

North-West TRANS Listings

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Please email any information which you would like to be included in future issues to listings@transforum.org.uk Brief inclusion in this listing is free and is intended to include everything of value to our community. In the short term it will be distributed monthly through the TransForum website www.transforum.org.uk and by email to everyone we are aware of as a PDF. Any other Trans organisation is welcome to copy and add the PDF to their website for wider distribution.

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Happy May Day! April has been cold and wet, but let us all now look forwards to some warmer weather as we approach Summer. Time to put away those winter coats, leave the umbrella in the cupboard, dig out the sun hat!



"The world's favorite season is the spring. All things seem possible in May." - Edwin Way Teale

2012 LGBT CENSUS

A 2012 LGBT Census is being conducted by World Voices for Equality, Inc. A Non-Profit Corporation. The purpose of the census is to give a voice to millions of LGBT people around the world, and provide the data collected to non-profit organizations (the primary beneficiaries) around the world who work on behalf of the LGBTQI community. This is a world-wide survey, to help better build a better understanding of the LGBT community within wider society. The survey is open until October 1st, please take a look at the website <http://www.lgbt2012census.com> for further information and to take the survey. Help make your voice count!

LGBT Community Exhibition

MOSI (Museum of Science & Industry) are working in partnership with LGB&T groups from Manchester to co-produce a community exhibition, which will explore living, working and socialising in the city. For further details see page 6.

Sparkle

SPARKLE IS COMING !

Sparkle is the national transgender celebration taking place in Manchester on the weekend of 12th to 15th July. There will be something for all people, across the entire transgender spectrum. See page 12 for more information.

Sparkle
Newsletter

Why not subscribe to the Sparkle newsletter and get information emailed to you as plans proceed?

<http://sparkle.org.uk/phplist/?p=subscribe>

Regular events, groups and meetings

TransForum Manchester meeting

4th Saturday of the month at 3.30pm to 7pm
The Lesbian & Gay Foundation (LGF),
 5 Richmond Street, MANCHESTER M1 3HR.
 see <http://www.transforum.org.uk>
 Facebook page: <http://www.tinyurl.com/transforumfb>
 Details of planned meeting content can be found
 at <http://www.transforum.org.uk/Meeting.html> a few
 days before the meetings.

MORF (Manchester FTM Group)

4th Monday of the Month at 7:00pm to 9:00 pm.
 Meetings are held at the LGBT Centre (located on
 45-51 Sidney Street, Manchester
 M1 7HB). <http://www.morf.org.uk>
 Information morf@morf.org.uk

**Unique TG support Group (N.Wales & West
 Cheshire)** 3rd Thursday of the month in
 Llandudno at 8:00pm <http://www.uniquetg.org.uk>

Manchester Concord TG Social Group Every
 Wednesday from 7:00pm. **Note new venue**,
 Concord has moved to the upstairs room at
 Villagio's Restaurant on Canal Street in The Village.
<http://manchesterconcord.org.uk>

MCC Manchester, LGBT Church

Every Sunday 4.30pm Wilbraham St Ninian's,
 Chorlton M21 0XJ.
<http://www.mccmanchester.co.uk/trans.htm>

Marlin Trans Swimming Group

Note change of date - 2nd Tuesday of the month at
 7.30pm. For information contact
swim@marlin.org.uk Website <http://www.marlin.org.uk>

Blackpool Trans Swimming Group

3rd Sunday of the month 3.30pm to 4.30pm.
 There is a swimming hour at Moor Park Health and
 Leisure Centre, for trans people MtF & FtM. For
 further information contact
info@transgenderblackpool.com

Manchester Lesbian & Gay Chorus

is looking for more members from the Trans
 community. We meet Monday nights, 7pm - 9 pm
 at Manchester Town Hall, Lloyd Street entrance.
 email: membership@mlgc.org.uk
 Or visit <http://www.mlgc.org.uk>

Cygnets2Swans, Blackburn

Meets on the 4th Tuesday of the month at 6.30 pm
 at The Jarman Centre, 53 James Street, Blackburn,
 BB1 6BE. You can park outside at that time.
 Cygnets2Swans is a voluntary group based in
 Blackburn that supports those who have or are
 considering going through gender reassignment.
 The group supports both trans women (male to
 female) and trans men (female to male). Anyone is
 welcome to attend, especially new people
 interested in supporting the group.
<http://cygnets2swans.org.uk/home>

In Trust Merseyside

1st Saturday of the month at Waterloo Community
 Centre from 3pm till 5pm.
 Old School Buildings, Great Georges Road,
 Waterloo, Liverpool L22 1RD.
<http://merseysideintrust.org>
 Contact Tony Griffin
anthony.griffin@equalities.seftoncvcs.org.uk

Trans Youth Network now meets on the
 3rd Sunday of every month at the LGBT Centre on
 Sidney Street, Manchester from 12 noon until 5
 pm.
<http://www.queeryouth.org.uk/community/index.php?act=Events&CODE=03&MID=QY%20North%20West>

**Blackpool Renaissance Transgender
 Group:** 6.00pm (2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the
 month) at the Gynway Hotel.
http://www.gynwayblackpool.com/renaissance_transgender_forum.htm

Tea with Teela

7:00pm at Transpose in Ellesmere Port, Cheshire
 (3rd Thursday of the month)
<http://www.transpose.tv> Tel:0151-356-8555

Encompass LBG T group

First Wednesday of the month, 7:30pm - 9:00pm
 approx. CAB Community Café, Cable St, Connah's
 Quay, North Wales CH5 4DZ.
<http://www.encompass.btk.com>
 Details Elen or Jenny-Anne 01745-337144

Liberty Church Blackpool, LGBT Church

Every Sunday 6.30pm.
 72-72 Dickson Road, Blackpool FY1 2AW.
<http://www.libertychurchblackpool.org.uk>

Transinclusion Blackpool

Meetings are on the third Tuesday of each month
 throughout 2010, but do check the website for
 confirmation. 7:00pm @ 102 Dickson Road,
 Blackpool, FY1 2BU. On the corner with Lansdowne
 Place. Buff coloured building.
<http://www.transinclusion.org>

G'n'G A New Liverpool based trans group.

Check out events on facebook
<http://www.facebook.com/gng.genderproject?sk=wall>
 and our Liverpool T-Girl group website at
<http://gng-genderproject.com>

Preston LGBT centre details are here:

<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=106643469083>

LGBT Communion Service

5.30pm on the 1st Saturday of each month at St
 Chrysostom's Church. The church is on the A34 in
 Victoria Park, just south of Manchester city centre,
 on the corner of Anson Road (Upper Brook Street)
 and Oxford Place, M14 5BG. See website
<http://www.stchrysostoms.org/AboutCommunion>

Spirit Level, Sefton Liverpool

1st & 3rd Monday of each month at 7.30pm. NHS Armistead Centre Musker Buildings, 1 Stanley Street, Liverpool L1 1AA. Supporting Transgendered people in Liverpool.
<http://www.mercurialspirit.co.uk/sl/about.html>

OUT TO DANCE MANCHESTER

We are a Latin Dance non-profitable group for all the LGBT community and friends. We offer salsa lessons every Thursday in Thomsons Arms (7.30 to 9.30pm) and tango lessons on the second and third Sunday of each month in Manto Bar (1 - 5pm). Our website is <http://www.out2dance.org.uk>

Pride in North Cumbria PiNC is a LGBT group based in North Cumbria for young people. Email pinc-carlisle@hotmail.co.uk
 Website <http://www.prideinnorthcumbria.org>
 Facebook - Search "Pride in North Cumbria" and become a fan of our page

Rhyl young people's LGBT group "Viva!"

Viva currently runs two youth groups: Tuesdays from 5pm to 8pm for the full 14 to 25 age range; and Saturdays from 11am to 1pm for the younger age group (14 to 18). West Rhyl Young People's Centre, 17 Bedford St, RHYL, Denbighshire LL18 1SY. Phone 01745 357941
 Website <http://vivalgbt.co.uk>
 E-mail vivalgbtfacebook@hotmail.co.uk
 Facebook <http://www.facebook.com/Vivalgbt>
 Contacts are Hannah (Manager), Gareth & James Gareth Davies Youth Worker info@vivalgbt.co.uk

Lancashire Lads. A group of trans men who meet every second Tuesday of the month 6.30 pm at Project 102 Dickson Rd Blackpool, FY1 2BU. On the corner with Lansdowne Place. Welcome to all FTMs at all stages of transition, including those who are questioning. Call Lewis 07833 738035 or Stefan 07768 956640

ENFYS Wrexham LGBT youth group.

For ages 13 to 25 years. Meets at THE VIC every Friday 5.30 to 8.30pm. For more info contact Julia Francis on 07808787776. Email juliafrancis1@live.co.uk

Wirral TransSister - ts/tv/cd

Wirral and Liverpool area. The Terrence Higgins Trust, 5 Bridge Street, Birkenhead. Meet 1st Tuesday of each month 7.00pm - 10pm. Contact mazykate@toucansurf.com

TransWirral - ts/intersex - NW England

<http://www.transwirral.btik.com>
 (HQ - 90-92 Chester Street, Birkenhead, CH41 5DL). Meetings on 1st Sat of each month from 1-3pm.

The LGBT Parents Group

Meets every fourth Saturday 2.15 to 4.15pm at the Alexandra Park Play Centre, Moss Side, M16 7AS. Call Matt or Zena on 0161 636 7507, 07970 298 559 or email Matt: matt.roberts@Manchester.nhs.uk

Same-sex hand holding Saturday (Sshh!)

Last Saturday of every month.
 Website: <http://www.adayinhand.com>
 (PLEASE REGISTER WITH OUR WEBSITE)

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/adayinhand?ref=ts>
 Twitter: <http://twitter.com/adayinhand>
 David Watkins (A Day In Hand founder)
info@adayinhand.com



Switch - The West Yorkshire Trans social group meets up on every last Tuesday of the month 6-8pm in a safe Leeds city centre location. Email Switch@mesmac.co.uk for directions or ask us on Facebook - search for "West Yorkshire Switch".

TREC drop-in meeting 3rd Friday of every month, 7-9pm, The Lesbian & Gay Foundation (LGF), 5 Richmond Street, MANCHESTER M1 3HR.
<http://www.transcentre.org.uk>

"My Journey" M2F Trans Support Group for Trans Women who identify as Lesbian or Bi.
Note that this group is now on hold because of difficulties with venue. If a new venue can be found the group may be restarted. Watch <http://www.theconcord.org.uk/phpbb3/viewtopic.php?f=6&t=961> for further news.

MerseyBois - An FTM support group based in the Merseyside area. This group is open to all those who are somewhere on the FTM spectrum. To be able to attend meet-ups you must be aged 18 and over. <http://merseybois.tumblr.com/> Email: liverpool.ftm@gmail.com Twitter: [@MerseyBois](https://twitter.com/MerseyBois)
 We are holding our sixth meeting on Wednesday 4th April @ 6:30pm, in Liverpool. Please email us for more information on where we're meeting.

LGBT POLICE SURGERIES CARLISLE

Officers will be available at Outrageous, 77-79 English Street, Carlisle from 4pm to 5pm on the first Friday of each month to assist with any issues that the LGBT community think the police can help with. If you feel uneasy about calling the police or asking for their support, the drop-in service is here to help you. Next surgery is Friday 4th May.

VIVA - Youth groups and support for young people (14-25) who identify as LGB or T, and those questioning their sexual orientation or gender. Viva is part of West Rhyl Young People's Project. Contact Gareth, James or Hannah 01745 357 941 info@vivalgbt.co.uk website www.vivalgbt.co.uk

Information on other trans groups meeting regularly in the area welcome. Email with the details for inclusion.
listings@transforum.org.uk

Commercial Services (inclusion does not indicate anything other than the existence of this service)

Hair, Beauty and Style advice

Transpose: Cheshire based make-over and dressing service 0151 356 8555
<http://www.transpose.tv/>

The Makeover Girl: Gill Springgay Image Consultant for Transgender, Professional Makeup Artist, Qualified Hair Technician, Personal Shopper.
Website: <http://www.makeovergirl.co.uk> e-mail: msmakeovergirl@yahoo.co.uk Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/makeovergirl> Mobile 07845 910712
Based in Ecclestone Lancashire but mobile service also available.

The Manchester Dressing Service: Manchester based make-over and dressing service 07774528528 <http://www.dressingservicemanchester.com>

Contrast Wigs: <http://www.contrastwigs.com>
Office: 01454 617763 Mobile: 07800 656234

Geraldine Walters: Electrolygist, skincare, permanent makeup
* Private home-based advanced electrolygist using Apilus system.
(Removal of hair, skin tags, red veins)
* Skincare therapist (from manicure & pedicure to peels and skin needling)
* Permanent makeup technician.
Website: <http://www.geraldinewalters.co.uk> e-mail: info@geraldinewalters.co.uk
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/The-Little-Skin-Studio/163259337050313>
Phone: 01942 720090 / 077877 18791 Based in Ashton in Makerfield, J23 M6.

Clothes and Shoes

Medissa Shoes: Ladies shoes sizes 9 to 11. Widths AA, B, C/D, E/EE.
<http://www.medissashoes.com>

Hour Glass figure: Cross-dressing and Breast-form Specialists. As far as I am aware, this is the only site where a transgender or cross-dresser lingerie shopper can talk, in complete confidence, to a professional female bra and breast-form fitter.
<http://www.hourglassfigure.co.uk/index.asp>

Facial Feminization

Facial Team FFS Specialists Dr. Luis Capitán & Dr. Daniel Simon, consultations are available in London on 10th April, ref. <http://www.facebook.com/events/248289981915776/>
Also meet us at Sparkle in Manchester in July, and in London on July 16th.
CONTACT US: To request an appointment, please send your full name and mobile phone number to info@facialteam.eu or by SMS to 0034.951.706.713

Gender Clinics

Transhealth: The London Gender Clinic <http://www.transhealth.co.uk>

GenderCare: UK Specialists in Gender Therapy <http://gendercare.co.uk/index.html>

**Information on other Trans or Trans inclusive services is always welcome.
Please Email with the details for inclusion.
listings@transforum.org.uk**

Counselling

Inner Enigma subsidising Springboard & Navigator Workshops for Transsexual/ Intersexed people.

Inner Enigma is subsidising Springboard and Navigator self development workshops in Manchester for transmen and transwomen living in role. The award-winning courses enables individuals to take more control over their own lives by identifying the clear, practical and realistic steps that they want to take and developing the skills and confidence to take them. For further information: <http://www.innerenigma.org>

Making Sense of Gender Identity – Counselling by Helen Dale

Over the last 10 years I've worked with more than 70 clients spanning a wide range of the transgendered spectrum – not just those who are considering transition, are undergoing or have undergone the process. If YOU have concerns about your gender identity, or identify as trans (however you define it) or are looking to make sense of your gender identity or the consequences of transition, I may be able to help. My practice is based on Person Centred principles - but adapted to suit the very special needs of trans clients. This is a voluntary service with suggested contributions to expenses based on income. No-one is turned away because they can't afford to offer anything. The service is currently offered on a Thursday evening in Salford. For further information email counselling@tranzcare.info

Richmond Fellowship Blackpool – Mental Health Community Development Worker

RF is a specialist provider of mental health services. The community development worker will support Blackpool area LGBT and BRM communities in dealing with mental health problems. The service can offer support to:

- access other services/support networks, further education, training, self help groups
- access information around medication issues, support with GP/Consultant appointments
- help to develop coping strategies and provide emotional/practical support

For enquiries about the service or to request further information, please contact us on 01253 780 952.

email: blackpoolcdw@richmondfellowship.org.uk website: www.richmondfellowship.org.uk

Hair Removal

Cristianos: Specialist hair removal for the trans client Bury, Altrincham , Leeds etc.

<http://www.cristianos.co.uk/home-tg.htm>

Total fitness laser hair removal: Fast, discreet and professional hair removal treatment in Manchester, Cheshire and Merseyside. The Total Fitness hair removal lasers provide unprecedented levels of speed, safety and clinical effectiveness, treating skin types 1-5.

<http://www.totalfitnesslaser.co.uk/laser-hair-removal.php>

Me Myself and I Therapies: Low cost Intense Pulse Light hair removal. Free consultation and patch test. Services offered by a professional transsexual therapist. Free consultation.

Web: <http://www.memyselfanditherapies.co.uk> Phone: 07506 250671 Home Page:

<http://www.milliesworld.co.uk>

Hair Replacement

Nu-style Northwest: <http://www.nu-stylenorthwest.com/home.html>

They provide an excellent service as a semi-permanent hair replacement service. They also sell wigs and other hair accessories and are a contracted supplier to the NHS. They are still learning about the needs of transsexual clients and are very keen to learn about how they can best meet the needs of the community. Contact info@nu-stylenorhwest.com

Therapies

Me Myself and I Therapies: Person Centred Counselling, Hypnotherapy, Swedish Body massage. All services offered by a professional transsexual therapist. Free consultation Web: <http://www.memyselfanditherapies.co.uk> Phone: 07506 250671 Home Page <http://www.milliesworld.co.uk>



Pink Therapy is the UK's largest independent therapy organisation working with gender and sexual diversity clients. You can use our directory to look for therapists who identify as or therapists who work specifically with trans, genderqueer, gender variant, etc. individuals. We also offer trainings for therapists, counsellors and other health professionals looking to expand their understanding of trans* issues. See website <http://www.pinktherapy.com> email lola@pinktherapy.com

Legal

Solicitor – Elizabeth Tait - Irwin Mitchell Manchester - www.irwinmitchell.com
email elizabeth.tait@irwinmitchell.com or tel 0161 838 3089. I am about providing practical and client focussed solutions to all FAMILY LAW queries in a sensitive and accessible way. I offer a free "Coffee and Chat" without obligation to explore options that might work for you and tailoring an action plan that meets your needs and objectives.

Magazines

International TV Repartee: <http://roses.repartee.tv/Repartee.htm>

Transliving International: <http://www.transliving.co.uk>

Surveys and Consultations

LGBT Community Exhibition

MOSI (Museum of Science & Industry) are working in partnership with LGB&T groups from Manchester to co-produce a community exhibition, which will explore living, working and socialising in the city. MOSI's Community Development Officer, Josie Sykes will be working in partnership with the members of Transforum and the organisers of Sparkle to draw together stories from across the Trans community. For more information please feel free to contact Josie, j.sykes@mosi.org.uk 0161 606 0108. Transforum will also hold a short meeting for those interested in contributing to this project at 2.30pm on 26th May, at the LGF building in Manchester (immediately prior to the main Transforum meeting). Further details via pauline@transforum.org.uk

A Government consultation has been launched which outlines plans to enable same-sex couples to have a civil marriage ceremony. You can access a copy of the full consultation document on the Home Office website - <http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/equal-civil-marriage>
The Government recognises that there are a wide range of views on this issue and they want to hear from all perspectives. These proposals have special consequences for members of the transgender community - please take time to read and reply. The consultation runs until 14th June.

The Government Equalities Office has now issued a fourth transgender bulletin:

<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/publications/equalities/lgbt-equality-publications/e-bulletin/e-bulletin-4>

This includes information about the government action plan on transgender equality, an overview of government online surveys relating to trans issues, and some words from Lynne Featherstone about the Transgender Day of Remembrance last November

The G.E.O has also released an April newsletter giving an update on LGBT equality progress. Email nancy.tenenbaum@geo.gsi.gov.uk to subscribe to these newsletters.

There is also the Trans community statement of need which is influencing the Trans work of the GEO. http://gires.org.uk/tranzwiki/index.php/Trans_Community_Statement_of_Need

The LGBT Consortium is trying to build a clearer picture of how our LGB&T organisations and groups are being impacted by the recent cuts in spending. If you can quickly complete this 1 page survey the data you provide will be very useful for us to present to government. <http://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/521844/Cuts> **Mark Delacour**



Wales Hate Crime Research All Wales Hate Crime are inviting people to share their views and experiences of hate crime and hate-related incidents in Wales by participating in their survey. This survey which is being undertaken by the independent research organisation Ipsos MORI is designed to be completed by both victims and non-victims of hate crime. Go to <http://www.waleshatecrimeresearch.com> to take part in the survey

Transgender Representations in the Media Survey

Trans Media Watch <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=158966085360> working in conjunction with the Scottish Transgender Alliance <http://www.scottishtrans.org> have produced a survey aiming at finding out how transgender people experience the media. They aim to use the evidence collected to support our campaigns for better, fairer representation of transgender people in the media. They want to make sure that the views of young people and their families are properly represented. This survey is for people living in the UK. They are asking for your input in order to help media providers develop a better, fairer and more representative service. The survey can be found here: <http://tinyurl.com/trans-media-survey/>

Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust and other stakeholders are producing "A guide to transgender care". Which will be strongly informed by the experiences of those who have or are transitioning. For more information email Claire at judas72@gmail.com Your story would be greatly appreciated.

Analysis of transition for trans women. A researcher at Southampton University is examining the experiences of trans women in transition, with regards to non-gender specialist NHS services. <http://www.gires.org.uk/assets/Survey-Assets/nlangadvert.doc> to download the call for participants. <http://www.gires.org.uk/assets/Survey-Assets/nlanginformation.doc> to download the information sheet for the research.

Gender Identity transformations survey. A multidisciplinary research group from Gabriel D'Annunzio University, Italy are inviting people over 16 years old to contribute to a survey exploring gender identity transformations. The survey should take around 15 minutes to complete, and anonymity is assured by the researchers. <http://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/599123/gender-identity-survey> to take the survey.

The **General Medical Council** are consulting on their core guidance to doctors. This is a huge opportunity for everyone in the UK to get involved and help shape Good Medical Practice for the future. In terms of LGB and T patients, they would like to identify whether GMP covers the principles that LGB and T patients would expect to see. Good Medical Practice plays a vital role in keeping patients safe and improving professional standards, and the GMC wants to ensure it remains up-to-date and relevant to doctors and patients. Visit their website to get involved! http://www.gmc-uk.org/guidance/10780.asp#How_can_you_take_part

Stonewall are conducting a survey **SPEAKOUT** for young people in England, Scotland and Wales who are aged 11 to 19 and who are lesbian, gay or bisexual (or think they might be). The survey is about experiences in school or college - if the school helps, how it deals with bullying and what it could do better. Visit <http://www.stonewallcymru.org.uk/speakout> for details.

A report on LGBT consultation feedback about **NHS Cumbria (Primary Care Trust)** is available here: <http://www.equalitycumbria.org/news.asp#News521?>

A survey about **Trans Mental Health and Well-Being** is being carried out by a partnership between Scottish Transgender Alliance, Trans Resource and Empowerment Centre, TransBareAll and Sheffield Hallam University. This survey was designed by researchers who mostly have trans identities, and is an attempt to uncover the issues that are most important and relevant for trans people, or those with trans histories. We feel that it is vital that we understand the things that can affect us, in order to make recommendations for changing things that cause harm, and improving things that help. The survey has NOT come from medics or people from Gender Identity Clinics. The survey closing date is 11 June 2012, it can be accessed at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/transmentalhealth>

The **National Union of Students** has published a report into LGBT hate crime. For details see <http://www.nusconnect.org.uk/news/article/lgbt/2887> and the full report can be downloaded at <http://www.nusconnect.org.uk/asset/News/6015/LGBT-Hate-Crime-V3.pdf>

Special events in May

Please send details of your event to listings@transforum.org.uk

Please note that whilst effort has been made to verify the details of listings, events may be subject to change or cancellation. To avoid disappointment always contact organisers and check arrangements before travelling large distances!

28th April (Sat) TransForum meeting & Meal. 3.30 pm – at The Lesbian & Gay Foundation (LGF), 5 Richmond Street, MANCHESTER M1 3HR. (See <http://www.transforum.org.uk/where%20we%20are.html>) Website www.transforum.org.uk or <http://www.mccmanchester.co.uk/trans.htm>
Facebook page: <http://www.tinyurl.com/transforumfb> Details of planned meeting content can be found at <http://www.transforum.org.uk/Meeting.html> a few days before the meetings.

28th April (Sat) North Wales Mardi Gras, Beaumaris Centre, Beaumaris, Anglesey LL58 8AL
<http://www.northwalesmardigras.com/> Contact Alan Jones 07917 770 643 alanjonesbangor@btinternet.com

30th April (Mon) Manchester and Lesbian Gay Chorus (MLGC) 7 to 9 pm. Manchester Town Hall, Lloyd Street entrance. www.mlgc.org.uk

2nd May (Wed) Manchester Concord TG social Group, Every Wednesday 7:00pm. Upstairs room at Villagio's Restaurant, Canal Street, Manchester, M1 3WD. <http://manchesterconcord.org.uk>
Contact Mary Lunan: mary@manchesterconcord.org.uk

2nd May (Wed) Encompass LBGt group <http://encompass.btik.com/> meetings are held at the Community Café Deeside CAB, Cable Street, Connah's Quay CH5 4DZ starting at 7.30pm. Details Elen or Jenny-Anne Tel: 01745-337144 jennyannebuk@yahoo.co.uk

2nd May (Wed) MerseyBois - An FTM support group based in the Merseyside area. This group is open to all those who are somewhere on the FTM spectrum. To be able to attend meet-ups you must be aged 18 and over. Please email us for more information on where we're meeting. Email: liverpool.ftm@gmail.com Twitter: [@MerseyBois](https://twitter.com/MerseyBois) <http://merseybois.tumblr.com/>

3rd May (Thurs) OUT TO DANCE MANCHESTER, We are a Latin Dance non-profitable group for all the LGBT community and friends. We offer salsa lessons in Thomsons Arms (7.30 to 9.30pm). See website www.out2dance.org.uk

4th May (Fri) ENFYs Wrexham New LGBT youth group. For ages 13 - 25 years. Meets at THE VIC every Friday 5.30 to 8.30 For more info contact Julia Francis on 07808787776 Email juliafrancis1@live.co.uk

5th May (Sat) LGBT Communion Service. 5.30pm at St. Crysostoms's Church, M14 5BG. See website <http://www.stchrysostoms.org/aboutcommunion> After the service there is coffee and conversation, and several of the congregation often go for a meal on the nearby Curry Mile.

5th May (Sat) In-Trust Merseyside, Waterloo Community Centre from 3pm till 5pm Old School Buildings Great Georges Road Waterloo Liverpool L22 1RD, it's opposite the old town hall and the end of Church Road, and next to St Thomas's Church and is about 5mins walk from Waterloo Merseyrail station. Contact Tony Griffin anthony.griffin@equalities.seftoncvs.org.uk see <http://merseysideintrust.org>

7th May (Mon) Manchester and Lesbian Gay Chorus (MLGC) 7 to 9 pm. Manchester Town Hall, Lloyd Street entrance. www.mlgc.org.uk

8th May (Tues) Marlin Trans Swimming Group (2nd Tuesday of the month - **note change in regular date**) Trans-only swimming group, meets monthly 7.30pm to 9pm. Levenshulme Swimming Pool, Barlow Road, Levenshulme, Manchester M19 3HE. All M to F's and F to M's welcome. Pub afterwards! To see more details: <http://www.marlin.org.uk> Phone 07948-243289

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Contact Mary Lunan: mary@manchesterconcord.org.uk

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10th May (Thurs) OUT TO DANCE MANCHESTER, We are a Latin Dance non-profitable group for all the LGBT community and friends. We offer salsa lessons in Thomsons Arms (7.30 to 9.30pm). See website www.out2dance.org.uk

11th May (Fri) ENFYs Wrexham New LGBT youth group. For ages 13 - 25 years. Meets at THE VIC every Friday 5.30 to 8.30 For more info contact Julia Francis on 07808787776 Email juliafrancis1@live.co.uk

12th May (Sat) Outreach Cumbria and The Cumbria LGBT Alliance are holding an LGBT forum in Carlisle, at the Carlisle Enterprise Centre, James Street, Carlisle, CA2 5BB. Details are available here: <https://www.equalitycumbria.org.uk/sites/all/modules/civicrm/extern/url.php?u=1949&qid=65632>

14th May (Mon) Manchester and Lesbian Gay Chorus (MLGC) 7 to 9 pm. Manchester Town Hall, Lloyd Street entrance. www.mlgc.org.uk

13th May (Sun) OUT TO DANCE MANCHESTER, We are a Latin Dance non-profitable group for all the LGBT community and friends. We offer tango lessons on the second and third Sunday of each month in Manto Bar (1-5pm). Our website is www.out2dance.org.uk

14th May (Mon) Manchester and Lesbian Gay Chorus (MLGC) 7 to 9 pm. Manchester Town Hall, Lloyd Street entrance. www.mlgc.org.uk

15th May (Tues) 'Trans Lakes Nights' Support & Social Group meeting at CADAS, 52 Paradise St, Barrow in Furness, LA14 1JG. Website <http://sites.google.com/site/translakesnights> email trans.lakes.nights@googlemail.com

16th May (Wed) Manchester Concord TG social Group, Every Wednesday 7:00pm. Upstairs room at Villagio's Restaurant, Canal Street, Manchester, M1 3WD. <http://manchesterconcord.org.uk> Contact Mary Lunan: mary@manchesterconcord.org.uk

16th May (Wed) MerseyBois - An FTM support group based in the Merseyside area. This group is open to all those who are somewhere on the FTM spectrum. To be able to attend meet-ups you must be aged 18 and over. Please email us for more information on where we're meeting. Email: liverpool.ftm@gmail.com Twitter: [@MerseyBois](https://twitter.com/MerseyBois) <http://merseybois.tumblr.com/>

17th May (Thurs) Unique Meeting 7:30 pm - On our Regular 3rd Thursday in the month at The Royal Hotel, Church Walks, Llandudno, LL30 2HW North Wales. For more info contact Elen: Elen@uniquetg.org.uk Website : <http://www.uniquetg.org.uk> Royal Hotel www.royalllandudno.com

17th May (Thurs) OUT TO DANCE MANCHESTER, We are a Latin Dance non-profitable group for all the LGBT community and friends. We offer salsa lessons in Thomsons Arms (7.30 to 9.30pm). See website www.out2dance.org.uk

17th May (Thurs) Professor Michael King from UCL will deliver a free lecture for The International Day Against Homophobia (IDAHO) in Lecture Theatre 1, The Sherrington Building, Liverpool University at 1pm. The title of the lecture is "Homophobia: A Global Phenomenon". For more details or to reserve a seat contact sally.middleton@liverpool.ac.uk

18th May (Fri) TREC drop-in meeting 3rd Friday of every month 7-9pm, The Lesbian & Gay Foundation (LGF), 5 Richmond Street, MANCHESTER M1 3HR. <http://www.transcentre.org.uk>

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20th May (Sun) Blackpool Trans Swimming Group, 3rd Sunday of every month. At Moor Park Health and Leisure Centre, 3.30pm to 4.30pm. For trans people MtF and TtM only. For information contact info@transgenderblackpool.com

21st May (Mon) Manchester and Lesbian Gay Chorus (MLGC) 7 to 9 pm. Manchester Town Hall, Lloyd Street entrance. www.mlgc.org.uk

23rd May (Wed) Manchester Concord TG social Group, Every Wednesday 7:00pm. Upstairs room at Villagio's Restaurant, Canal Street, Manchester, M1 3WD. <http://manchesterconcord.org.uk> Contact Mary Lunan: mary@manchesterconcord.org.uk

23rd May (Wed) MerseyBois - An FTM support group based in the Merseyside area. This group is open to all those who are somewhere on the FTM spectrum. To be able to attend meet-ups you must be aged 18 and over. Please email us for more information on where we're meeting. Email: liverpool.ftm@gmail.com Twitter: [@MerseyBois](https://twitter.com/MerseyBois) <http://merseybois.tumblr.com/>

24th May (Thurs) OUT TO DANCE MANCHESTER, We are a Latin Dance non-profitable group for all the LGBT community and friends. We offer salsa lessons in Thomsons Arms (7.30 to 9.30pm). See website www.out2dance.org.uk

25th May (Fri) ENFYS Wrexham New LGBT youth group. For ages 13 to 25 years. Meets at THE VIC every Friday 5.30 to 8.30 For more info contact Julia Francis on 07808787776 Email juliafrancis1@live.co.uk

26th May (Sat) TransForum meeting & Meal. 3.30 pm - at The Lesbian & Gay Foundation (LGF), 5 Richmond Street, MANCHESTER M1 3HR. (See <http://www.transforum.org.uk/where%20we%20are.html>)

Website www.transforum.org.uk or <http://www.mccmanchester.co.uk/trans.htm>

Facebook page: <http://www.tinyurl.com/transforumfb> Details of planned meeting content can be found at <http://www.transforum.org.uk/Meeting.html> a few days before the meetings.

28th May (Mon) MORF (Manchester FTM Group) regular meeting every 4th Monday of the month at 7:00pm to 9:00 pm. Meetings are held at the LGBT Centre (located on 45-51 Sidney Street, Manchester M1 7HB). <http://www.morf.org.uk> Information morf@morf.org.uk

28th May (Mon) Manchester and Lesbian Gay Chorus (MLGC) 7 to 9 pm. Manchester Town Hall, Lloyd Street entrance. www.mlgc.org.uk

30th May (Wed) Manchester Concord TG social Group, Every Wednesday 7:00pm. Upstairs room at Villagio's Restaurant, Canal Street, Manchester, M1 3WD. <http://manchesterconcord.org.uk> Contact Mary Lunan: mary@manchesterconcord.org.uk

30th May (Wed) MerseyBois - An FTM support group based in the Merseyside area. This group is open to all those who are somewhere on the FTM spectrum. To be able to attend meet-ups you must be aged 18 and over. This weeks meeting everyone is welcome to bring along a SOFFA to the meeting, through this we aim to provide a safe space where people can ask questions, get advice, meet other SOFFAs, etc. You DO NOT have to bring a SOFFA to attend this meeting! Please email us for more information on where we're meeting. Email: liverpool.ftm@gmail.com Twitter: [@MerseyBois](https://twitter.com/MerseyBois) <http://merseybois.tumblr.com/>

31st May (Thurs) OUT TO DANCE MANCHESTER, We are a Latin Dance non-profitable group for all the LGBT community and friends. We offer salsa lessons in Thomsons Arms (7.30 to 9.30pm). See website www.out2dance.org.uk

1st June (Fri) ENFYs Wrexham New LGBT youth group. For ages 13 to 25 years. Meets at THE VIC every Friday 5.30 to 8.30 For more info contact Julia Francis on 07808787776 Email juliafrancis1@live.co.uk

Special and Annual Events for 2012

UNIQUE SUMMER SEASIDE WEEKEND CANCELLED

Due to lack of support, Unique has cancelled its planned Summer Seaside weekend on 30th May - 3rd June. For further details please contact Elen Heart on elen@uniquetg.org.uk

Transforum Meeting Dates for 2012

Provisional dates for meetings through the coming year are as follows:

May 26th	June 23rd	July 28th
August 18th	September 22nd	October 27th
November 24th	December 15th	

The meetings are planned for the 4th Saturday of each month, except for the August and December meetings which will take place on the 3rd Saturday. Any alterations to these dates will be notified in future editions of North-West TransListings. Details of planned meeting content can be found at <http://www.transforum.org.uk/Meeting.html> a few days before the meetings.

Outreach Cumbria and The Cumbria LGBT Alliance are holding an LGBT forum in Carlisle on Saturday 12th May, at the Carlisle Enterprise Centre, James Street, Carlisle, CA2 5BB. Details are available here:

<https://www.equalitycumbria.org.uk/sites/all/modules/civicrm/extern/url.php?u=1949&qid=65632>

Blackpool Council are holding a free **Trans Image course** from the 2/3/12 to 1/6/12 with a two week break for Easter (6th and 13th April). The course runs weekly on a Friday from 12.30 to 2.30pm and is being held at the Palatine Library, St Annes Rd, Blackpool FY4 2AR. Just turn up. The course covers such topics as deportment, nails and nail care, confidence building, skin care, make up, etc. Further details can be obtained from the course tutor Lynn Howarth, email: lynn.howarth@blackpool.gov.uk



On Saturday 16th June 2012 lesbian, gay, bisexual and trans groups and organisations are coming together for the **LGB&T Community Festival**. Hosted at the LGF centre in Manchester, the day promises to bring groups together and to collectively showcase the support, information, advice, guidance and resources that are available to LBG&T people in the North West and beyond. A chance to meet others and have a fun day for all members of our diverse community. For more details search facebook for "LGBT Community Network Festival".



Get Sparkle Sparkling! In the run up to the Sparkle Transgender Festival in July, the Knitting and Crochet Club (in association with Sparkling Productions) are pleased to present an evening of music, cabaret, comedy and burlesque. Sunday 3rd June, 7.30 pm on the barge at Eden Bar, Canal Street, Manchester. Tickets are £5.

This is a Sparkle fundraising event, with all profits going to help make Sparkle 2012 the best ever.

Further details at <http://www.facebook.com/events/201723519933891> and at <http://www.theknittingandcrochetclub.co.uk/whats-on.html>

Other events through the year:

28th April **North Wales Mardi Gras Beaumaris** <http://www.northwalesmardigras.com>

18th-20th May **Sibylys Weekend Windermere** <http://www.sibylys.co.uk>

2nd-3rd June **Birmingham Pride** <http://www.facebook.com/events/218193408202126>

9th June **Blackpool Pride** <http://www.prideblackpool.com>

16th June **Calderdale Pride Halifax** <http://calderdalepride.org.uk/news.php?articleid=22>

7th July **World Pride Parade London**

<http://www.viewlondon.co.uk/whatson/world-pride-2012-feature-3893.html>

4th August **Liverpool Pride**

<http://www.liverpoolpride.co.uk/news/23/11/2011/liverpool-pride-returns-2012>

24-27th August **Manchester Pride**, with fringe festival from 17th

<http://www.manchesterpride.com>

1st September **Cardiff Pride** Coopers Field Cardiff <http://cardiffmardigras.co.uk/>

1st-2nd September **Brighton 20th Anniversary Pride** <http://www.brightonpride.org/>



Please send items for inclusion in future editions of

TransListings to listings@transforum.org.uk

Pauline, TransListings editor

Now in our 8th fabulous year!

Sparkle

The National Transgender Celebration

Sparkle 2012 will take place in Manchester on the weekend of Thursday 12th to Sunday 15th July. Sparkle is the largest transgender event that takes place in the UK, in fact it is probably the biggest *free* event of this type in the world! Over the weekend there will be several thousand people from right across the trans spectrum, plus family, friends and supporters, all gathering together within the Canal Street Village area of the city. For some it will be a time to catch up with old friends, for some it might be their very first chance to present their trans-self in a public place and find that they are not alone!



A full schedule of events is planned right across the weekend. The highlight for many is Sparkle in the Park on Saturday afternoon, with a picnic atmosphere and live entertainment on stage. It's not just about having a fun time though, there is also an extensive programme of talks and workshops, information and advice, going in within the nearby LGF building. Early information about the events for the weekend has now been published, keep an eye on the Sparkle website for further details to be revealed over the forthcoming weeks: <http://www.sparkle.org.uk>

A few selected highlights:

- * MORF pub quiz on Thursday night.
- * Chinese Banquet meal, and Keep Sparkle Sparkling, on Friday night.
- * Transgender film festival, various times throughout the weekend.
- * Talks, workshops, advice on all things relating to TG at the LGF.
- * Stalls and stands in the Park.
- * Live entertainment.
- * Sparkle Gala Dinner on Saturday night.
- * Charity auction.
- * Transgender Community Workshops at the LGF on Sunday.
- * Special Sparkle Church service on Sunday evening.

So come along to Sparkle! There will be something for everyone. You never know it may change your life - it certainly did mine!

Friday 13th to Sunday 15th July 2012 Canal St, Manchester

Local Resources



TransForum Manchester TG discussion and mutual support Group **Meets at 3:30 pm** (4th Saturday of the month)
*The Lesbian & Gay Foundation (LGF),
 5 Richmond Street, MANCHESTER M1 3HR.*

Contact Jenny-Anne Bishop jennyannebuk@yahoo.co.uk Tel 07500-741955
 Website www.tinyurl.com/transforumfb or www.transforum.org.uk
 Details of planned meeting content can be found at <http://www.transforum.org.uk/Meeting.html> a few days before the meetings.



Unique TG support Group (North Wales & West Cheshire)

Meeting 3rd Thursday of the month in Llandudno at 8:00 pm

<http://www.uniquetg.org.uk/>

for more information contact Elen: elen@uniquetg.org.uk

Information Line Weekday Evenings 7:00pm -10:00pm Tel: 01745-337144



Manchester Concord TG social Group, every Wednesday evening from 7:00pm in the upstairs room at Villagio's Restaurant, Canal Street, M1 3WD.

For details see website <http://manchesterconcord.org.uk/>
 Contact Mary Lunan: mary@manchesterconcord.org.uk

MORF (Manchester FTM Group)

Meetings on the 4th Monday of the Month <http://www.morf.org.uk>

Information morf@morf.org.uk 07948-243289

LGYM Lesbian and Gay Youth Manchester is a Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Trans (LGBT) project based in the city centre for LGBT's aged 14 to 25, with a target age of 14-19. 49-51 Sydney Street M1 7HB. Meetings Saturdays and Tuesdays.

<http://www.lgym.org.uk/>

LGF Helpline Manchester 0845 330 3030 (6:00pm to 10:00pm)

Out in the City is a friendly social and support group for over 50s lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people in Manchester. <http://outinthecity05.webs.com/>

Gaydio (LGBT Radio) 88.4FM in the Manchester area and on line at www.GAYDIO.co.uk

In-Trust Merseyside The In-Trust Network is for men and women with a transgender or intersex history. The group have been meeting in **Sefton North Merseyside** since December 2006. The network is also a mutual support group and can signpost information. For more information about the Network, please contact Tony Griffin by Emailing anthony.griffin@equalities.seftoncvcs.org.uk (0151) 928 2233, ext. 306. <http://merseysideintrust.org/>

Equality Cumbria Outreach Newsletter

<http://www.equalitycumbria.org/news-rss.asp?show=ORC>

Lancashire LGBT Newsletter http://www.lancashirelgbt.co.uk/index_146_3075022698.pdf

TREC regular drop-in meeting 3rd Friday of every month, 7-9pm, The Lesbian & Gay Foundation (LGF), 5 Richmond Street, MANCHESTER M1 3HR. Contact us at board@transcentre.org.uk web site: www.transcentre.org.uk

Breakout a weekly LGBT radio programme that has been going out for over 3 years. Sunday nights 10pm till midnight, repeated Wednesday nights from midnight. Chorley FM can be heard online available at www.chorley.fm and locally on 102.8FM www.breakoutshow.co.uk

Transinclusion Blackpool meetings are on the third Tuesday of each month. but do check the website for confirmation. 7:00pm @ 102 Dickson Road, Blackpool, FY1 2BU. On the corner with Lansdowne Place. Buff coloured building. Support and advice for Transgender people in Blackpool and the Fylde. see <http://www.transinclusion.org>



Pink Triangle Theatre Based in the North-West Pink Triangle Theatre creates and performs shows with powerful messages aimed at tackling homophobia, bigotry and intolerance. An invaluable resource for schools, colleges and LGBT events

Tel: 0161 621 0160 Mob: 07932 928134 Fax: 0161 213 9373
see www.pinktriangletheatre.co.uk



'Outing the Past!' Oral History Project

Lancashire Archives, Manchester Archives, Manchester Metropolitan University and the North West Sound Archive are looking at LGBT 'living histories' in the North West of England; collecting experiences, memories and stories from men and women across the region to capture and preserve their histories for the future. For further info: Kathryn.Rooke@lancashire.gov.uk or 01772 533 033.

Outrite – lesbian, gay men's, bisexual and transgendered support group

Free and confidential peer support groups delivered by staff for the local LGBT community to meet up, to gain support, talk through any problems, gain advice or guidance about LGBT related issues such as peer support, STI referral, safer sex advice and stigma reduction. (18 years and over only) Sahir House, 2nd Floor, 151 Dale Street, Liverpool, L2 2AH
Contact Sahir House info@sahir.uk.com 0151 237 3989 or Body Positive Cheshire & North Wales info@outrite.org 01270 653 156 for venue

Website

TForm aims to redress the balance in society with regard to Trans individuals. When we say 'Trans', we mean people who identify as either TG, TS, TV or CD. We now have an online community where we welcome and encourage a 'big sister' attitude to on-line support for others in the same situation as ourselves. Please do get involved, it could be exactly what someone needs to realise they're not alone! We welcome anyone interested in helping others, which includes Friends and Family. <http://www.tform.co.uk/>



National Resources

The Beaumont Society is a national self help body run by and for those who crossdress or are transsexual. We welcome all transgender people and their partners, regardless of gender, sexual orientation, race, creed or colour, and all varieties from nervous new transvestites to those who are experienced and confident in their second gender.

<http://www.beaumontsociety.org.uk/>

Beaumont Trust TG Helpline – Nationwide

Tuesday & Thursday 7:00pm to 11:00pm Tel: 07000 287878

Women of the Beaumont Society (WOBS) An on-line support group for everyone connected to a transgendered person offering a Yahoo group [WOBSMatters](#), Helpline 01223 441246 and website www.gender.org.uk/wobsmatters

This is a confidential service for non-transgendered people only.

TransEquality – Press for Change

A dedicated telephone and email equalities and human rights legal help and advice service for all trans people, for at least 1 day a week between the hours of 10am to 5.30pm. Legal help and advice for ALL trans people. See www.transequality.co.uk phone 08448 708 165.

The Gender Trust National Helpline – Nationwide 0845-231050

<http://www.gendertrust.org.uk> Confidential service offers help and support to anyone with queries about all aspects of gender identity issues. The service operates 7 days a week at the following times: -Monday to Friday 10am to 10pm, Saturday & Sunday 1pm to 10pm - 0845 231 050

GIRES Gender Identity Research and Education Society Information for trans people, their families and the professionals who care for them. An incredibly rich resource of relevant information and expertise.

<http://www.gires.org.uk/> also www.TranZWiki.net

Mermaids: Family Support Group for children and teenagers with Gender Identity issues. Helpline 020 8123 4819 (skype) Monday to Saturday 3pm to 7pm only. BM Mermaids, London WC1N 3XX. <http://www.mermaidsuk.org.uk/> info@mermaidsuk.org.uk

Transkids: An excellent site for those seeking to support transgendered children especially those of Primary School age. Contains teaching and other very useful resources.

<http://transkids.synthasite.com/>

SCHOOLSOUT A huge resource for anyone concerned with LGBT issues in Education and the workplace. <http://www.schools-out.org.uk/> also linked to LGBT History Month see <http://lgbthistorymonth.org.uk/> for more useful items.

Depend! We are a voluntary organisation whose aim is to provide support, advice and information for anyone who knows, or is related to, a transsexual person in the UK.

<http://www.depend.org.uk/>

FTM Resource Guide: This Guide is intended to provide information on topics of interest to female-to-male (FTM, F2M) trans men, and their friends and loved ones.

<http://www.ftmguide.org/>

Press for Change: The leading Authority on trans people and the law.
<http://services.pfc.org.uk/>

The Gender Recognition Panel: Assesses applications from transsexual people for legal recognition of their acquired gender. <http://www.grp.gov.uk/>

The Sibyls is a UK-based confidential Christian Spirituality group for transgender people and their supporters, offering companionship along the journey, and information and advocacy to churches. <http://www.sibyls.co.uk/>

Transpartners A UK based site for the female partners of TV, TG and TS people.
<http://www.transpartners.co.uk/>

Transyouth. A website created to link Trans Youth and the people in their lives with current resources. <http://www.transyouth.com/>

Gendered Intelligence (GI) - Understanding gender diversity in creative ways. GI can deliver facilitated workshops on trans and gender expression to all young people within schools, colleges, youth groups and other settings across the UK. GI also offers Continuing Professional Development Training to professionals on trans awareness, policy development and consultation. We also work in a range of creative ways with young trans people. Please see our website for more information: www.genderedintelligence.co.uk

Spectrum London: Run a very useful website with links to many useful sources of information. A useful starting point is their page of Department of Health / GIRE information booklets, <http://www.spectrumlondon.org.uk/health.htm>

The Samaritans: Samaritans provides confidential non-judgemental emotional support, 24 hours a day for people who are experiencing feelings of distress or despair, including those which could lead to suicide. <http://www.samaritans.org/> 08457 90 90 90

Citizens advice bureau: The Citizens Advice service helps people resolve their legal, money and other problems by providing free, independent and confidential advice, and by influencing policymakers. <http://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/index/getadvice.htm>

Victims Advice: Give free and confidential help to victims of crime. See page 16.
<http://www.victimsupport.org.uk/>

OuterSpace: Affirming lesbian, gay, bi and trans Christians.
<http://www.outerspacelgbt.org.uk/>



LGBT Excellence Centre

376 Newport Road, CARDIFF, CF2 9AE

Tel: 02920 451868 website: <http://lgbtec.org.uk/> mail info@ecwales.org.uk

Linking up the Trans Groups in Wales and running the "Gender Fluidity" Project

Information on other Trans resources is always welcome. Please Email with the details for inclusion. listings@transforum.org.uk

Hate Crime / Hate Incident

“Any incident, which constitutes a criminal offence, which is perceived by the victim or any other person as being motivated by prejudice or hate.”

Hatred is the targeting of individuals, groups and communities because of who they are. A hate crime is any criminal offence that is motivated by hostility or prejudice based upon the victim's:

- Sexual orientation
- Disability
- Race
- Religion or belief
- Transgender
- Age
- Gender

All hate crime is important. No hate crime or incident is too minor to report to the police. Anyone can be the victim of a hate crime. We all have a racial identity, all have a sexual orientation, all have some sort of beliefs. Anyone of us could be targeted because of some aspect of our identity. Tackling hate crime supports each and every one of us.

Reporting incidents to the police

If you or your property is in danger then you **MUST** telephone the police straight away on 999. Tell the call taker that you are reporting a hate crime and that you and/or your property is in danger. Hate crime is a high priority crime and someone will come to you as soon as possible. If you or your property are not in any immediate danger, for example, you have seen some transphobic graffiti then you can call on the appropriate number given on the following page. The police encourage all our communities to report all hate crime.

Gires Launch National Trans Hate Crime Confidential Reporting Website <http://www.TCrime.net>

The Home Office has awarded GIRES a grant to fund a national system for reporting transphobic crime. It appears that only a few victims of such crime report it to the police. There are reasons for not involving the police: the fear of being outed in Court; the lack of confidence that the police will deal sensitively and properly with the incident. Yet we know from our work with police forces throughout the UK that many are fully aware of the needs of trans people and very keen to support them. TCrime.net enables crimes to be reported confidentially and leaves it the individual to decide what information should be passed on to the police.

We hope that TCrime.net will reveal the true extent of transphobic crime to policy makers within the criminal justice system, enable the police to pinpoint the hotspots where it occurs most frequently and provide examples of effective police responses that will build trust with trans people. The system will also enable us to put victims of transphobic crime in touch with the many groups that can provide them with practical support.

Around 30% of people in the UK do not have access to the Internet. So, GIRES has provided both manual as well as electronic reporting facilities. In addition, reporting by third parties and witnesses will be a key element of the system. Click on the button or use this link to report a Trans Hate Crime <http://gires.org.uk/assets/tcrime/tcrime.php>



Gender Identity
Research and
Education
Society

National Police Contact Numbers

As trans people often attend events at a distance from their homes or may not be resident in the Greater Manchester area. Please find below the main switchboard numbers of all the Police Forces in the British Isles. Please make it clear that you are reporting a hate crime or incident to be routed through to the most appropriate officer.

08454567000	Avon and Somerset	08456060247	North Yorkshire
01234841212	Bedfordshire	01159670999	Nottinghamshire
08454564564	Cambridge	01656655555	South Wales
0845 4580000	Cheshire	01142202020	South Yorkshire
02076012222	City of London	08453302010	Staffordshire
01642326326	Cleveland	01473613500	Suffolk
08453300247	Cumbria	08451252222	Surrey
08451233333	Derbyshire	01273475432	Sussex
08705777444	Devon and Cornwall	08458505505	Thames Valley
01929462727	Dorset	01926415000	Warwickshire
08456060365	Durham	08454087000	West Mercia
01267222020	Dyfed Powys	08451135000	West Midlands
01245491491	Essex	08456060606	West Yorkshire
01633838111	Gwent	08454087000	Wiltshire
08450454545	Hampshire		
01707354000	Hertfordshire	<u>Scotland</u>	
08456060222	Humberside	01786456000	Central Scotland
01622690690	Kent	01387252112	Dumfries and Galloway
08451253545	Lancashire	01592418888	Fife
01162222222	Leicestershire	08456005700	Grampian
01522532222	Lincolnshire	01313113131	Lothian and Borders
01618725050	Manchester	01463715555	Northern
01517096010	Merseyside	01415322000	Strathclyde
02072301212	Metropolitan Police (New Scotland Yard)	01382223200	Tayside
01603768769	Norfolk	02890650222	Northern Ireland Police Service
01604700700	Northamptonshire	01624631212	Isle of Man
01661872555	Northumbria	01534612612	Jersey
08456071002	North Wales	01481725111	Guernsey

Via the internet Manchester www.gmp.police.uk/hatecrime (reports can be made anonymously)

LGBT (non-emergency) Manchester e-mail diversity@gmp.police.uk

Merseyside email diversity.team@merseyside.pnn.police.uk

Force wide Greater Manchester Police Diversity Officer 0161 856 2206

STOP HATE CRIME
0800 138 1625
24 HOUR HELP LINE

 **CRIMESTOPPERS**
0800 555 111
Call anonymously with information about crime





Victim Support is the national charity for victims and witnesses of crime in England and Wales.

We give free and confidential help to victims of crime, their family, friends and anyone else affected. We give information, emotional support and practical help. You don't have to report a crime to the police to get our help and can get support at any time, whenever the crime happened. We are not a government agency or part of the police. We are a National Charity.

We have offices right across England and Wales running and co-ordinating our local services. We run the Witness Service in every criminal court to help people called as witnesses or victims of crime. Our Victim Supportline (0845 30 30 900) gives immediate help over the phone and puts people in touch with our local teams. Or see our website <http://www.victimsupport.org.uk/> We also campaign for greater rights for victims and witnesses and to raise awareness.

North West Region

Our North West region runs all our services across Cumbria, Cheshire, Lancashire, Merseyside and Greater Manchester.

If you need our help: Call your nearest victim care team for help, support and information. All offices are open Monday to Friday from 8am to 8pm. To find out more about the kind of help we can give you, go to our '[How we help](#)' pages.

Cheshire	01270 750 068
Cumbria	0845 241 1832
Greater Manchester	0845 456 8800
Lancashire	0845 373 2454
Merseyside	0151 353 4025

(The cost of calling 0845 numbers can vary depending on your telephone service provider).

For all administrative issues, contact the regional office for the North West region.

North West regional office

153-157 Chorley Road
Swinton
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Tel: 0161 727 0240

Wales Region

Our Wales region manages all our services across the country.

If you need our help wherever you are in Wales: Call your victim care team for help, support and information. The office is open Monday to Friday from 8am to 8pm. To find out more about the kind of help we can give you, go to our '[How we help](#)' pages.

North Wales & Powys	0845 2241 2410
Wales	0845 612 1900

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For all administrative issues, contact the regional office for the Wales region.

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