



Highland LGBT Social Group



JULY NEWS LETTER

Hi everyone

We hope you are all well, the month of June has been a very good for the social group and all its members. We would also like to welcome the new members who have joined us this month and look forward to see you at some of our events.

The new committee for the social group is now working hard together to take the group forward and to give it a better and brighter future. We hope that you all will continue to give us your support and ideas for events or on any issues that you feel we should look at.

As we always tell you this is your group, run for you all by the committee. We would like to remind you all of the areas we try to promote.

- 1) Good sexual health for all
- 2) Equality and diversity for all
- 3) Social events in a safe environment for all
- 4) To get you help and advice form other support groups

We have been asked by some members to give a list of the social groups achievements over the last year. We are happy to do this, as we feel it shows the hard work that has been done so far by us all.

New venue for social group meetings----monthly news letter---logos---monthly social group meetings---disco's---coffee mornings---calendar---website---telephone links---stalls at events---highland pride ball---t-shirts now on sale---and now working with other lgbt social groups and support groups all over Scotland,

And we hope lots more to come, so all in all a great list of achievements and well done to everyone for their hard work.





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EVENTS FOR JULY

COFFEE MORNING

Coffee morning this month is the 7th July and again there will be Cd's and DVD's on sale, plus hand made greetings cards. So please come along and bring a friend or two

SOCIAL GROUP NIGHT OUT

This months social group night out is at Bar Pivo which is on the 17th July. We hope you come along and join us. Just look out for the table with the red hat on it and that's us. And again spread the word to your friends.

FILMS AT EDEN COURT

Eden court are screening two films this month from the London lesbian and gay film festival, these are as follows

BEYOND HATRED (JUL 12)

RED DOORS (JUL 17)

Phone bookings - 01463 234 234

Website----- www.eden-court.co.uk

HIGHLAND GAMES

At this years Highland games we are to have a stall of our own, the games are the 21st and 22rd July. We hope you will come along and give the games and our stall your support. Bring



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HOT NEWS

HIGHLAND PRIDE BALL

Tickets for the highland pride ball go on sale from the 1st August priced at £17 each. The ball takes place on 15th Dec at the loch ness house hotel, Inverness. Doors open at 7pm. We have the group two red shoes and the cherry seeds plus Ken Kelman disco booked that night.

You can buy the tickets direct from us in person, or reserved over the phone, or over our website. We have had a lot of interest for the ball from all over Scotland so our advice is buy your ticket early.

OTHER NEWS

PRIDE SCOTIA

Some of us went down to Pride Scotia where we shared a stall with two other lgbt social groups, it was a wet day but everyone had a great time. The good news from sharing the stall is that we will in future be working with other lgbt social groups in Scotland. We will keep you informed how this will work as its early days for us all.

The other news form Pride Scotia is that other support groups want to come to our coffee mornings to meet as many members of our social group as possible. This is due to all the hard work that we have done here in the Highlands, . plus our new Nessie logo was a big hit too.

JUNES DISCO

Junes disco was a big hit and everyone had a great time. We would like to thank everyone who helped out on the night and Miss Bella Ness would also like to thank Jan - Jenie - Joan - and Charlie for their help too, she did enjoy herself being with you all, many thanks from Bella.



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THT

At long last the social group committee hope to draw a line under the problems we have shared with THT. The committee is to meet with THT at the end of this month, with the view of how we all can work along side each other for the benefit of the community. We have enclosed a copy of a letter we received from THT. We hope this will show you all that we are willing to move on from all the bad feeling which has occurred and that THT will take this opportunity of moving forward with us all.

SEXUAL HEALTH

Sexual health is one of our areas we are trying to improve on for everyone. The current statistics do not make good reading, not for any of us.

It is important for all of us to be aware and act responsible when having any form of sex and that is not just for ourselves but for others too.

Never take a risk, it could be one risk too many and it could be you seeking help.

We now have two sexual health clinics here in Inverness that offer help and advice these are as follows.

Highland sexual health Tel 01463 704202

Terrence Higgins trust Tel 01463 711585

We would like to end this months news letter by thanking you all for your support and hope you find this news letter helpfully. Please remember this is your group here for you all.

Hope to see you at some of our events, take care.



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Terrence Higgins Trust

Many LGBT people in the Highlands will be aware that, last autumn, Reach Out Highland (ROH) agreed a merger with Terrence Higgins Trust (THT). At the time a letter was sent (22nd September) to contacts on the ROH mailing lists, advising them of the change and requesting that anyone not wishing to have their contact details transferred to THT should make their wishes known. Following an EGM at the end of May 2007, the merger process is now nearing completion, and THT have been using the mailing lists concerned as part of the transfer of intellectual property. This has worried some people, who have received a questionnaire from THT without realising that their details were on a THT list.

Ailsa Spindler, THT Highland Services Manager, is keen to reassure everyone concerned that all names will be held confidentially, and will never be released to any external party without express prior permission. As an added safeguard, she wishes to repeat the call for anyone who does not want to receive THT mailings – newsletters, questionnaires, invitations to events, and similar – to contact the THT service centre (details below) to have their name removed from the lists.

Terrence Higgins Trust is happy to continue the good work done by Reach Out Highland, and is working to promote equality and good sexual health throughout the area.

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