



LGBT Highland Social Group

MARCH NEWSLETTER

Hello everyone, hope you are all keeping well. There is a lot of things to update you with in this months newsletter and we hope it will be of some use to you.

As you will know February was LGBT History month in Scotland, which was the first time that we took part in. We supported the event by holding a coffee morning and disco. A huge thanks to all who came along and supported the event. It was good to see so many new faces.

We would like to welcome all the new members who joined the social group in February. It is hoped that you will join us at our events and meetings throughout the year. Please feel free to give us any ideas for events and any help with them also.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS.

11th March 2007 – It is hoped that we will do our first car boot sale at Eden Court car park. This is hoped to raise funds for the group.

17th March 2007 – Coffee morning held at the Terrence Higgins Trust offices at Waterloo Place. Come along for a coffee and a chat from 10am until 2pm.

20th March 2007 – Social Group night out to Bar Pivo from 7.30pm. Why not come along and join us for a night out.

28th April 2007 – Disco at the Raigmore Recreation Hall, Raigmore Hospital, Inverness

SUPPORT FROM THE COMMUNITY

We are pleased to tell you that two local businesses have agreed to give the Social Group and its members a discount when using them.

Kenny Mackay
Melrose Villa Guest House
35 Kenneth Street
Inverness
01463 233745
www.melrosevilla.com
10% Discount

Enterprise Rent-a-car
39 Harbour Road
Inverness
01463 235525
Contact Os the manager
15% Discount

IN GENERAL

As you may be aware the Highland Social Group is growing in size and is now part of the Highland LGBT Forum. One of the many things we talk about is the running cost for the group and how to fund it.

To help with running costs we have enclosed a donation form. We would like to inform you that donations are an option. Your donation can be for any amount. The LGBT Forum is also going to act on our behalf applying for funding.

We have a message from Joanne from Girlzone:

Girlzone is a friendly, informal social group for all ages. If you are a lesbian or bisexual or are questioning your sexual orientation then feel free to get in touch. Girlzone meet for lunch on the first Saturday of each month from 1pm in Weatherspoons on Church Street, Inverness. All are welcome. Contact Joanne at girlzone@gay-ness.org.uk or phone 0779 222 3687.

We would like to remind you that the LGBT social group now has a website www.gay-ness.org.uk so take a look, you will find lots of information as well as photos and other links.

We are pleased to inform you that we now have a phone service for you. You can call and leave a message and we will get back to you. If you let us know your mobile number we can inform you of forthcoming events with a text message. The number to call is 07927 034 781

The Social group meets on the first Wednesday of every month. The April group meeting will be held at a new venue but we will keep you informed as to where this is going to be.

If you would like to add anything to the newsletters please pass the information on to us by the end of each month.

The Metropolitan Community Church is returning to Inverness. The date has not been set yet but we will keep you informed.

Well that's about it for this month. We look forward to seeing you at some if not all of the forthcoming events.

This months sexual health message is from Mr HIV
If you're not safe
I'll be waiting for thee

Protect yourself by what you wear

www.gay-ness.org.uk



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The Changing face of Life

Life as we know it is changing and challenging for us at some point in our lives. New laws of equality for all are the most challenging because they seek to change how we look and feel towards each other. Laws alone will not bring about change, it can only happen if we work together with education and take a look at how we could make individual changes.

No longer can we judge a person on which part of the world they come from, the colour of their skin, their religion or their sexuality.

Is equality for all the way forward – YES.

For far too long people have lived in fear of being who they are, the fear of what others will say or do. With equality should come a better understanding and a more tolerant society for us to live in.

In the gay community we are still living in fear and that fear has already ended to many lives. It was not too many years ago here in Inverness that a few gay guys decided they would hold a meeting in a local hall to make new friends and not feel so alone. As the meeting broke up and they were leaving the hall these guys were stoned by people who laid in wait for them. Hard to believe but true. Out of ignorance and fear of the unknown the stigma of being gay lived.

Now is the time to bring about change for there are many individuals and organisations working together to bring about these changes

No one need live in fear or feel alone; here in the Highlands where the geographical area is so wide we bring hope of a better tomorrow.

Mike Kirby
Secretary
Highland LGBT Social Group



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Donation Form

Please send this form with your donation to the address below

Title: Full Name:

Address:

..... Postcode:

Email: Telephone:

I would like to make a donation of £

I enclose a cheque made payable to the **Highland LGBT Forum**

Signature: Date:

The Highland LGBT Forum and the LGBT Highland Social Group are delighted that you have chosen to support us by making a donation.

Your donation will help us in the work that we do. For further information, go to www.gay-ness.org.uk

Thank you for your continued support.

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