

Girlzone Newsletter January / February 2010

Upcoming LGBT Events

Thurs 28 January - Lesbian singer Horse is in concert at the Ironworks in Inverness. Tickets available online or contact the Box Office on 0871 7894173. Tickets are standing but if you do require a seat, please ask the box office when you book. Doors open at 7pm and she is expected on stage around 7.45pm

Ironworks web site: <http://www.ironworksvenue.com/event.php?eid=87>

Visit Horse's web site to hear her music <http://www.randan.org>

Some of us are meeting up for an early meal in Wetherspoons from 5.45pm onwards (Thursday night is their "Curry Club" but you can order from the ordinary menu too). If you want to meet up with us, please contact Joanne at girlzone@gay-ness.org.uk

Tuesday 2 February - Gay-friendly party night from 9pm at **Cactus Jaks nightclub** for LGBT and Friends. Free admission.

Thursday 4 February - meeting of the **Highland Rainbow Folk** group organised by Age Concern / Help the Aged in Scotland and THT. This will be 7pm at the Dunbar Centre (Church Street, Inverness). This will be a planning meeting for the special event on 26 February 2010. If you would like to attend, please contact Suzy Gentle at Age Concern and Help the Aged in Scotland Email suzy.gentle@ageconcernandhelptheagedscotland.org.uk (or call 01309 673455 / 07920540241).

Saturday 6 February - GirlZone lunch from 1pm at Wetherspoons in Church Street. If you are new, look for the blue box or contact Joanne at girlzone@gay-ness.org.uk if you wish to be met in advance.

Tuesday 9 February - The **Pink Castle Philosophy Club** meets at 7pm at Nico's Bar (Glen Mhor Hotel), Ness Bank, Inverness. Contact Morgan on 01463 751258 / 07745 930383 or email morgan@tramstop.org. The club meets on the second Tuesday of every month and has a topic for discussion.

Friday 12 February - LGBT Valentine's Disco & Karaoke at the Raigmore Motel. Tickets £5 on the door. Organised by the Highland LGBT Forum. Last orders 12.45am.

Friday 19 February - GirlZone lunch from 12.30pm - 2pm in the restaurant upstairs in Debenhams (take the lift to the very top floor in the Eastgate shopping centre, don't go to the cafe on the ground floor!).

Saturday 20th February - Queer Ball is a fundraising event for the LGBT Centre for Health and Wellbeing will be at The Assembly Rooms on George Street, **Edinburgh**. There will be multiple themed rooms, including a ceilidh featuring the fabulous Shoogles Sisters, dance space with DJ Trendy Wendy, live music, performers, stalls and much more. Bars serving affordable drinks will be provided by Giuliano's Restaurants. Tickets are priced at £15 and will be available from the Regent Bar, The Street, Café Nom de Plume, Tickets Scotland and Ripping Records. For more info visit <http://www.lgbthealth.org.uk/content/queer-ball-saturday-20th-february-2010>

Friday 26 February - The **Highland Rainbow Folk** group will hold a special event in Inverness to launch a new booklet and celebrate LGBT History Month. Local professionals (health, councillors, care workers, charities, local volunteer groups and such like) are being invited to the event to raise awareness of issues facing older members of the LGBT community. Members of the LGBT community are also welcome to attend - but please let us know in advance as sandwiches and refreshments are being organised.

The event will be from 1pm - 4pm at Inverness Town House on High Street. It will include presentations from the group, storytelling by older LGBT people and a Digital Stories DVD made by members of the group. There will also be information stalls from the Equality Network, THT, Highland LGBT Forum, Northern Constabulary and other organisations.

The event is being co-organised by THT and Age Concern / Help the Aged in Scotland. For further info and to confirm attendance for catering requirements, please contact Suzy Gentle - email:

suzy.gentle@ageconcernandhelptheagedscotland.org.uk / Tel: 01309 673455 / Mob: 07920540241.

Other News and Events:

Take a look at <http://www.scottishlgbt.org> and you can find out about other events around Scotland.

The **Findhorn Foundation** will be running various LGBTQ workshops this year. Debbie Dinsmoor and Adriana Bijman will be running "Women2Women: A Personal & Spiritual Inner Journey for Lesbians" in April and "Lesbian Belongings: Loving from the Inside Out" in September. There will also be a Gay & Lesbian Experience Week starting on March 6th. For full details, click on <http://www.findhorn.org/workshops/workshops.php?catid=13>

Highland Spiritual Cinema has monthly films shown at Volunteering Highland. The next film is on 27 January and there is a

small admission charge if you are not a member. See details online:

<http://www.spanglefish.com/highlandspiritualcinema/news.asp>

The National LGBT Forum is holding a conference/seminar in Perth on Thursday 11 February on the topic of race, religion and belief. Contact the Equality Network for more info <http://www.scottishlgbt.org/Events/Details.aspx?id=382>

Due to increasing postage costs, THT in Inverness will no longer be sending out copies of **ScotsGay magazine** with their monthly newsletter. However they will still have free copies available in their office at Waterloo Place, and the Highland LGBT Forum is in talks with ScotsGay about getting its own supply for free distribution at venues in Inverness. You can also read the magazine online in PDF format by downloading it from the ScotsGay web site <http://www.scotsgay.co.uk>

THT will be sending out a new monthly newsletter by email. If you are not already on their mailing list contact Caroline.Snow@tht.org.uk

THT holds Open Door Afternoons at their office in Waterloo Place in Inverness on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2pm - 4pm for anyone who is LGBT and wishes to chat to staff about any issues. Phone 01463 711 585 for more info.

The **Scottish Sexual Attitudes Survey 2009/2010** is funded by the Centre for Research in Families and Relationships organised through the University of Edinburgh. They are looking for 1,000 responses from men and women from all over Scotland. If you'd like to fill in the survey online, click on

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/TY886QL>

All participants will be given the opportunity to enter a prize draw to win either a crate of champagne or a £100 voucher for a major department store of their choice. The survey take approximately 10 minutes to complete online.