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# LOOKOUT

**Mar Apr May 2014**

**Issue 70**

Editorial:

I think this might be the fourth day in a row without rain. The forecast isn't particularly good but could this be the herald of spring? Lots of catkins spotted during a walk on Sunday.

## STOP PRESS from the Women's Centre regarding Million Women Rise

Just to clarify, we're open this Wednesday til 7.30pm (but not next Wednesday). But if you can't make it in to the Centre to grab a ticket, drop me an email and I'll see what I can do.

In the news today are another 3 women murdered at the hands of men, underlining the importance of Million Women Rise. If you can't make it, please help us by talking, tweeting and facebooking about it. Let's not let the media ignore the biggest women-only march in Europe for another year. Twitter handle is @millionwomen.

## News from the Nottingham Women's Centre

March is always a busy time for us with International Women's Day falling on the 8<sup>th</sup>. This year is particularly busy as we're also coming to the end of our history project WoLAN (Women's Liberation in Nottingham and After) so we have a number of events planned as part of that. Here's the run down on March:

- WoLAN events – too many to fit on this page so keep an eye on <http://wolannottingham.wordpress.com> for more info. A couple of highlights are:
- A month long exhibition at the Central Library, starting 1<sup>st</sup> March. The exhibition covers the Women's Liberation Movement from the early 1970s up to the present day, including the development of Nottingham Women's Centre, Greenham Common and the new wave of feminism happening now.
- Open mic event 'Silence the Violence' at the Maze on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 7pm – late, featuring local poets. £3 on the door with proceeds going to local women's charities.
- Something a bit different... Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March, Nottingham Women's Centre and TAKEOVER presents 'Celebrating female Reggae artists and poets' with Dawn Penn. 7pm – late at Spanky Van Dykes. Cost: £12 (adv), £15 (on the door) – with proceeds going to Nottingham Women's Centre.
- On International Women's Day, Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> March, we're taking a coach load of women and children down to London for the annual Million Women Rise march. Tickets for the coach may still be available so please get in touch if you are interested.
- We're hosting a Mother's day Arts and Crafts Fair on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> March, here at the Centre. 12noon – 4pm, cost: £1, children free

Details of all of these events can be found on our website. We're also got the usual courses and activities running, including the Lesbian/Bi women's cafe on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of every month, 5.30pm – 7.30pm.

Coming soon – a new women's library space... watch out for more information in the next Lookout.

For more information on any of the above contact:

Nottingham Women's Centre, 30 Chaucer Street, Nottingham, NG1 5LP

Tel: 0115 941 1475, E-mail: [admin@nottinghamwomenscentre.com](mailto:admin@nottinghamwomenscentre.com) or visit: [www.nottinghamwomenscentre.com](http://www.nottinghamwomenscentre.com)

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## WOMEN'S REGULAR EVENTS & SPECIAL ACTIVITIES



**WAGED: £5  
UNWAGED: £3**

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29th  
March  
8PM-1AM**

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Join Facebook: [juicenottingham](https://www.facebook.com/juicenottingham)

### Lezzie Family Group

Meet on the second Sunday of the month at  
Stonebridge city farm

ring Judi on 07888657916 for more info

### Million Women Rise

Thank you everyone for your support for Million Women Rise. There were 168 at the GET UP event and, after expenses, £700 is going towards the cost of our coach and to help fund the national march.

Tickets are still available from the Womens Centre for the coach to London on 8th March at £15/£10. We don't want anyone to miss out on attending so if you want to come but can't afford the ticket then contact Mel at the Womens Centre.

The centre is open from 9 to 5 Monday to Friday and on Wednesday evening until 7.30pm - so no excuses. The coach starts from the Womens Centre and calls at Loughborough too.

<http://www.nottinghamwomenscentre.com/>

Didn't make it to London last year? This is what you missed:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fUYr6jdCIQQ>

find us on Facebook - EM Million Women Rise.

### Sapphist Writers

Nottingham Based Women's  
Writing Network

Meets Second Monday of Every Month, 7.15pm

For more info email [sapphistwriters@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:sapphistwriters@yahoo.co.uk)

<http://sapphistwriters.blogspot.com/>



## L Fest - THE Lesbian Music Arts & Comedy Festival

July 18-21st 2014

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Saturday 10th May 2014 11 - 4pm

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St Anns Allotments Visitor Centre, 121 Ransom Road

Nottingham, NG3 3LH

Tel 0115 958 9255

Visit our web site : [www.staa-allotments.org.uk](http://www.staa-allotments.org.uk)



## ODDS & ENDS

## BITS & BOBS

### Nottingham Women's History Group

*Celebrate, promote and research the contribution of women  
to Nottingham's History*

### International Women's Day walk

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2014 2pm

Meet at the left lion, Market Square

### The WOLAN Project Women's Liberation & After in Nottingham

Speaker Natasha Picôt

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2014, 2pm

At the ICC

For information on this event and future activities

[www.nottinghamwomenshistory.org.uk](http://www.nottinghamwomenshistory.org.uk) or facebook

[nottmwomenshistory@gmail.com](mailto:nottmwomenshistory@gmail.com)

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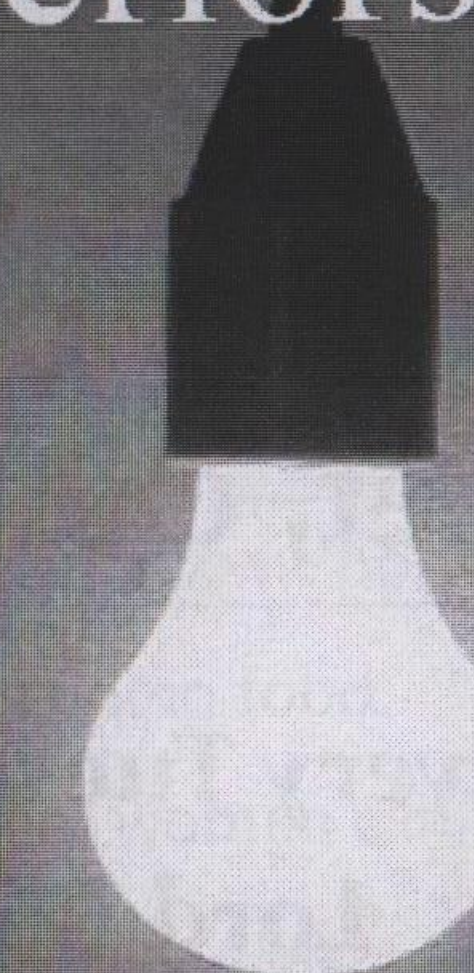
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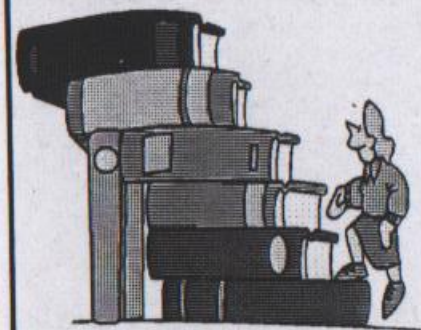
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Lookout C/o The Women's Centre, 30 Chaucer Street, Nottingham NG1 5LP.



## Sports & Socialising



### Midweek Book Group

Read a set book and then join in with the discussion group

Next book group meeting will be Weds 9<sup>th</sup> April [please note change of date] at 7.30pm in Canalhouse Bar, Canal Street, NG1 7EH.

Discussing - The Go-Between by L.P.Hartley

We really need new members for this group. *We are almost at the point of closing this group if we do not get higher attendance on a regular basis. Or I would be happy to pass on organisation of the group to other (s) and a new format/time/day might be useful?*

**Do feel free to join us.** We are not an exclusive group - we always welcome new comers. Our discussions are easy to engage in: none of us go in for complex literary critique! We usually just discuss the key themes in the book and whether we like the characters and how the author has portrayed them. Sometimes we end by proposing film stars to play the characters in the potential film of the book!

Join in — make new friends, have fun, relax in the company of some lovely women

Please do consider coming to one of the future Book Club meetings - you do not need to commit to coming to more than one meeting if you do not want to but of course regular attendance does help maintain the momentum of the group. And to be clear, there would be no pressure on you to choose a book for future meetings- we ask for suggestions but do not expect everyone who attends to make a suggestion.

Future meetings:

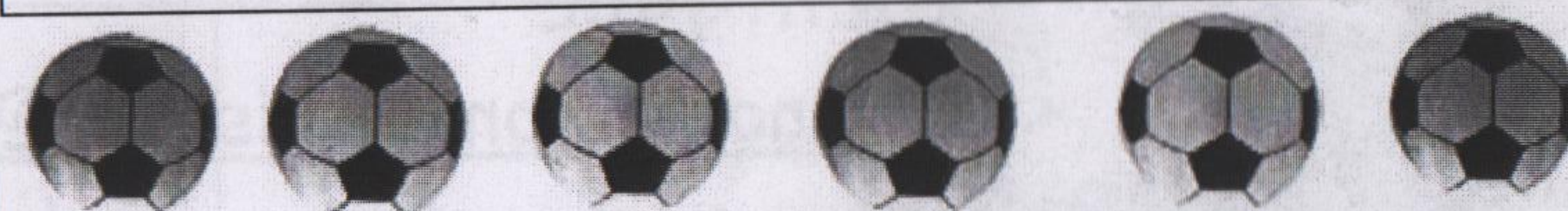
14<sup>th</sup> May: Any Human Heart- William Boyd (*at the May meeting we need to decide whether the group continues in its current format with the current organiser*)

25<sup>th</sup> June: Equal Rites- Terry Pratchett

### Lesbians in Nottingham konnected:

An online community/ email group in Nottinghamshire for lesbians to keep in touch and informed <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/linknotts>

### Sherwood Ladies 5-a-side footie



Meet every Tuesday 6 - 7 at the Forest Astro Turf (Goose Fair site)  
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More info Julie Bennett 07790 998205  
or email [joolzy\\_joolz@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:joolzy_joolz@hotmail.co.uk)

## NOTE:NEW VENUE

### WOMEN'S BADMINTON

DJANOGLY  
SHERWOOD RISE

Newcomers please check for details

THURSDAY EVENINGS at 8

For confirmation of sessions contact  
Rachel on 0115 982 6952



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## Walking Groups & other bits

### NOTTINGHAM HIKING DYKES

walk 3rd Sunday of the month at 10:30.

See the brilliant new web site at [www.nottinghamhd.org.uk](http://www.nottinghamhd.org.uk)

16th Mar : Monyash meet at the Old Smithy Café DE45 1JH for an 8 mile walk GR 150665

20th Apr : TBA

18th May : meet at Whatstandwell Station on the A6 for a 6 mile bluebell wood walk GR 333541

For full details of the various walks and camping events please make contact direct with the group via [www.nottinghamhd.org.uk](http://www.nottinghamhd.org.uk) or ring Lesbian and Gay Switchboard 0115 9348485



### Derby Walking Women

Walks are normally on the 1st Sunday of the month, meet at 10:45 for 11:00 start, each walk is organised by volunteer(s) and full details are given out on the walk the month before or check out the website <http://www.derbywomenswalkinggroup.webs.com>

Sun 2nd March meet Harlow Wood Garden Centre inside Portland College Complex NG18 4TJ

The college is on the right on the A60 going north a couple of miles north of Ravenshead Garden Centre immediately left once inside complex but use visitor car park on the right.

Café opens at 9:30 for early birds. Next walks will be April 6th & May 4th

Details can also be obtained by contacting the overall co-ordinator on 07757 266651 (or an email can be sent on to her via [lookoutmag@hotmail.com](mailto:lookoutmag@hotmail.com))



**SHEFFIELD HIKING DYKES** All Sunday walks start at 10:30 unless otherwise stated. Contact the group direct for details of locations and other walks. A full & varied programme of walks throughout the year. Check out their website <http://hikingdykes.webs.com/sheffield/> or phone Deena on 0114 268 6409 or Sandra on 01226 767179 or email [sheffield-hd@hotmail.com](mailto:sheffield-hd@hotmail.com)

**Peak Ruffy walks:** These walks are for women who like walking longer & faster & over more challenging ground. Hikes are usually about 10 to 14 miles in the Peak District on the last Saturday of the month.

Information about forthcoming walks is posted to members of the peakruffies yahoo group. You can join this group by emailing: [peakruffies-subscribe@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:peakruffies-subscribe@yahoo.co.uk)

<http://peakhd.webs.com/walks.htm> ALL the walking group dates in calendar format (I could only see Peak Ruffies & Sheffield & Nottingham Hiking Dykes on this web site)



## WHC Horton-in-Ribblesdale, nr Settle

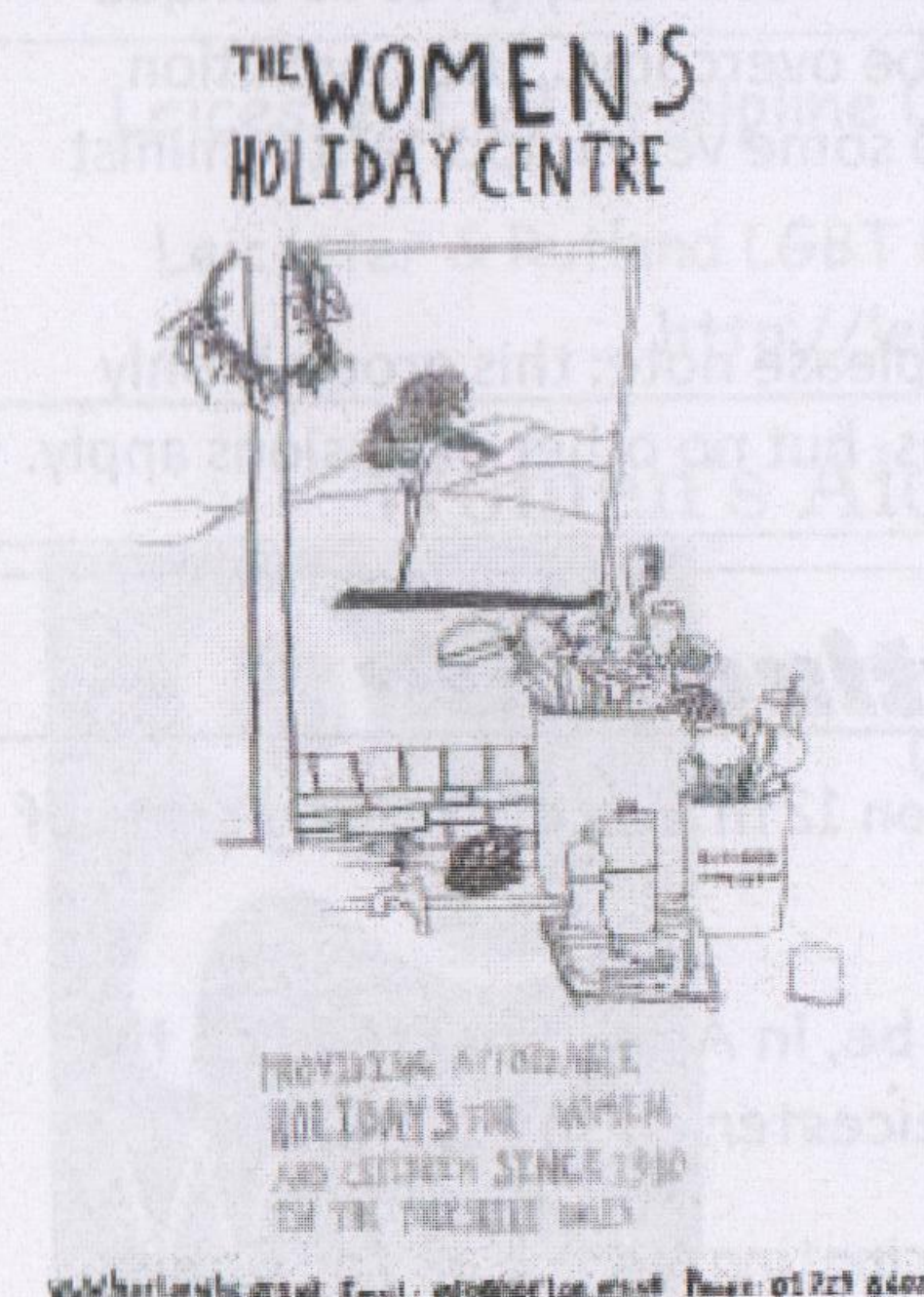
Please check us out on facebook or see our website [www.hortonwhc.org.uk](http://www.hortonwhc.org.uk)

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We offer a safe and friendly environment where women can feel at home and relax. Children love it here too.

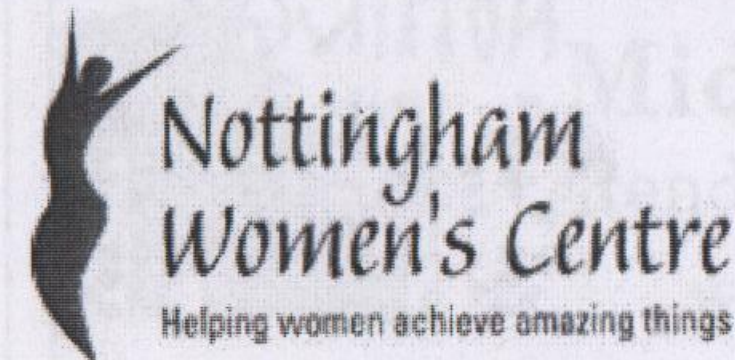
It was set up in 1980 as a charitable co-operative, by women involved in feminism and the women's liberation movement. Since then, this volunteer-run women's co-op has been making a difference to the lives of thousands of women and children from all over the country, by providing affordable holidays with a sliding scale for payments according to income.

01729 860207 10am-8pm or [info@hortonWHC.org.uk](mailto:info@hortonWHC.org.uk)





## INTERESTING STUFF



### Lesbian/Bisexual Women's Cafe

Second Monday of each month 5:30 - 7:30 meet in a relaxed atmosphere & catch up with old friends, meet new people. Food & non-alcoholic drinks available for small donation.  
Newcomers always made welcome.

### Also at the Women's Centre

### Lesbians in Nottingham

Meet every 2nd & 4th Friday of the month  
Come and join us to chat, play board games and have a laugh.  
All lesbians welcome, or those questioning whether they might be lesbian.  
For more info ring Ruth 0115 982 6952

## Intersectional Feminism in Nottingham

A new group, facebook-based but with occasional meets in the real world, is aiming to promote discussion and consciousness-raising in a safe, non-oppressive, intersectional space.

**What is intersectionality?** First coined by women of colour to describe the way in which white, middle class feminists spoke of a universal female experience that ignored the very different experiences of women of colour. Intersectionality has now become embedded in many facets of modern feminism and activism from radical through to liberal. It has come to be used academically to highlight the way various different structures of power and privilege intersect in complex and often cumulative ways. To give a very crude example, an intersectional feminist is able to see that the Queen of England is not, in fact, more fundamentally oppressed than a black, disabled, gay elderly man living in poverty.

**Why do we need a space to develop intersectional thinking?** It is probably fair to say humans are naturally more adept at noticing their disadvantages than their privileges. This has been an issue in feminism, as it is in the larger world, leading to, for instance, white, middle class, able and articulate women speaking for others, unconscious of their privilege. Hopefully, we have created a space where this can be thought about, reflected on and challenged in a safe and friendly way.

**What are examples of an intersectional approach?** It is a place where, for example, we promote the voices of women of colour, and where we challenge the right of white westerners to critique other cultures. We also ensure that sex workers are given their own voice and not spoken for by people who are not sex workers. We take into account any able and neurotypical privilege in terms of access and communication. A final example is that transgender people are assumed to have more knowledge of themselves than non-transgender people, and we hold that non-transgender feminists speaking for, or theorising about transgender people is inherently oppressive.

**What are the Advantages?** Self-reflecting on our own privilege and recognising intersectionality gives us unique insights into the obstacles to dismantling structures of power, and how these can be overcome. The revolution comes from within, and in focussing on raising our own consciousness it returns to some very important feminist roots.

Join the conversation at: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/671010629610246/> please note: this group is only open to people who are positive and collaborative towards our aims and intentions, but no other exclusions apply.



### Fascinating Aida

They were brilliant in Derby on 12th Feb at the beginning of their latest tour.

Other fairly local venues will be, in April, Sheffield on the 10th, Lincoln on the 11th & Leicester on the 17th.

Check out their web site [FascinatingAida.co.uk](http://FascinatingAida.co.uk) for details or see YouTube for such classics as Cheap Flights & Dogging

## HELP & SUPPORT — newly updated thanks to Joan

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### Outburst!

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Meet at NGY Myplace every Wednesday from 6:00 to 8pm.  
Contact details  
[www.outburst.org.uk](http://www.outburst.org.uk)  
0115 704 3114

### 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

### 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, SexTherapy, Relationship Education and training courses

[www.relate-nottingham.org.uk](http://www.relate-nottingham.org.uk)

### Nottingham City Council 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),

0115 915 7244).

Advice & help with sexual health, drug use, domestic violence, etc. for people of all gender identities.  
12 Broad Street, Hockley, Nottingham NG1 3AL or 0115 947 5414 or  
email [HealthShop@nottshc.nhs.uk](mailto:HealthShop@nottshc.nhs.uk)

### Broken Rainbow National LGBT Domestic Violence helpline

0300 999 5428

Opening times Mon & Thur: 10am - 8pm Tue & Wed: 10am - 5pm (1pm - 5pm Tue is Trans specific)  
[www.brokenrainbow.org.uk](http://www.brokenrainbow.org.uk)

### Derbyshire Friend LGBT Specialist Support & Advocacy Service

<http://www.gayderbyshire.org.uk> Tel: 01332 207704

email: [info@gayderbyshire.org.uk](mailto:info@gayderbyshire.org.uk)

Leicester LGBT Helpline 0116 255 0667 Thursdays 7:30-10pm

Leicester & Rutland LGBT info & services - Leicester LGBT Centre  
<http://leicesterlgbtcentre.org/>

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[www.wais.org.uk](http://www.wais.org.uk)

### Notts LGBT Alcohol Support

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Notts LGBT Alcohol Support is a group offering support to lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people to discuss issues around alcohol.

We meet on the first Tuesday of the month from 6.30 to 7.30pm  
at NIS Nottingham Health Centre,  
79a Upper Parliament Street, Nottingham NG1 6LD

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