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Merry Christmas

I can feel a strange compunction to conform to the annual wheeling out of festive spirit even though it's only the beginning of November so you'll probably notice a bit of a thread throughout this issue of Lookout.



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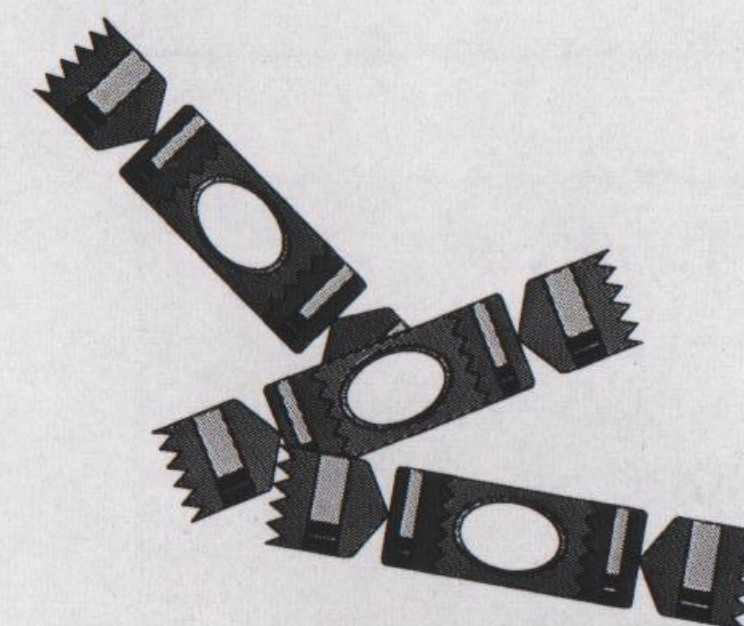
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WOMEN'S REGULAR EVENTS & SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

Women only

DISCO

Friday 19th

Dec

7:30 – 12:00

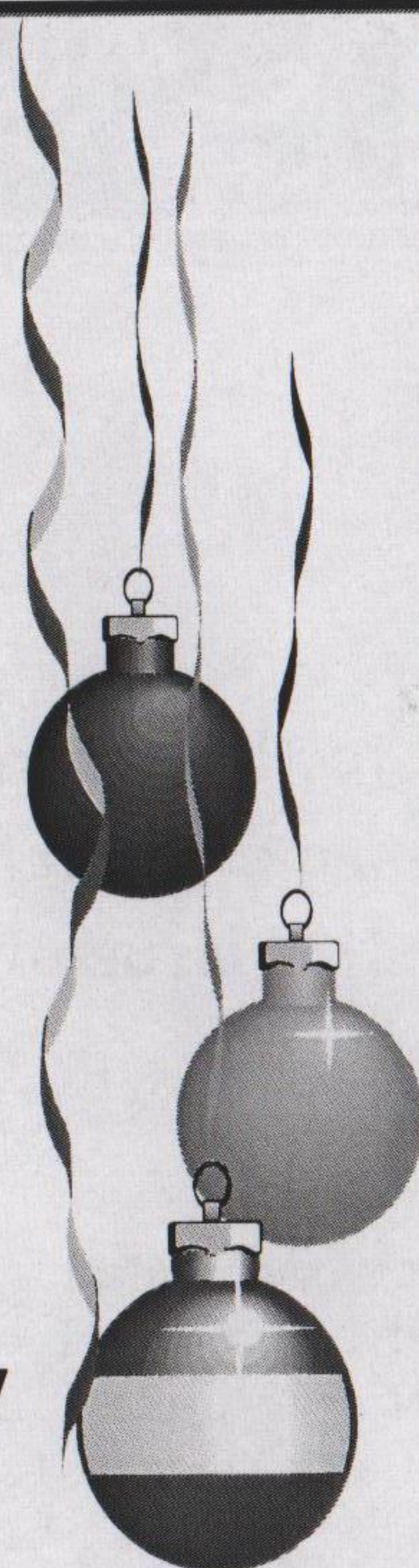
(Bar til 11:00)

Dancing to DJ Mandy

British Legion Hall
Derby Road
Melbourne

£3 entry (including buffet)

Full travel directions available from
lookoutmag@hotmail.com



Fanny's!

Women Only Night

Upstairs @ The Canalhouse Bar,
Canal Street,
Nottingham NG1 7EH
(Next to Via Fossa)

Sat 29th November 08
8pm – 1am

Disco starts at 9pm

£5 Entry

Although this venue is upstairs, there is a lift.

Tickets will only be available on the night.

Any queries please email:
fannys.nottingham@hotmail.co.uk

Other goings on

Banna Lesbian Co-op Night Out

Back in the summer we took over the late, lamented Lipstick Lounge.

This time, by popular demand, we're going . . .

Bowling!

Banna Nights are a chance to meet up with old friends and new, but also an opportunity to find out about places to go, things to do and people to meet in Nottingham. All LBT women (and their women friends) are welcome, but especially anyone new to the Nottingham scene. Last time we had a lovely mix of women of all ages, and it was a great night.

Friday December 12th, Meeting at Lee Rosy's, 7pm (opposite Broadway Cinema), then onto bowling for about 8, and finally, down to a gay-friendly watering hole. As before, we'll be wearing rainbow badges!

For more information please email
bannahousing@yahoo.co.uk or
text 07770895697

For those of you not otherwise engaged there's going to be another women only night in Leicester

RUBYFRUIT

LGBT Centre, 15 Wellington Street, LE1 6HH

Saturday 6th Dec from 8pm

Tickets in advance go to

www.llgbc.com or phone

0116 254 7412

ADVANCE NOTICE

Women only breast cancer fundraiser

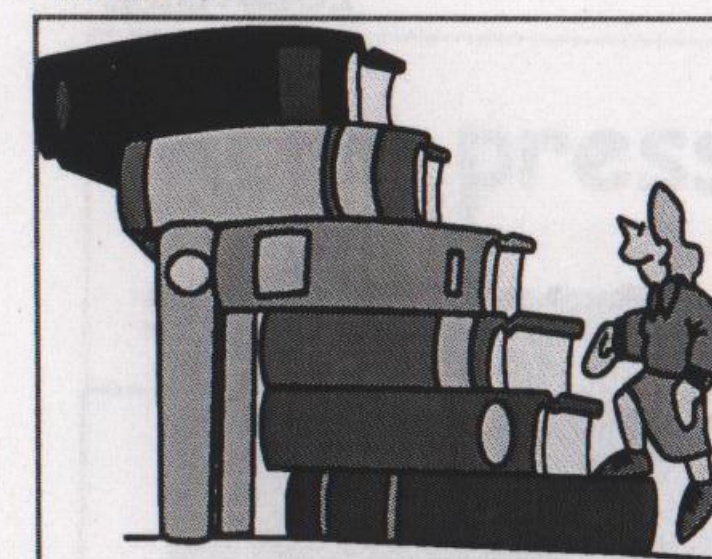
When? Saturday 14 February 2009

Where? Abbey Sports centre, Slater St Leicester
How much? £10 (almost all the money raised goes to breast cancer charities)

DJ? We have a new one!

Further details of how to get tickets etc to follow

Midweek Book Group



We are a small (but growing) group of women who meet every six weeks or so to discuss an agreed book (and sometimes even watch the film adaptation of said book).

Our next meeting is on Weds 10th December, upstairs in the Broadway Mezzaine Cafe at 7.30pm. We will be discussing Alice Sebold's *The Lovely Bones*.

If you would like to join us please contact the group

co-ordinator by joining the yahoo discussion group: midweekbookgroup-subscribe@yahoo.co.uk

Sapphist Writers:

Informal lesbian writing group, meets third Tuesday of every month at Nottingham Women's Centre.

Please email
sapphistwriters@yahoo.co.uk
for more info



For those of you who haven't already heard... it's my sad duty to break the news that Niche Bar in Nottingham has closed and therefore the Lipstick Lounge is no more.

A big thanks to everyone who has supported the night over the last year and a special thanks to all the fantastic performers who have played for us.

With the closure of Niche I am not sure if the night will continue but I will have a look at some alternative venues and if there is enough interest I will do my best to get it up and running again.

In the meantime please come and see us at the monthly 'Girls With Guitars' night at The Wax Bar in Broad Street, Nottingham on the 2nd Wednesday of each month... this Wednesday (12th Nov) sees Sarah Bard, KMF and myself performing... FREE ENTRY from 8pm.

www.myspace.com/girlswithguitarsnotts

L A F S

Lesbians in Ashfield

Friendship & Support

Would you like to meet other women who are lesbian, bisexual or uncertain of their sexuality? Come along to this informal group run by lesbians, for a confidential chat, gain information/support, make new friends and have fun.

Meet last Wednesday of each month
7.00pm–9.00pm

At Ashfield Womens Centre,
Diamond Avenue, Kirkby in Ashfield
In a safe, accessible, women only space

To find out more details phone Cheryl or Alison on
01623 473010 (Mon–Fri 9.30am–1.30pm)

Or leave your name & number confidentially on
07849 798802 & Alison or Cheryl will phone back

Badminton

VICTORIA LEISURE CENTRE ADJACENT TO
SNEINTON MARKET

THURSDAY EVENING 9PM–10PM

&/or SATURDAY MORNING

(very occasionally the venue has to change due to other events at Sneinton so please ring first if you're new).

For more details

Contact Cate on 07796 581651



HIDDEN TALENTS

@ The Maze

Mansfield Road

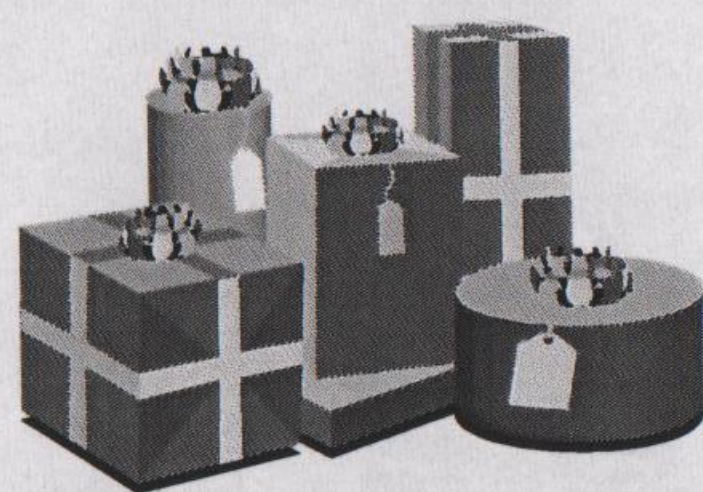
Next dates

Wed 17th December

Thurs 22nd January



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St Anns Allotments Heritage Project

I know there are a number of Lookout readers who have an interest in local history, and others who are keen on gardening, so here's a chance to be involved in an exciting history project at St Anns allotments. Our allotment site was established around 1835 - probably the oldest and largest in Europe. We have recently secured funds from the Heritage Lottery Fund to help us preserve the heritage of the site and there are lots of opportunities for being involved in this exciting through

- Recording oral history
- Researching: people, places, plants
- Archiving

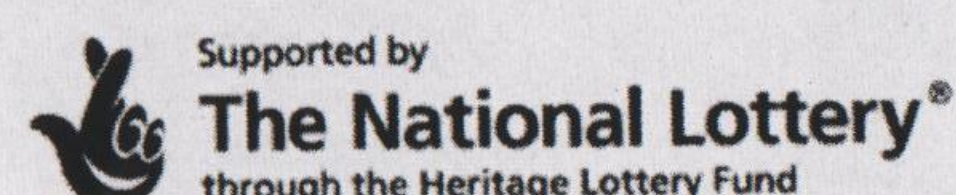
Practical help on the heritage plots

There are also opportunities to volunteer with

- Habitat and wildlife conservation
 - Renovation of overgrown gardens
- Uncovering and restoration of heritage features

For more information contact Mo Cooper

Tel 0115 911 0207, e-mail: mo_heritage@staa-allotments.org.uk or visit our web site on <http://www.staa-allotments.org.uk/>



International Women's Day 2009— advance notice

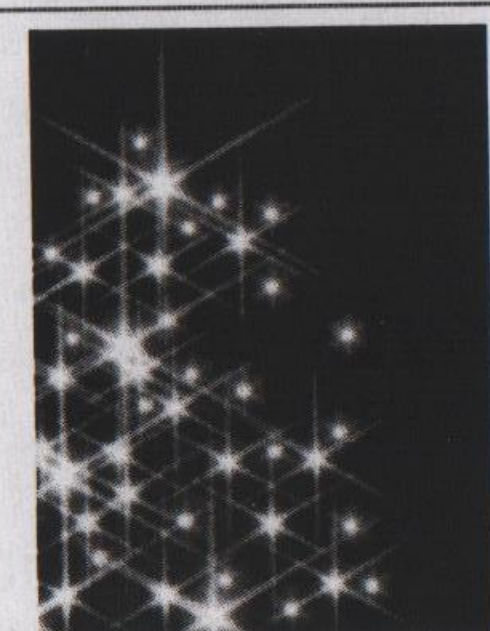
Marking our history

We are planning a women's history talk in Nottingham to mark International Women's Day. Date and route still under development - probably late February. This means the next Lookout will be too late to promote the event. So if you are interested please contact Mo on mocooper@yahoo.co.uk or tel 07950472022 with your details and we'll contact you when we've finalised details.

Million Women Rising

There will be another Million Women Rising march for international women's day 2009 in London. **The march is a response to the continuing impact of all forms of violence against women.** Details still being ironed out. For more info contact <http://www.millionwomenrise.com>

News, articles, forthcoming events, sporting fixtures, clubs, groups and any miscellaneous items of interest for the next issue of Lookout to lookoutmag@hotmail.com by February 7th please



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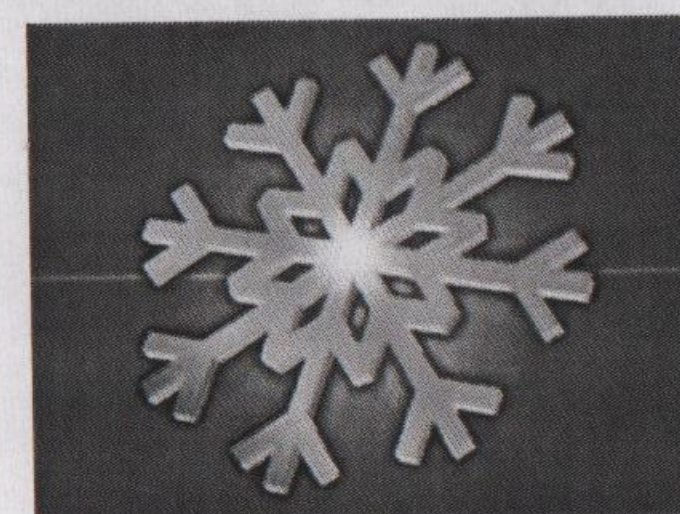
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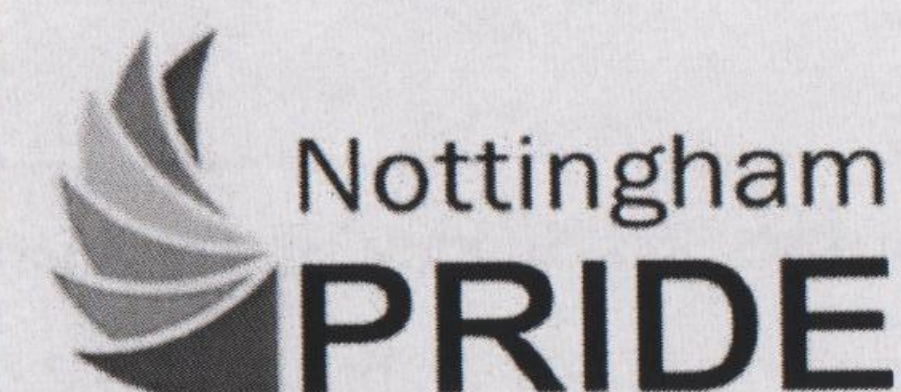
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Dog-owning Dyke
dog bowl
low fat treats
collar and lead
brush
rubber chicken
balls
car boot liner
waterproof
car seat covers
collapsible dog bowl
rainbow umbrella
scented plastic bags
place mat
water bottle



A message from Ian Robson,
Chair of Nottingham Pride

Nottingham is proud to have a Pride which is a FREE annual LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans) festival which is run in The Arboretum Park in Nottingham on the last Saturday in July.

The purpose of pride is to provide a safe focal point to bring together our community to celebrate our diversity and a sense of pride which for some people may be difficult in every day life, due to prejudice and injustice.

Nottingham Pride is a registered charity run entirely by volunteer Committee members. We are self funding and each year have to raise the finances to cover the costs of providing such an event. We are able to do this by applying for grants and from the amazing support we receive from our local LGBT businesses that support us in fundraising events. However this takes a lot of time and effort on behalf of the committee.

We are looking for individuals who may be interested in joining our trustee board or would like to be a volunteer on the day to get in touch with us by emailing me on chair@nottinghampride.co.uk or ringing us on 07599524087. We are actively supporting applications from both the younger and mature members of the LGBT community as they are under represented at present and we would like to explore ways in which we can be more inclusive to these groups.

loads going on in leicester

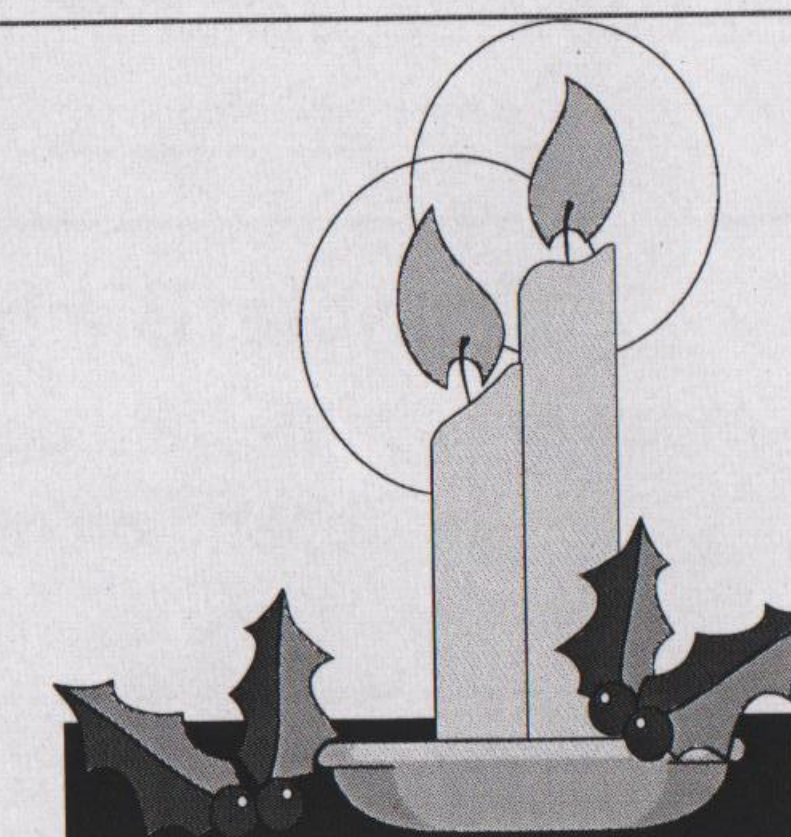
Are you a parent, carer or guardian who is lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender?

A family support project ran successfully at the Centre several years ago and we're now looking at the possibility of setting a similar project up. In the meantime, we'd love to hear from any parents, carers or guardians who'd be interested in an initial informal social meet-up. Please reply to this email with your contact details if you are interested and we'll be in touch in the next few weeks.

For more information on all groups and services, visit our website at www.llgbc.com, email info@llgbc.com or call us on 0116 2547412.

Take the Lead – Get It On – for World AIDS Day 2008
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Monday 1st December – World AIDS Day 2008
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World AIDS Day 2008 fundraiser event

For full details visit our website www.tradesexualhealth.com and click on World AIDS Day or contact the Trade office on 0116 254 1747.



Walking Groups

NOTTINGHAM HIKING DYKES walk on the 3rd Sunday of the month at 10:30.

Sunday 21st Dec Bakewell 6 miles meet on town side of pedestrian bridge GR 221684
 Sunday 18th Jan Baslow meet by the Village Hall at the P&D car park GR258722
 Sunday 15th Feb Bonsall meet at the Old Queen's Head GR 280580
 Sunday 15th March Wirksworth meet at the National Stone Centre GR 287552
 Details of these and further walks from
 Lesbian and Gay Switchboard 0115 9348485 or www.nottinghamhd.homestead.com



Derby Walking Women

Sunday 7th December meet 11:15 for 11:30 start in Glenwood Road off the A514 Swarkestone Road, Chellaston for an easy, flat walk of 4 to 5 miles.
 (Walks are normally on the 1st Sunday of the month, each walk is organised by volunteer(s) and full details are given out on the walk the month before).
 Details can also be obtained by contacting the overall co-ordinators on 07786 803455 or an email can be sent on via lookoutmag@hotmail.com

North Nottinghamshire Walking Group

This is a friendly group open to all Lesbian and Bi-Sexual Women living in or near North Notts. Walks are held on the second Sunday of each month and are generally 4-8 miles long. The walk organiser suggests that all participants bring appropriate clothing, waterproofs & footwear, and refreshments for each walk.
 Sunday 14th December 11.00am - Fiskerton Meet at a parking area/picnic area by the River Trent on the left if coming via Rolleston or the right if coming via Southwell. Postcode is NG25 0UL.
 Phone Julia 07961 847091 or email nnwalkers@yahoo.co.uk for more details.

SHEFFIELD HIKING DYKES

Sunday 7th December meet at Carlton Lees the Chatsworth Garden Centre car park 7.5 miles
 Sunday 4th January meet at Edale car park 6 miles
 Sunday 18th January Rivelin Valley meet at car park GR 292 874 6 miles
 Sunday 1st February meet at Hathersage station 7.5 miles
 Sunday 15th February meet at Bamford station 6.5 miles
 All walks are on Sundays and start at 10:30 unless otherwise stated.
 Contact the group direct for details of locations and definitive times for evening walks.
 A full & varied programme of walks throughout the year, for further details check out their website <http://www.freewebs.com/hikingdykes/sheffield/index.html> or phone Sandra on 01226 767179 or email sheffield-hd@hotmail.com



Peak Ruffies are for women who like walking longer and faster. Hikes are usually about 10 to 12 miles in the Peak District on the last Saturday of the month. The next dates are Nov 29th, Dec 27th, Jan 31st, Feb 28th, Mar 28th & Apr 25th For details of upcoming hikes, email jeanelle@degruchy.co.za or vivpointon@hotmail.com or phone Viv on 0115 973 3717.

Crimble Bimble - the gentle Peak Ruffy Christmas wander that's open to all.
 Meet at Grindleford café for breakfast from 8:30 or ready to walk at 10:00. Exact route will depend on numbers but it'll be approx 8 miles of relatively easy walking.
 Contact Viv on 0115 973 3717.

You may be interested in this mailing list - chatty, worldwide, helpful and lesbian!
 All you do to subscribe is send an email to: mailinglist-subscribe@lesbiangardens.net.
 Website at lesbiangardens.net too

HELP

Nottingham Rape Crisis Centre

If you have been sexually assaulted and need help, information, or someone to talk to phone 0115 941 0440. Confidential, free and independent.
 Run by women for women

Outburst! Is an LGBT group for young people aged 11 to 25. Meet at Base 51 every Monday from 5:30 to 8pm.

Contact details
 07940 761160
 0115 915 882

Nottingham Police LGBT Consultation Group.

Meets every 3 months (usually at the Adams Building in the Lace Market). Representatives from local lesbian/bi groups are welcome. Details via Switchboard or the GAI Project.

Broken Rainbow Helpline 020 8539 9507 for lesbians experiencing abuse from their partner.

FLAME (Lesbians with ME support group). Social & support group for lesbians with ME/Chronic Fatigue Syndrome meets monthly. For more details contact Morag on 0115 916 2672 or email: morag-@ntlworld.com

Please feel free to send us updates to this list

Relate Nottinghamshire

The Relate counselling service is available to all adult couples experiencing problems in their central relationship, including gay and lesbian couples. Tel: 0115 950 7836.

Services include Family Counselling, Sex Therapy, Relationship Education and training courses

Nottingham LGBT Consultation Forum

(formerly Notts LGBT Community Voice) (and before that the LGB Forum)

meets every 3 months, and can be contacted via Switchboard (0115 934 8485), the GAI Project (0115 947 6868) or the City Council Action on Diversity Team (phone John Cowings on 0115 915 7244).

Citizen's Health Panel

Nottingham City's Primary Care Trust is setting up a Citizen's Health Panel - in the interests of diversity and participating in shaping our local NHS, I'd like to encourage any of you who are City residents to join the Panel

If you would like to join the Citizens' Health Panel contact the PCT on 0115 912 3320 or email citizenshealthpanel@nottinghamcity-pct.nhs.uk and they will send you an application form.
 See: <http://www.nottinghamcity-pct.nhs.uk/patient-public-involvement/chp>

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