



# LGBT Newsletter

## Welcome

Hello and welcome to the October 2011 issue of the LGBT Newsletter. This newsletter is focused on LGBT people who live, work or socialise in Wolverhampton. The newsletter contains news about the previous month's events and upcoming events.



If you'd like anything putting in this newsletter or would just like to give us feedback, email us: [info@lgbtwolverhampton.org.uk](mailto:info@lgbtwolverhampton.org.uk) or get in contact another way by seeing our other contact details on the last page.

## Salsa Dancing Lessons @ Gorgeous

Come along to Gorgeous to learn how to Salsa dance. This activity takes place every Wednesday at 7:30pm – 8:30pm. Each lesson is £6 per person and is gay and trans friendly!



Gorgeous, 34-36 School Street, Wolverhampton, WV1 4LF.



## LGBT Wolverhampton Community Meeting

Your Life, Your Community – come along and have your say

The next meeting is on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October 5:30pm – 7:30pm. Come along and discuss what's going on in the community – refreshments available.

The meeting is at WVSC 16 Temple Street, Wolverhampton, WV2 4AN. In the meeting room on the side of the building.



## Focus Talk

**Abigail Cannon – Secretary of Executive Board, LGBT Network Wolverhampton.**

### How did you get involved with the LGBT network?

I go to X2Y, the LGBT youth group in Wolverhampton and attended the AGM where I was voted onto the Executive Board as secretary.

### What's in it for you?

I feel good doing something practical for the local LGBT community. I've learnt new skills and gained valuable experience through opportunities such as attending diversity training.



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

It would be great to have more opportunities for all the groups to get together. I'd also like to see more LGBT people from BME communities involved in Wolverhampton and I'm looking forward to being involved in projects to encourage this.

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## Third Way – New Bisexual Group for Wolverhampton and the Black Country

From Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October, Third Way will meet monthly from 6-9 pm at Gender Matters.

You must be 18 or over. Join us for a cuppa and a chat, either about things in general or bi-related issues. If enough people are interested, we will plan trips to Bi Fests and fun-days taking place around the country throughout the year.

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Third-Way/246604355377179>

Gender Matters – The Mill House,  
5B Bridgnorth Road,  
Wolverhampton,  
WV6 8AB.

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## 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?

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



Facebook.com/LGBTWolverhampton



Twitter.com/LGBTWolves

## Wolverhampton Harts Gay 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.

See page 5 for information on how to get in touch.



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## Petition to legalise Gay Marriage

In the UK the equivalent to marriage for LGB people is a civil partnership. Civil partnerships were introduced in November 2004; this was a massive step at the time. However it is now out dated and still does not recognise LGB relationships equal to straight relationships.

To try and pass a law allowing LGB people to get married an online petition has been set up, to sign it please follow this link: <http://epetitions.direct.gov.uk/petitions/2797>.





Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November  
11am – 4pm  
Wolverhampton Art Gallery

With the Life Gets Better Together event fast approaching we are calling for people to start saving their glossy celebrity gossip magazines to bring along with them or pass them into the LGBT Network office, for an art project we're doing on the day.



**SHOUT Festival** are proud to be programming work in Wolverhampton for the first time, working with the **Wolverhampton LGBT Network** and **The Light House** we bring you films, a talk and community show.

Wednesday 9th November sees the launch of **Eye2Eyes** photography project **Our Lives** at the Lighthouse. On Friday 11th November join **Mrs Barbara Nice** for an outrageous and camp **Sing Along Wizard of Oz**. On Saturday 12th November Wolverhampton LGBT Network presents **Life Gets Better Together**, a community event at Wolverhampton Art Gallery followed by author **Steven Paul Davies** talking about his book **Out at the Movies**, and finally the Midlands film premiere of **Weekend**, a tale of two young men coming of age.

For more information visit

[www.shoutfestival.co.uk](http://www.shoutfestival.co.uk)



wolverhampton art gallery



In association with Birmingham's SHOUT Festival: <http://www.getreadytoshout.org.uk>



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## 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 &amp; Older LADS Cafe</b> Off the scene place for gay and bisexual men over 18 who meet in a friendly atmosphere. Older LADS Cafe is aimed towards those 40+. <b>Meet:</b> Every Monday. 1pm to 4pm LADS Cafe and 6pm – 9pm Older LADS Cafe. <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>Salsa Dancing Lessons for LGBT people</b> £6 per person per lesson. <b>Meet:</b> Every Wednesday. 7:30pm – 8:30pm at Gorgeous <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:SSDance@hotmail.co.uk">SSDance@hotmail.co.uk</a> <b>Phone:</b> 07548 469189</p>

You may need to contact some groups for location details.



## Gender Matters October

We are pleased to announce an extra "Drop-in" day, commencing Saturday 1st October 2011 after which will be held on the first Saturday of every month. The location will be at the Gender Identity Centre (Our offices) located in Compton near Wolverhampton, from 3.00pm till 9.00pm.

Our Thursday "Drop-in" will continue as before and this extra Saturday "Drop-in" will be run for a trial period. If numbers attending are favourable, then it is intended that the Saturday "Drop-in" will remain a regular feature on our calendar; so we really hope that if you are ever in the area please, feel free to drop by and give this your support.

Diversity Career Show is on Friday 21st October 2011 (10am-5pm).

<http://www.diversitycareersshow.com>



**Life  
Gets  
Better  
Together**

Saturday 12 November

11am - 4pm

Wolverhampton Art Gallery  
Litchfield Street,  
Wolverhampton.  
WV1 1DU

**FREE  
EVENT**

**Celebrating  
Wolverhampton's  
LGBT  
Community**

**Stalls - Workshops - Talks**

**Meet new people!  
Lots of fun!**

[www.LGBTWolverhampton.org.uk](http://www.LGBTWolverhampton.org.uk)

Wolverhampton City Council

**LGBT NETWORK WOLVERHAMPTON**  
serving lesbian, gay, bisexual and trans communities

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## Pink Picnic Success

On Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> September, the LGBT community hosted a fantastic Pink Picnic at Bantock Park. The weather was kind enough to us and 31 people attended. We hope you will join us at next year's Pink Picnic and help us make it even bigger and better!



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