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## Nottinghamshire's Queer Bulletin

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## FEBRUARY IS LGBT HISTORY MONTH

**FREE**



Nottinghamshire's Rainbow Heritage once again takes over the Council House Ballroom for its annual **Celebration and Awards Evening**.

The date is **Tuesday February 23rd**. The time is **7-9pm**. The entrance is free - **no tickets needed**, just turn up. Note that the Ballroom holds 150 people, so late arrivals may be refused admittance. As usual, there will be displays by Rainbow Heritage as well as other organisations such as: Notts Healthcare Foundation Trust; the Police; Nottingham City Homes; Switchboard and others ... and of course food and drink is free. See inside for more information and details of who is getting the awards.

Thanks go to Nottingham City Homes, Notts Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust, Eden Productions, Nottingham City Council and Nottinghamshire Police for sponsoring the event.

## SWITCHBOARD'S SURVEY

Over the Summer, 286 people responded to Switchboard's survey. The intent of the survey was to:

Understand the LGBT+ community's needs and priorities

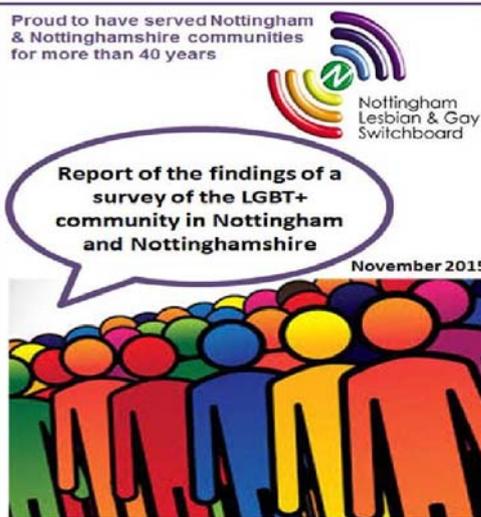
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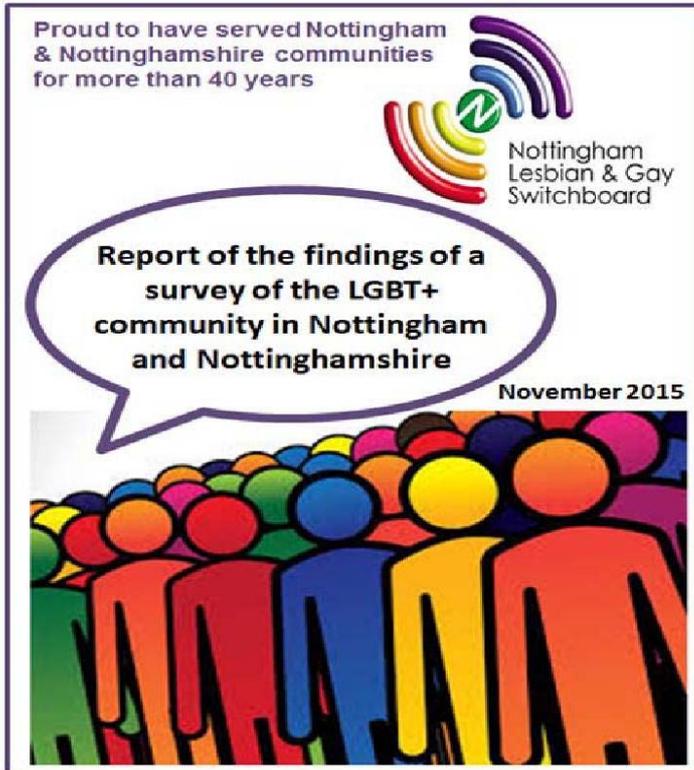
Some of the survey's findings are set out on the next page.

The entire report can be downloaded from

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



## SWITCHBOARD'S SURVEY



A few of the key headlines around community are that:

- Over half of respondents (57%) felt they were part of the wider community where they live.
- Three quarters (75%) of respondents felt Nottingham and Nottinghamshire is a good place for LGBT+ people to live.
- The vast majority of respondents (92%) thought there is still a need for an LGBT+ community.

Services most likely to be used now by respondents were an LGBT+ local news bulletin (84%); a local LGBT+ events calendar (81%); a directory of LGBT run / friendly local businesses (80%); LGBT+ information (79%); LGBT+ social gatherings (61%) and community representation (59%).

Other services which people might use in the future included:

- supporting LGBT individuals who cannot advocate for themselves (e.g. those in care homes) (+34%);
- a telephone befriending service for older people and /or people who are lonely / isolated (+31%);

In terms of information, respondents were most likely to want information on meeting other LGBT+ people (80%); social events and parties (73%) and having a voice (58%). Other significant areas where there was likely to be information needs were mental health (49%); marriage / civil partnerships (47%); discrimination (46%); sexual health (46%); bullying and harassment (45%); loneliness (42%); isolation (41%).

A significant number thought that Switchboard's name (Nottingham & Nottinghamshire Lesbian & Gay Switchboard) needed to change. Too long, old fashioned, not as inclusive as it might be. A survey is underway to look for alternatives.

## THIS YEAR'S AWARDS

Since 2008, Nottinghamshire's Rainbow Heritage has presented annual awards to people, groups and organisations which have benefited the local LGBT community. This year's awards will go to:

- **Notts Lesbian and Gay Switchboard** in celebration of its 40 years of serving Nottinghamshire's LGBT community
- **Debbie Law** from the "Best Bar None pub in Nottingham" New Foresters, for being a pub licensee who has supported many groups in a variety of ways
- **Tim Franks**. Though Tim now lives in London, he helped start what turned into Health Gay Nottingham as well as the first local LGBT youth group and also Pink Lace - the starting point for Pride in Nottingham. More recently he was the Chief Executive Officer of **PACE**, the charity promoting the mental health and emotional well-being of the LGBT community

The **WOW** LGBT Youth Group from Worksop has been working with Eden Productions on the "**Something about us**" project. The project looks at what it was like to be LGBT in the past compared with today. Some of the project's findings will be showcased after the presentation of awards.



## QTIPOC ARRIVES

A new **QTIPOC** group is being set up in Notts. Spread the word and come along! QTIPOC is for queer, trans and intersex people of colour. We will be meeting at the Broadway café.

If you have any questions/queries/concerns, contact me or email: [QTIPOCnotts@gmail.com](mailto:QTIPOCnotts@gmail.com) to get details of meetings. **HOPEFULLY SEE YOU THERE!**

If you want to receive QB by e-mail, just contact Switchboard and ask to be put on to the e-mail list. The e-mailed version not only appears 14 days before the printed version - it's also in glorious colour!

## MORE FOR LGBT HISTORY MONTH

The University of Nottingham has organised a series of events.

**"LGBT Film Festival"**: On Feb 6<sup>th</sup> from 11am to 5pm, there will be a LGBT Film festival at the Nottingham Contemporary, showing three films - Brother Outsider (a documentary focusing on Bayard Rustin), My Prairie Home (a film focusing on transgender singer/songwriter Rae Spoon) and Out in the Night (a film about 4 African American lesbians who were convicted of assault when they tried to defend themselves against an attacker one night in Jersey, US).

On the 11<sup>th</sup>, there will be an event dedicated to LGBT hate crime at the Five Leaves bookstore, time 7pm. **"In, Out, Shake-it-all-about"**: Speakers including David Edgley from Rainbow Heritage will discuss how barriers to coming out have changed over the years and have affected the rate of reporting of hate crime. The University also hopes to have the Police & Crime Commissioner at this event.

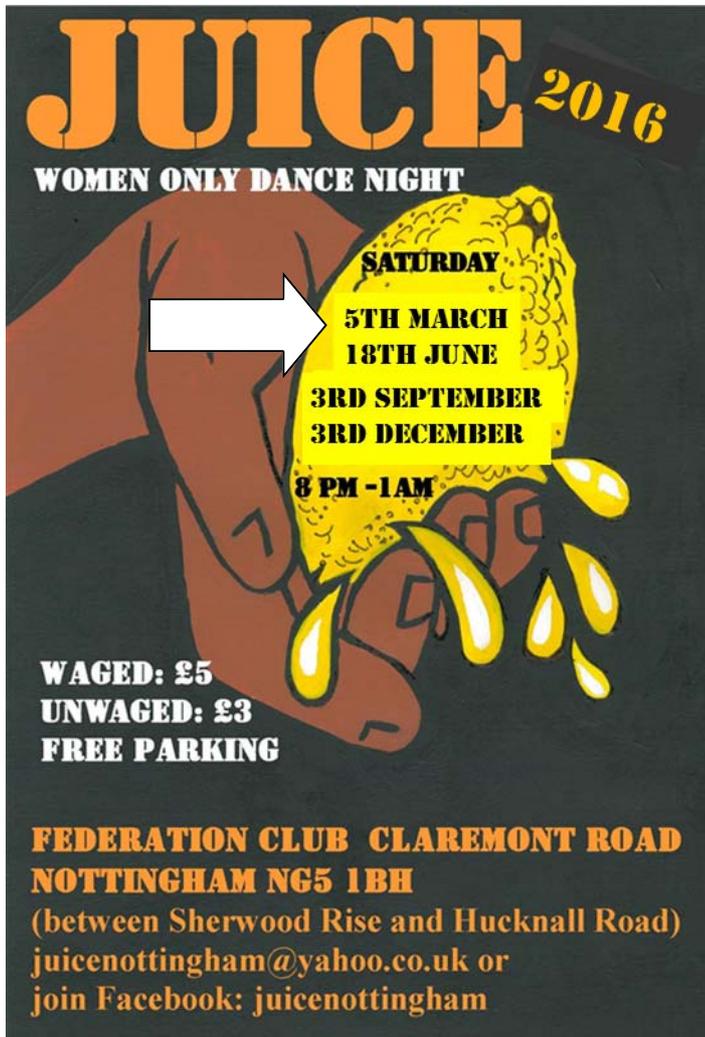
**"LGBT Rights are Human Rights"**: On the 18<sup>th</sup>, at the University of Nottingham, there will be an evening dedicated to human rights law and LGBT rights, including a discussion from Dr Emma Long (from the University of East Anglia) who will focus on the USA, Ibtisam Ahmed (a Post Graduate from Nottingham) who will discuss gay rights and protest in India, and Tony Scupham-Bilton, a local Nottingham historian who will focus on the heritage of LGBT individuals in the city."

**London Gay Men's Chorus**: On the 23rd, the London Gay Men's Chorus is coming up to Nottingham - they will hold a workshop in a secondary school during the day and give a performance in the evening at the Playhouse theatre. After their performance, there will be a panel that includes the Chorus director and choreographer, and a Nottingham scholar.

**London Spy**: On the 28th, there will be a screening of the first episode of BBC drama London Spy, with the author and screenwriter, Tom Rob Smith, at the Broadway Cinema. Time to be confirmed.

**Nottinghamshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust** will be:

- **Raising the Rainbow Flag** above Trust HQ at 1pm on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2016
- Presenting an **LGBT History Month film night** at the Duncan Macmillan House (DMH) Involvement Centre.
- Running an **LGBT History Month Conference** on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> of February 2016 in partnership with Notts Police, Notts County Council, Nottingham City Council and Out in Education. As this is involving 5 organisations places are by invite only this year

A poster for 'JUICE 2016 WOMEN ONLY DANCE NIGHT'. The word 'JUICE' is in large, bold, orange letters at the top. Below it, '2016' is written in a smaller, orange, stylized font. Underneath, 'WOMEN ONLY DANCE NIGHT' is written in white. The central graphic is a brown hand holding a yellow lemon. A white arrow points from the left towards the lemon. On the lemon, the text reads: 'SATURDAY', '5TH MARCH', '18TH JUNE', '3RD SEPTEMBER', '3RD DECEMBER', and '8 PM - 1AM'. Below the hand, the text reads: 'WAGED: £5', 'UNWAGED: £3', and 'FREE PARKING'. At the bottom, the venue is listed as 'FEDERATION CLUB CLAREMONT ROAD NOTTINGHAM NG5 1BH', with the location note '(between Sherwood Rise and Hucknall Road)'. Contact information includes 'juicenottingham@yahoo.co.uk or join Facebook: juicenottingham'.

## FOSTERPLUS

Being a foster carer can sometimes be challenging but when you notice that you are making a difference, no matter how small, it can be so rewarding.

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If you are ready to take the first step to becoming a Foster Carer with Fosterplus then you can contact our dedicated enquiries team on **0845 308050** or have a look on our website **www.fosterplus.co.uk**. Alternatively, fill in our quick online form and we will happily give you a call.

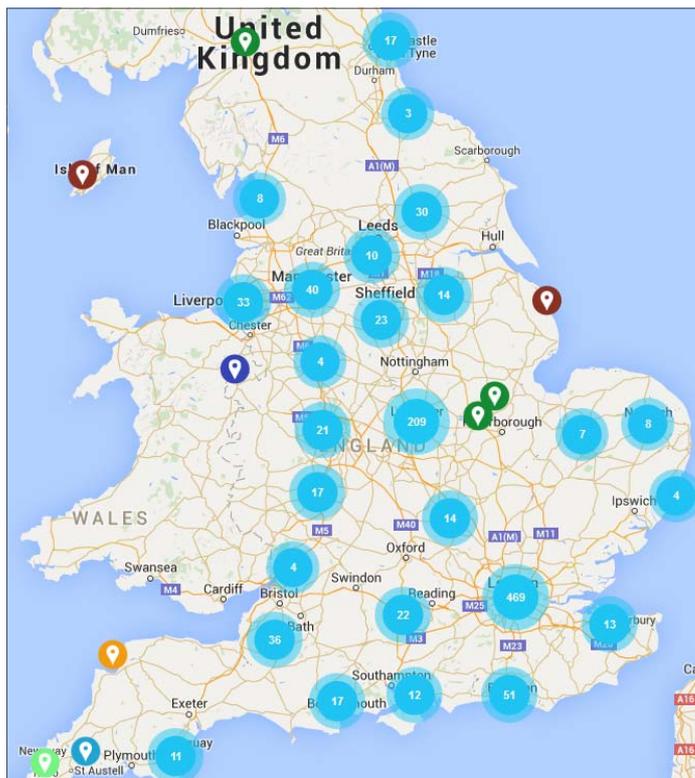
## LGBT HATE CRIME TRAINING

Training in dealing with LGBT Hate Crime can be delivered **free** to any organisation which can provide a venue and gather a reasonable number (8 or more). The training is sponsored by Paddy Tipping, the Police and Crime Commissioner.

If this is something the organisation you work for would like, e-mail Switchboard.

Interestingly, both the County's Councillors and Executive Board have had this training. The equivalent people in the City seem completely uninterested despite the offer of training having been made repeatedly.

## PRIDE OF PLACE



**Pride of Place** is an interactive map which hopes to chart as much as possible about LGBT places, people and happenings across the UK. Your contributions, all of which are moderated, will be welcomed. As you expand the map, more and more pinpoints appear. Click on a pinpoint and you will find the information relevant to that location. Some of the 180+ Nottinghamshire things you will find include:

- The dismembered body in the cemetery
- Lord Byron's coffin at Zara
- The QB ban at County Hall
- The bronze statue of John Curry
- A gay sauna on Carlton Road
- Charcoal burning in Bestwood Park
- Naughtiness at Canning Circus
- 1 and 9 pence well-spent at the Scala cinema

To see the map, go to

<http://mapme.com/prideofplace>

## LGBT PEOPLE IN OLD AGE



The idea of spending one's final years in an old people's home is a terrifying prospect for many LGBT people. How many care homes have given a moment's thought to the fact that they probably have LGBT residents?

This is not an advert for **Hatzfeld House** in Blidworth, but it is worth mentioning that their staff have all had training about the needs of older LGBT people and the home is a Stonewall member. On their website you will find "If you visit Hatzfeld House, you will notice that there is a rainbow flag up. This flag symbolises that we as a care home welcome residents who are LGBT, which stands for lesbian, gay, bisexual & transgender. "

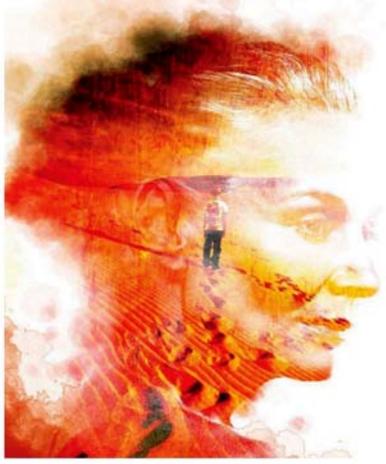


**PACE** has just published a report into mental health issues amongst LGB&T people. You can read the whole report at <http://www.nottsrh.webeden.co.uk/#/documentshealth/4541064931>

Some recommendations of the report include:

- Sexual diversity awareness and training should be implemented in all schools
- Training and awareness of health professionals is essential
- There is a need for more LGB&T specific social environments that do not centre around alcohol
- General and mental health services should ensure that they are proactive in their efforts to be LGB&T friendly
- Confidence and self-esteem support should be made available for young LGB&T people at risk

ANNE GOODWIN  
SUGAR AND SNAILS



At fifteen, Diana Dodsworth took the opportunity to radically alter the trajectory of her life, and escape the constraints of her small-town existence.

Thirty years on, she can't help scratching at her teenage decision like a scabbed wound.

Nottinghamshire-based author **Anne Goodwin's** debut - an LGBT novel *Sugar and Snails* endorsed by Rebecca Root, star of BBC2 sitcom *Boy Meets Girl* with 10% of profits donated to Gendered Intelligence.

Anne Goodwin, will be reading from and discussing her novel on February 17th 7.00-8.30pm at **Five Leaves Bookshop**. You can buy it on the 17th with a 15% discount. It's also available on Amazon.

## SHADYRADIO



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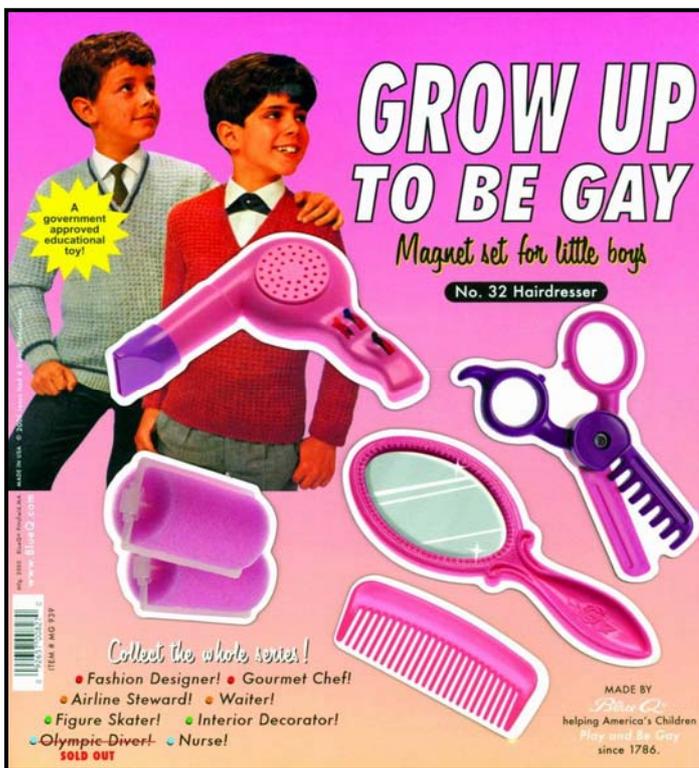
6pm - 9pm  
TUESDAY

**Shady Radio** is an eclectic LGBTQIA community radio show with music, chat, essays, poetry, whatever. Tuesdays 6 - 9pm on NG Digital radio. Shady Radio is produced by Shady Cow. If you would like to get involved with this burgeoning LGBTQIA creative lot, hook up via the Facebook page for Shady Cow. You can listen to NG Digital online at

<http://www.ng-digital.co.uk/>

## QB'S BITS

- The Royal Navy commissioned a class of fast patrol boats during the 1950s which were pre-fixed with the word 'gay'. Names included the **Gay Bruiser** and the **Gay Charger**
- We've had an e-mail from **Indjapink**, India's first Travel Organization catering to gay men only. If, as they say, you want to unravel the beauty and mystery of the exotic land of India, go to [www.indjapink.co.in](http://www.indjapink.co.in)
- The new advocate for sexual orientation on the City Council's Equality and Fairness Commission is **Leigh Ellis** (Chair of Pride) and the deputy advocate is **Trish Gamble**. The advocate for Gender reassignment is **Sam Hope**. If anyone has any concerns which they would like to pass on to the advocates, contact Switchboard, which will forward the information.
- There's a new monthly women's group meeting first Friday of the month in Derby City Centre at The Quad - in the bar area around 7.30pm. Find and join us on Facebook group '**Derby Golden Girls**' for more info. Not on Facebook? You can email them on [Lindy1904@icloud.com](mailto:Lindy1904@icloud.com)
- Nottingham Switchboard would like to thank **Eat Out Nottingham** for their generous donation of £123 and for their continuing support over several years.
- **Bitopia** and **See you next Tuesday** are still meeting at the Lord Roberts pub.
- **Holocaust memorial day** event. Wednesday Jan 27th 6pm at Green's Windmill. A candle will be lit to remember all the groups targeted during the Holocaust.
- The gay **7th Marquess of Hertford** moved to Australia in 1895. A local paper described him as a "skirt dancer" and noted that one of his performances - dressed as a butterfly with sequined wings - was disrupted by 2 kangaroos.
- **The Pride of Place** map (see page 4) has a pinpoint on Station Street which is labelled "The mystery club". Several people have said that Nottingham's first attempt at a gay club was there ... but can anyone tell us its name?
- More about **Mansfield Rainbow Divas**. In addition to their Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Mansfield-Rainbow-Divas-uk/161332050563434>, they now have a phone line 079550 92805. This will operate most evenings until 9pm, but if you get no answer, please leave a text. The group no longer meets regularly, but occasional events are still arranged where people can, for example, meet for a coffee and chat.
- The **Church of the Flying Spaghetti Monster** was created in 2005 to protest the teaching of creationism. It has now been given the go ahead to marry couples in New Zealand.



Berlin's **Deutsche Museum** organised a huge 2-floor exhibition on Homosexuality during the 2nd half of 2015. Some of the exhibits were loaned courtesy of Berlin's **Schwules Museum**. One such item is shown above.

You can buy it on Amazon.com for only \$12. One review stated "Bought this for my little bro. A perfect disappointing Christmas present for the 26 year old who still lives in Dad's basement."

## ABOUT TRANS HUB

**Trans Hub** provides:

- Support for trans community in Notts
- A way for organisations to contact and consult the trans community
- If you want to get involved or have a project you want to link to the Hub, let us know.
- Home of the safer space guidelines <https://nottstranshub.wordpress.com/safer-spaces-guidelines/>
- A monthly bulletin for services, supporters and trans folks to share info – email us on [nottstranshub@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:nottstranshub@yahoo.co.uk) to add to the bulletin
- Facebook group - find us through this page: <https://www.facebook.com/nottstranshub>
- Previous bulletins can be found at <https://nottstranshub.wordpress.com/category/bulletin/>

The **TRUE VISION** website explains clearly what a hate crime is and that includes internet hate crime. It gives advice and guidance about reporting hate crimes, including reporting hate crimes online, if you do not want to report directly to the police. Go to <http://www.report-it.org.uk>

## THE HATE CRIME PLEDGE

On Dec. 18th at the **Holocaust Centre** in Laxton representatives of many local organisations gathered at an event dedicated to reducing hate crime.



Among the speakers were Paddy Tipping, the Police & Crime Commissioner, Ruth Hyde (Safer Nottinghamshire Board Hate Crime Champion) and Sylvia Lancaster - far right. Sylvia started the Sophie Lancaster Foundation in memory of her daughter Sophie who, in essence, was murdered simply because she was a Goth. The Foundation tackles all types of hate crime.

It ended with those representatives signing the pledge which is detailed below. They agreed to:

**Tackle prejudice** and stop those who, because of hate or ignorance, would hurt anyone or violate their dignity

**Be aware** of our own prejudices and seek to gain understanding of those who we perceive as being different from ourselves

**Speak out** against all forms of prejudice and discrimination

**Reach out** to support those who are targets of hate

**Share information** about hate crimes that come to our attention with the Safer Nottinghamshire Board Hate Crime Steering Group to contribute to creating a better picture of hate crime in the County and City

**Ensure** that our policies and procedures deal effectively with hate crime or incidents that occur, whether against members of the public or staff or between employees in the workplace

**Think about** specific ways our organisation and all those who work for us can promote respect for all people and make Nottinghamshire a place where people feel safe

**Train** all our staff to be aware of hate crime issues and how to respond appropriately to victims who report incidents

**Implement policies** that promote diversity and equality & challenge all forms of discrimination.

In the Centre's Memorial Garden there is a pink triangle plaque dedicated to the memory of LGBT people murdered in the Holocaust.



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You can also speak to a member of our friendly adoption team on 0115 9603010



## KAIROS: AN OPEN MEETING

Nottingham Lesbian Immigration Support Group is now called **Kairos**. We are holding an Open Meeting to share information about what we do, network with other groups and raise awareness of the issues around asylum for lesbians and bi-sexual women.

There will be speakers from Manchester Lesbian Immigration Support Group which has great experience in supporting lesbians seeking asylum, and also Dierdre Sheahan, a solicitor at Paragon Law, who will talk about the legal process. This will be followed by a Q & A session. The session is on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> January at 6pm, New Art Exchange, Gregory Blvd, Hyson Green, NG7 6BE



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## SOME LOCAL LISTINGS

- Outburst!** Group for LGBT young people aged 11-19  
Meets Wednesdays at NGY (29-33 Castle gate)  
Phone Base 51 (at NGY) on 9525040 for details
- Lookout** Quarterly lesbian newsletter. E-mail [lookoutmag@hotmail.com](mailto:lookoutmag@hotmail.com)
- WOW** LGBT Youth Group. Wed. 6.30 - 8.30pm Centre Place,  
Worksop. Tel: 01909 479191 email: [info@centreplace.org.uk](mailto:info@centreplace.org.uk)

Details of the following local groups can be obtained from Switchboard:

Notts Hyking Dykes; Women's Badminton; Badminton Social; Lesbian & Gay Christian Movement; Sanctuary (LGBT BME group); Chameleons (trans); Nottingham Invasion (trans); Trans4ME (young people's trans group); Free to Be (Christian group) Nottingham & Trent Uni LGBT Societies; Peak Rufties women's walking group; Rainbow Writers Group; Man Up (bears, leather group); Loved by God (Christian group); Women's Midweek book group; Lesbian Café evening; SYNT (Women's social group); Gay History Tours; Nottingham Bi Women's Group; Age UK over 55 lesbian group; LiNk-Notts (lesbian e-mail info); QT Notts (info sharing by e-mail); QT Walks; Eat Out Social; Nottingham Lions football team; Nottingham Women's Craftspeople; Lirain (Lesbians into real ale); Sherwood Ladies 5-a-side football; Tagadere (HIV+ support); Nottingham BiTopia & BiTalkia (Bi social groups); Emerge (Police, fire, ambulance social group); Gay Outdoor Club; Dinner Ladies (women's eat out group); LGBT Alcohol Support group; Kairos (Lesbian Immigration Support Group); QTIPOC (for QTI people of colour).

Download a directory of groups & services from the Local Facilities page of Switchboard's website

## DIARY

### OUTINGS



Inspired by recent high-profile 'comings out' by stars of stage, screen and sports, **Outings**, by Matthew Baldwin and Thomas Hescott, celebrates the lives of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people from around the world, exploring how they came out and what effect it has had on them.

At the Curve, Rutland Street, Leicester, LE1 1SB  
Thurs February 25th - Fri 26th. 0116 242 3595

### LGBT HISTORY MONTH

To find out all about what's going on around the country this February, go to

<http://lgbthistorymonth.org.uk/>

### BEAUTIFUL THING

**Beautiful Thing** is a glorious urban love story between two young men set on an inner city housing estate. It tells the story of teenager Jamie's relationship with classmate and neighbour, Ste.

Together the two boys find comedy, warmth and the music of Mama Cass through their loud-mouthed next door neighbour, Leah.



At the Lace Market Theatre, January 18th to 23rd

### WOWING WEST BRIDGFORD

The **WOW** LGBT Youth Group from Worksop has been working with Eden Productions on the "Something about us" project. The project looks at what it was like to be LGBT in the past compared with today. The project's findings will be presented at West Bridgford Library at 2.30 pm on Tuesday February 23rd. It's free, but booking is advised.

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