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### g3 mag for gay/bi women

Topics in g3's September issue, include late-blooming lesbians; the important role of LGBT youth groups; the rise of lesbian escorting and stand-up comedian Rhona Cameron talks about her new screenplay. Read online or download as PDF - [g3mag.co.uk](http://g3mag.co.uk)

### Evolve - lesbian club in Edinburgh

The Sunday Herald published 2 articles about the new monthly **Evolve club for lesbians in Edinburgh**. One article appeared on **22 August** and the other on **29 August** (the latter includes an interview with Rhona Cameron at the launch night). For more info about future events see [evolve-me.com](http://evolve-me.com)

### Friday Gay 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:

# Highland LGBT Forum

**Making the LGBT community more visible in the Highlands**

## Newsletter September 2010

September will be busy in the north of Scotland! The Equality Network is running a conference in Inverness. The Highland LGBT Forum is running health information stalls at Freshers' Fayres at Inverness College and Sabhal Mòr Ostaig on Skye.

Meanwhile the Moray LGBT group has 3 meetings in Elgin this month, and the new LGBT group in the Western Isles is going camping on the Isle of Harris if you want to have a weekend away.

After the success of the karaoke night, the local LGBT Youth Group will be holding a fundraising Quiz Nite on 29th September in the City Bar.

There's news on the grapevine about 2 new gay-friendly venues opening in Inverness - when we have the full details, we'll let you know.

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 Highland LGBT Forum will be holding open monthly meetings from 6th October onwards in the Spectrum Centre.

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](mailto: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

- **Saturday 4 September:** **GirlZone** lunch from 1pm at Wetherspoons in Church Street. If you are new, look for the blue box or contact **GirlZone** if you wish to be met in advance.
- **Saturday 4th September:** National LGBT Forum conference in Inverness at the Ramada Jarvis Hotel (Church Street, Inverness) from 1-4.30pm. A buffet lunch will be provided and a travel bursary scheme is in place where travel costs are a barrier to participation. If you would like to register to come along and take part or would like to suggest a speaker, topic for discussion or other agenda item please contact [scott@equality-network.org](mailto:scott@equality-network.org) or phone 0131 467 6039. Visit the

[www.hushnightlife.co.uk](http://www.hushnightlife.co.uk)



**Monster FM** will be broadcasting in Inverness on 87.7 FM from 1-28 September. They will be a series of live shows by volunteers - covering a wide range of subjects, from comedy to books and even Gaelic hip-hop. Inverness's first new radio station in over 25 years!

**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](#).

### 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!

### Facebook page

We know that LGBT people live and work in all parts of Scotland, however the picture of equality can differ greatly between Scotland's rural and urban centres. Whether it's about achieving that critical mass, changing attitudes or improving local services for LGBT people, there is much to be done to ensure LGBT people can be who they are, wherever they are. We know what the issues are, we know what the barriers are. But what are we going to do about it? This event called Everywhere Equal is organised by the [Equality Network](#).

- **Saturday 4 September:** **T-Girls night out** in Aberdeen at **Cheerz Bar!**
- **Tuesday 7 September:** **LGBT Moray group** meeting at 7.30pm in Elgin library (Activities Room) and onto the Cooperage afterwards. First Tuesday of the month. 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 8 September:** **LGBT Moray group** meeting from 11am in Scribbles coffee shop/pizza house (154 High Street, Elgin). Second Wednesday of the month. 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.
- **Tuesday 14 September:** The **Pink Castle Philosophy Club** meets at 7.30pm in the riverside lounge of the Glen Mhor Hotel (Ness Bank, Inverness). Contact Morgan on 01463 751258 / 07745 930383 or email [morgan@tramstop.org](mailto:morgan@tramstop.org). The club meets on the second Tuesday of every month.
- **Friday 17 September:** **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 **GirlZone** if you wish to be met in advance. Joanne's number is 0779 222 3687.
- **Wednesday 22 September:** Monthly meeting of the **Highland Rainbow Folk** at 7pm. New venue: Volunteering Highland (Millburn Road, Inverness). Contact Suzy Gentle [suzy.gentle@agescotland.org.uk](mailto:suzy.gentle@agescotland.org.uk). Tel: 01309 673455.
- **Thursday 23 September:** **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 (curry night - other food available). Fourth Thursday of the month. 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 29 September:** Quiz Nite at 9pm in the City Bar (Queensgate, Inverness - opposite the main Post Office). Over 18s only. £1 per person taking part - Winner Takes All! Guaranteed cash prize of £50. Profits to the local LGBT Youth Group. Contact quiz master Craig on 07549 195133.
- **Thursday 30 September:** 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.
- **Wednesday 6 October:** open meeting of the Highland LGBT Forum at the Spectrum Centre from 7pm - 9pm. All welcome.

### Camping in the Hebrides!

**Out Out West** (the new LGBT group in the Western Isles) are having a weekend camping on the Isle of Harris at the **Lickisto campsite** (run by Harvey & John, 2 gay guys, featured on TV in 'Build a New Life in the Country'). If you would like to go, the weekend will be 10th and 11th

Get more LGBT news from:

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



September. For more info and contacts, visit the [discussion board on the Out Out West Facebook page](#)

This group also meets in Stornoway on the last Friday of the month and organises other social events.

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