referring to the contact details on the last page.



## Community Meeting

Every month the LGBT community get together for a meeting to discuss what's been going on in the community. This month's meeting will be on Wednesday 2nd October from 5:30pm – 7:30pm at The Greyhound pub.

**Venue:** The Greyhound, Bond Street, Wolverhampton. WV2 4AS.

## Life Gets Better Together

On Saturday 12th of November, 11am – 4pm, LGBT Wolverhampton will be hosting a health and wellbeing event at Wolverhampton Art Gallery. The day will include various activities, including arts & crafts, speakers including LGBT activists, stalls with information, exhibitions and loads more.



**Venue:** Wolverhampton Art Gallery, Litchfield Street, Wolverhampton. WV1 1DU.



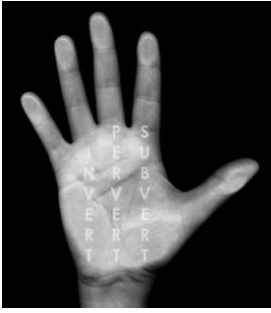
## Sing-a-long Wizard of Oz

Come along for this cult classic, Mrs. Barbara Nice as Dorothy gets pulled into a hurricane and ends up in the Land of Oz. The event is on Friday 11th of November from 8pm at the Light House. Tickets are £8 and can be bought at the Light House or

[http://www.theticketsellers.co.uk/buy\\_tickets/events/?id=10018462](http://www.theticketsellers.co.uk/buy_tickets/events/?id=10018462)

**Venue:** Light House. The Chubb Buildings, Fryer Street, Wolverhampton. WV1 1HT.





## Our Lives

The work included in Our Lives is the result of a series of National Lottery funded workshops held during summer 2011, mentored by artist Mo White. Organised by QLGBT women's photography group Eye to Eye, Birmingham women along with Wolverhampton women's group L:Bow Room and women from the Sandwell LGBT Group have been working over the summer to create innovative, thought-provoking and

challenging new work.

The launch will be on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November at 6:30pm. For more information please visit <http://www.light-house.co.uk/>

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## Wolverhampton Harts Football Club

Wolverhampton Harts GFC was formed in 2010 to provide football players and supporters the opportunity to take part in our national sport regardless of their age, ability or sexuality.

We hold regular training sessions; take part in the Midlands Unity League as well as various tournaments around the country.

Do you know anyone that would like to sponsor us? See our website for further details of matches.



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## Salsa Dance Lessons – Cancelled

Due to a lack of interest, Salsa dance lessons at Gorgeous have been cancelled. LGBT Wolverhampton and Same Sex Dance Birmingham would like to say a massive thank you to all those who got involved.



## Third Way Success

The first meeting of the Third Way bi-group was a success with 10 people attending. People discussed being bisexual when they were younger, the Life Gets Better Together show and made plans for Third Way leaflets to get the message out there.

To find out more information about Third Way look at the LGBT Community Groups page on page 5.





## Older (but not that old!) Lesbian/Bi Womens' Network?

Are you over 40? Do you identify as lesbian, gay or bisexual? Would you be interested in meeting up once a month? We have a few people interested and are hoping to try and get together soon.

If so please email: [info@lgbtwolverhampton.org.uk](mailto:info@lgbtwolverhampton.org.uk)

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## In The Know

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> July 2012 will be a huge day for the LGBT community in Wolverhampton, with the city celebrating its first gay pride! It's sure to be packed with fun, enjoyment and sunshine!



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

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## Focus Talk - Stevie – VIP (Volunteering Important Person)



### What do you do at the LGBT network?

When I first joined LGBT Wolverhampton I carried out various tasks such as marketing and typing things out. Now we're a bit more organised I do graphic design, the newsletter and some ICT work.

### What's in it for you?

I've learnt various skills I can put into use for day to day life and found out more about our wonderful LGBT community I did not know before.

### How would you like to see the LGBT community in Wolverhampton develop?

Well I am really excited for the upcoming Life Gets Better together show and the first Wolverhampton Pride in 2012. I'd love to see Wolverhampton become the new gay capital of the country.

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**SHOUT Festival launch** - 3 November in the main public space at mac Birmingham, hosted by Amy Lamé, welcome messages at 7pm, running through until 8.30pm.

This will be your first chance to see exhibitions *The Modern Lesbian* and *A Spot of b)other*, plus installations *Departures* and *Disco Guillotine*. Also drop into the cinema and see a preview of *Imagining Intimacy*, and the winner of our short film competition.

For more information on all the great events see [www.shoutfestival.co.uk](http://www.shoutfestival.co.uk)



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## LGBT Hate Crime – No one should ever feel threatened because of their gender or sexual identity

Lesbian and gay people experience a whole range of offences motivated by homophobia, from harassment to serious sexual and physical assaults. One in five have fallen victim to a homophobic hate crime or incident in the last three years. Ben Summerskill Chief Executive Stonewall

Wolverhampton Network Consortium are holding a 'Tackling Hate crime Together' conference, see next page for details.

The LGBT network, the Police and Safer Wolverhampton Partnership will be offering awareness and reporting training to LGBT people of Wolverhampton, details to follow soon.



# 'Tackling Hate Crime Together'

## Wolverhampton Conference 2011

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November, 10:30am registration – 2pm

Blakenhall Community and Healthy Living Centre, Bromley Street, WV2  
3AS

*You are cordially invited to join us for the **'Tackling Hate Crime Together'** Wolverhampton Conference.*

- ❖ Zip theatre open the conference with a moving performance to set the scene
- ❖ Keynote Speakers – Wolverhampton City Council Equality Champion, Rewind, Stop Hate UK, The Police Victim Support plus others
- ❖ Meet other agencies, promote who you are and what you do
- ❖ Sign up to the **'One City , Many People Working Together to Stop Hate Crime'** pledge

Book your place by emailing [kpayne@w-n-c.org](mailto:kpayne@w-n-c.org) or telephone 01902 572020 by Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November

Thank you in anticipation of your support and we look forward to seeing you there.

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## Budget Consultation 2012/13 – Focus Groups

I am inviting you to take part in a focus group for lesbians, gay men and bi-sexual people who live, work, study or socialise in the city. **The focus group will take place on Thursday 1st December at 6:00 p.m. in the meeting room at Wolverhampton Voluntary Sector Council, Temple Street, Wolverhampton.**



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**I would be grateful if you could confirm your attendance by telephoning Angela Palmer on 01902 554405 or emailing [Angela.Palmer@wolverhampton.gov.uk](mailto:Angela.Palmer@wolverhampton.gov.uk)**

**As we are running a number of focus groups please state which one you would like to attend.**

In the way of background, the council has begun its 2012-2013 budget-setting process and this year, it's expected to be even more challenging than before.

The financial support that councils get from the Government has been cut compared to previous years and will continue to be – and Government grants, not Council Tax, are the council's main source of funding.

At the same time, fall-out in terms of unemployment and higher poverty levels from a weak global economy and changes in customer demand are increasing the pressures on essential council services.

Add to all that the effect of continued inflation on the cost of the goods and services the council buys and it has to tackle a potential financial deficit of over £29.2 million in 2012-2013.

Over the next five years that deficit rises to a projected £71.5 million, on top of the recurring savings already made.

In fact, the council has done a huge amount of work to deal with this challenge; including identifying savings that identified will reduce the 2012-2013 budget deficit to £7.8 million. Because of this – and the significant savings the council's identified for 2013-2014 so far – the council's budget is close to balancing over the next two years, a considerable achievement given the circumstances.

However, the council is still facing a massive challenge. To meet it, it has to make even more efficiency savings while trying to minimise the direct impact on the public.

Ultimately, it will be for Wolverhampton's elected Councillors to decide exactly where and how to save this money. In the meantime, they've asked council officers to draw up a list of savings options for them to consider. Representatives of the general public, local businesses and community organisations are also being consulted about them.

Please follow the link below to access the latest Draft Budget Strategy 2011/12 and Medium Term Financial Strategy [Report](#)

**If you would like further information on the focus group please don't hesitate to ring Sam Axtell by phoning 01902 554918.**



## LGBT Community Groups

<p><b>X2Y Youth Group</b> Youth group for young LGBT people under 18. Meeting at a central location. <b>Meet:</b> Every Saturday. 12pm – 3pm. <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:info@x2y.org.uk">info@x2y.org.uk</a> <b>Website:</b> <a href="http://www.x2y.org.uk">www.x2y.org.uk</a></p>	<p><b>L: Bow Room</b> Support, social space and opportunities for lesbian and bisexual women over 18. <b>Meet:</b> Second and fourth Wednesday of the month. 7:30pm. <b>Tel:</b> 07817 548802 <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:admin@lbowroom.co.uk">admin@lbowroom.co.uk</a> <b>Website:</b> <a href="http://www.lbowroom.co.uk">www.lbowroom.co.uk</a></p>
<p><b>Gender Matters</b> 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. <b>Meet:</b> Various times throughout the month. <b>Tel:</b> 01902 744424 <b>Website:</b> <a href="http://www.gender-matters.org.uk">www.gender-matters.org.uk</a></p>	<p><b>Third Way</b> 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. <b>Meet:</b> Starting 18<sup>th</sup> October. Third Tuesday of the month. 6pm – 9pm. <b>Tel:</b> 07969 132310 <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:info.thirdway@googlemail.com">info.thirdway@googlemail.com</a> <b>Website:</b> <a href="http://www.facebook.com/pages/Third-Way/246604355377179">http://www.facebook.com/pages/Third-Way/246604355377179</a></p>
<p><b>LGBT Reading Group</b> At the Greyhound Pub, Bond Street, Wolverhampton. Free! Everyone Welcome! <b>Meet:</b> Third Wednesday of the month. 7pm. <b>Tel:</b> (Jayne) 01902 552060 <b>Website:</b> <a href="http://www.wolverhampton.org.uk/lgbt">www.wolverhampton.org.uk/lgbt</a></p>	<p><b>LADS Cafe</b> Off the scene place for gay and bisexual men over 18 who meet in a friendly atmosphere. <b>Meet:</b> 6pm – 9pm Mondays <b>Tel:</b> (Sam) 01902 711818</p>
<p><b>Wolverhampton Harts Gay Football Club</b> Open training sessions at Fowlers Park. <b>Meet:</b> Every Sunday. 1pm. <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:hartsgfc@gmail.com">hartsgfc@gmail.com</a> <b>Website:</b> <a href="http://www.wolverhamptonharts.co.uk">www.wolverhamptonharts.co.uk</a></p>	<p><b>Older LADS Cafe</b> Off the scene place for gay and bisexual men over 18 who meet in a friendly atmosphere. Aimed towards those 40+ <b>Meet:</b> Every Monday. 1pm to 4pm <b>Tel:</b> (Sam) 01902 711818</p>

You may need to contact some groups for location details.



## Contact Us

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Saturday 12 November

11am - 4pm

Wolverhampton Art Gallery  
Litchfield Street,  
Wolverhampton.  
WV1 1DU

**FREE  
EVENT**



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Wolverhampton's  
LGBT  
Community**

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