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The Highland LGBT Forum had a brilliant stall at the Inverness Highland Games with a wide range of leaflets on all sorts of issues and free condoms too!



Mike (Chairman of Highland LGBT Forum)

Highland LGBT Forum

Making the LGBT community more visible in the Highlands

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New gay nights at HUSH every Friday!

Come and have a drink after work and start the weekend early! Doors open at 7pm. Over 21s only. All LGBT and friends welcome to "The New Friday Night Project - House Has Come Home", with dj Cisco.

Visit the [HUSH Facebook page](#) and web site:

www.hushnightlife.co.uk

Tickets are now on sale for the Highland LGBT Forum's **Halloween Bash** (23 October at the Raigmore Motel) - see below for full details.

The LGBT Youth Group at THT is having a **Karaoke Night on Friday 27 August** at The Phoenix (Academy Street, Inverness). Tickets £3. Contact Caroline.Snow@ttht.org.uk or call 01463 711585.

Keep checking the [Events page](#) for updates.

If you have anything you want us to add, just send it to forum@gay-ness.org.uk

Tickets now on sale

Make a note in your diary for **Saturday 23 October!** The Highland LGBT Forum is organising a **Halloween Party** at the Raigmore Motel with a whole evening packed with live entertainment. The line-up features DJ Calum, The Shire, and a special guest appearance by Miss Shirley B.

Tickets are now on sale from Art Media (104 Church Street, Inverness IV1 1EP) which is open Monday - Saturday. Cost £10. The Raigmore Motel is offering a **special discount on room rates** for the night. A single room will cost £35.80 and a twin/double room £56.20. Call them direct on 01463 221546 to book your room and please mention the Highland LGBT Forum to get your discount.

LGBT events calendar

- **Tuesday 3 August:** **LGBT Moray group** meeting at Elgin library in the Activities Room 7.30-9pm (onto the Cooperage afterwards is optional!). If you're nervous about coming along, someone can meet you in advance - call the group mobile on 07598418638. Feel free to bring along a friend for support if you wish. All welcome.
- **Wednesday 4 August:** Gay Men's Group for adults of all ages (socialise, chat, meet like minded people) from 7pm at THT (34 Waterloo Place, Inverness). Contact 01463 711585 for more details. Always on the first Wednesday of the month.
- **Friday 6 August:** LGBT youth night at THT, Waterloo Place, Inverness from 6pm-8pm (first Friday of every month) - contact Caroline.Snow@ttht.org.uk
- **Saturday 7 August:** **GirlZone** lunch from 1pm at Wetherspoons in Church Street. Joanne will be on holiday, but someone will be there to look out for any newcomers.



Joanne (left) with Sandra & Sonja from Munich

Thanks to NHS Highland, THT, Brook Highland, Age Scotland, Highland Council, Equality Network and many others for providing leaflets, etc.

The Forum is hoping to attend Freshers' Fayres in September in Inverness and Skye.

Gay Nights

The Highland LGBT Forum is talking to some more Inverness venues about hosting gay nights - we'll keep you posted!

Friday Nights @ HUSH

Come and have a drink after work and start the weekend early! Doors open at 7pm. Over 21s only. All LGBT and friends welcome. Every Friday. Visit the [HUSH Facebook page](#) and web site: www.hushnightlife.co.uk

Faith

Rev. Peter Nimmo of the [Old High Church & St Stephen's Church](#) in Inverness is happy to talk with any LGBT people (of any denomination) about any issues they may have regarding their faith. He recently organised some education events in church on same-sex relationships and the ministry - visit his [blog](#) for details. [Click here to contact him.](#)



- **Tuesday 10 August:** 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.
- **Thursday 12 August:** [LGBT Moray group](#) meeting in The Cooperage (across from Marks & Spencers in Elgin) from 7.30pm onwards in the recessed reserved seating area at the back of the pub on the left. If you're nervous about coming along, someone can meet you in advance - call the group mobile on 07598418638. Feel free to bring along a friend for support if you wish. All welcome.
- **Friday 20 August:** [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!). If you are new, look for the blue box or contact Joanne at [GirlZone](#) if you wish to be met in advance.
- **Wednesday 25 August:** LGBT Film night at THT (Waterloo Place, Inverness). Arrive 7pm, film starts at 7.30pm sharp. From August, this will be on the last Wednesday of every month.
- **Thursday 26 August:** [LGBT Moray group](#) meeting in The Cooperage (across from Marks & Spencers in Elgin) from 7.30pm onwards in the recessed reserved seating area at the back of the pub on the left. If you're nervous about coming along, someone can meet you in advance - call the group mobile on 07598418638. Feel free to bring along a friend for support if you wish. All welcome.
- **Thursday 26 August:** The [Swans of Scotland](#) is an independent group which meets at the Beaufort Hotel in Inverness on the last Thursday of the month for transgender / transvestite / transexual people. [Visit their web site](#) for more details.
- **Friday 27 August:** Karaoke night at The Phoenix (Academy Street, Inverness). Tickets £3 (proceeds to the THT LGBT Youth Group). Contact Caroline.Snow@ttht.org.uk or call 01463 711585.

Priorities for LGBT Equality

We're close to legal equality, but there's still a long way to go before we have real equality. What do you think is the most important area to change for LGBT equality? As the Equality Network plans its work over the next few years, they want to know what you think they should be working on. Please help by completing the online survey - it should take less than 5 minutes and the effects will last for years!
www.surveymonkey.com/s/ENpriorities

Older Lesbians

An exciting new research project about older lesbians, 'The Lives of British Lesbians Over Sixty,' based at the University of Sussex, will build the first-ever comprehensive picture of older lesbian life in the UK. They need as many women as possible to take part! If you are a lesbian or bisexual woman aged 60 or more, please help to make this national survey a success by filling in the questionnaire and encouraging your friends to do so too. For more info, visit: www.womenlikethat.co.uk

HALT HATE CRIME

The [Halt Hate Crime booklet](#) has just been produced by the Equality and Human Rights Commission in partnership with Equality Network and Stonewall Scotland.

LGBT Youth Scotland has a text message support service - simply text "info" to 0778 148 17 88 and a trained youth worker will text you back.



Brook Highland

Brook - 77 Church Street, Inverness. Tel: 01463 242434 to check opening hours. No appointments needed. Free and confidential counselling and sexual health services to young people under 25 (including any aspect of sexuality, sex and relationships). Contraception, emergency contraception, pregnancy testing, infection screening, etc.

Ask Brook free helpline number 0808 802 1234.

Text service on 81222 also available - [click here for details](#).

Get more LGBT news from:

- [LGBT Youth Scotland](#)
- [Scotsgay](#)
- [Stonewall Scotland](#)



FINDHORN WORKSHOPS

The Findhorn Foundation organises various LGBTQ workshops during the year - [visit their web site for details](#) or [download the poster](#)

LGBT Research Project

The Office for Public Management (OPM), an independent research organisation, is undertaking independent research on behalf of the UK Government Equalities Office and would like to talk to lesbian, gay, bisexual and trans people about their opinions and experiences through 30 minute telephone interviews booked at your convenience.

Your insights will help influence Government policy and help policy makers understand the extent to which LGBT people are, or feel, under-represented in public and political life, whether barriers for LGBT people exist and how they could be overcome.

All your details are confidential and your views will be anonymised. In appreciation for your time **we will be offering a £20 thank you**. To find out more or register your interest in taking part please go to: www.opm.co.uk/lgbt

If you have any questions please call Kate on 020 7239 7891 or Sarah on 020 7239 7804.

Date for your diary

The Forum is looking at holding a **Christmas lunch** in an Inverness pub in mid December - we'll keep you posted!