

APPLICATION FORM

I support the aims of **PINK CHALK** and would like to become a member of the group.

The appropriate fee is enclosed.

Waged full time

£8

Unwaged

£4

Waged part time

£4

Name:

Address:

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Telephone:

Signature:

If you would like to join **PINK CHALK** please complete the form and send it to:

PINK CHALK

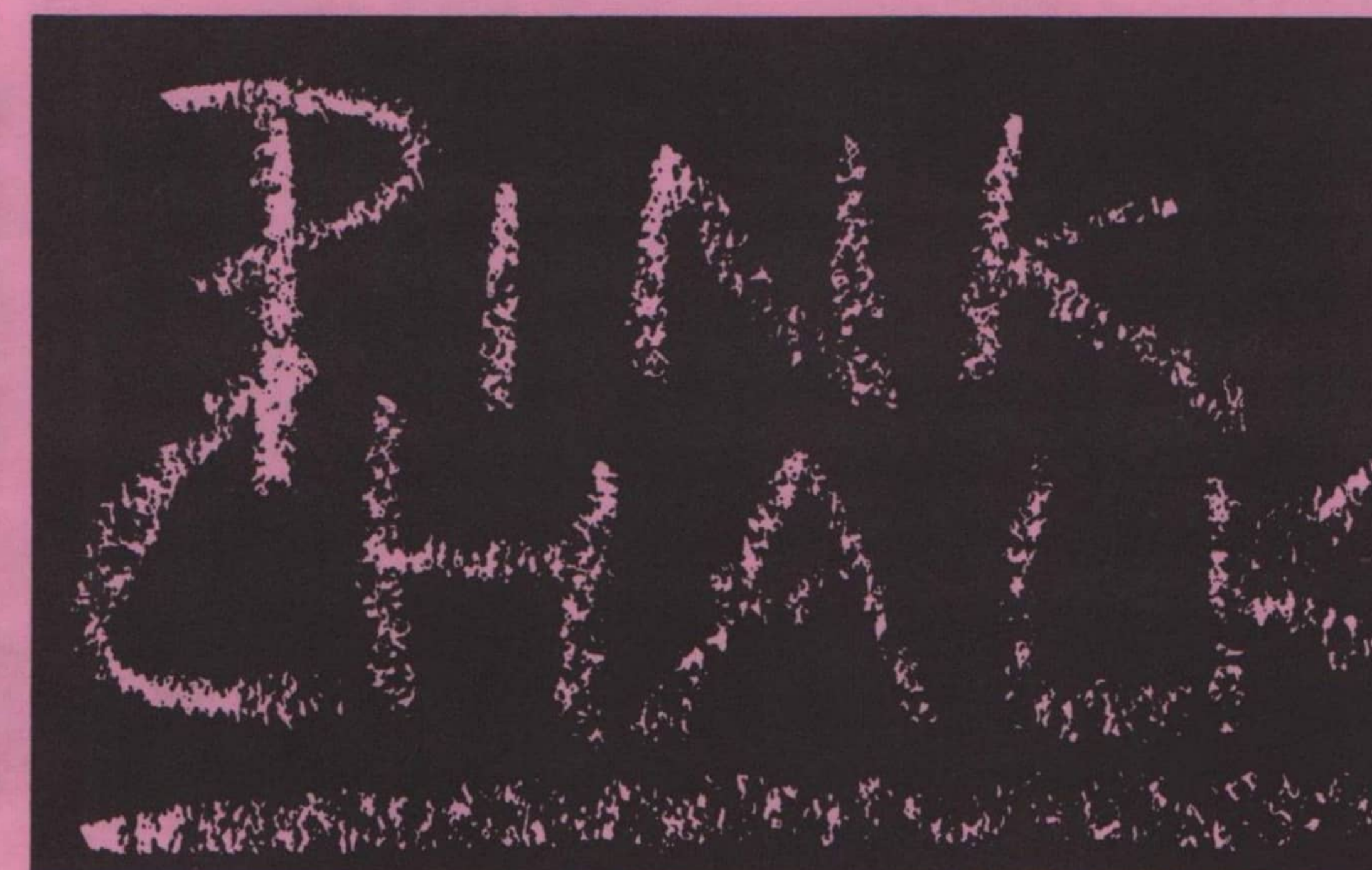
c/o Lesbian & Gay Switchboard

33 Mansfield Road

Nottingham NG1 3FF

If you would like details of forthcoming meetings or other information please phone Anthony on:

0115 958 5814



Working for lesbian, gay
and bisexual equality in
education in the East Midlands
and South Yorkshire.

PINK CHALK

PINK CHALK was set up in 1994 by a group of lesbians, gay men and bisexuals living or working in the East Midlands and South Yorkshire. Inspired by the national organisation **SCHOOL'S OUT!** the group adopted broadly similar aims in the desire to achieve equality in all aspects of education.

The group meets monthly, usually in Nottingham, and also has a varied programme of social events around the region. Attendance at meetings and events is open to all who work in education in whatever capacity. Students and former education workers are also welcome.

The regular meetings, held on a Saturday, generally include a half hour open forum at which any matter of concern may be raised. This is followed by discussion of a specific issue, led by a member or guest speaker, and a short business session. The afternoon is always rounded off with a visit to the pub. The format of meetings is of course open to change, dependent on members' wishes.

WHAT WE AIM TO DO

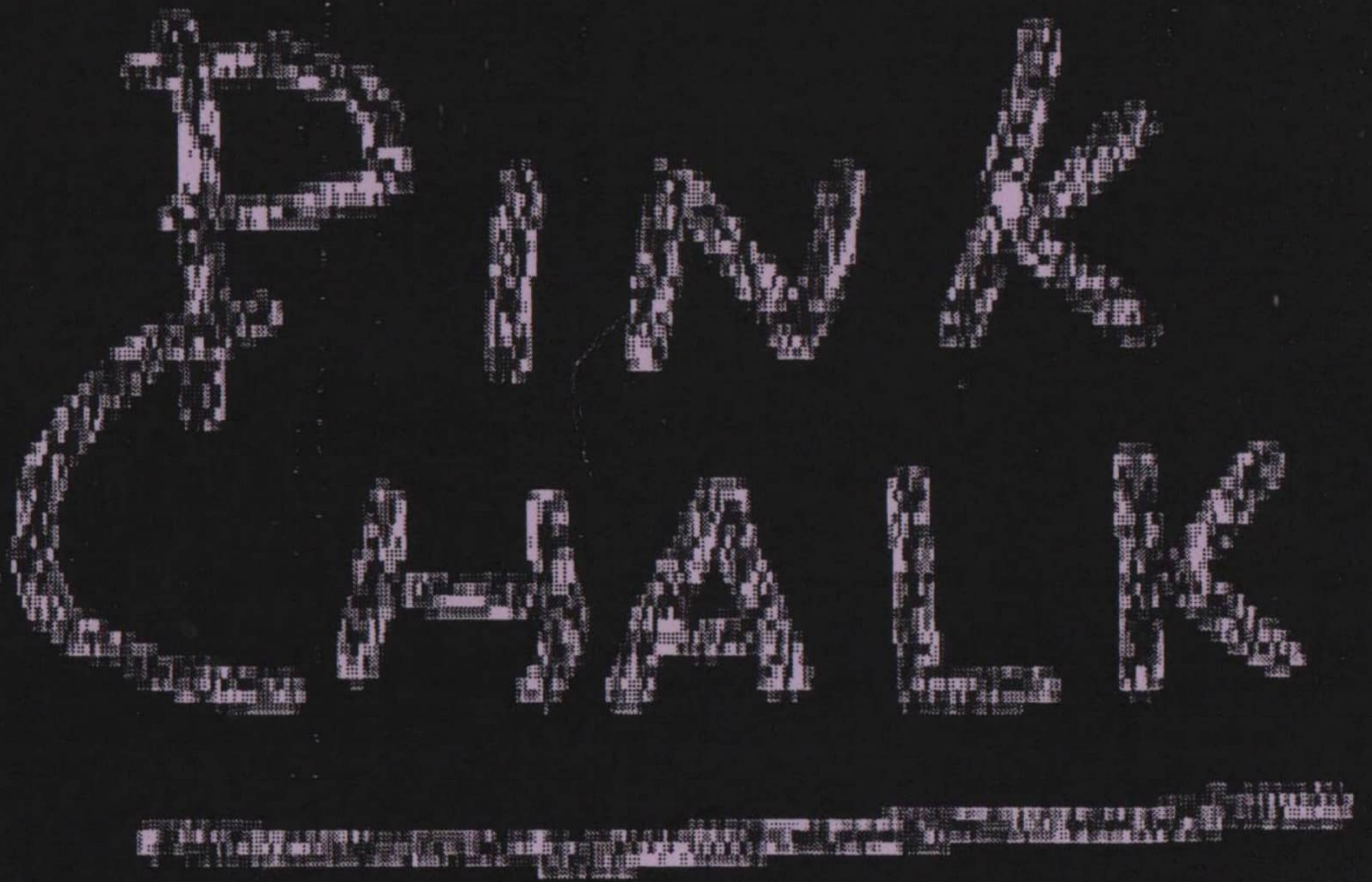
Our objective is to provide, for gay, lesbian and bisexual workers in all phases of education in the region, a forum in which we:

- Discuss topics of interest
- Campaign for equality for workers, students and pupils.
- Provide counselling and support by individual members.
- Provide mutual support in the group.
- Arrange social events.

PINK CHALK is run entirely by and for its members, all of whom have an equal role in decision making. Four officers are chosen annually (chair, treasurer, secretary, publicity, social events) in order to carry out the members' wishes. Because not all members may be out at work, confidentiality is respected.

THE STORY SO FAR

PINK CHALK has been very active in giving support and advice to teachers facing harassment from pupils, colleagues and governors. We have listened to young people talk about their experiences of education, in the hope that we can challenge heterosexist attitudes in schools and colleges. Trade Unions have been asked to state exactly what their equality policies mean for us and to say what support they are prepared to give. We have had visits from parents' support groups and leading activists. Most importantly we have forged a supportive network of men and women committed to common aims, working together to help one another and to challenge oppression.



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and former education workers who share our aims.

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PRESS RELEASE

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PINK CHALK IS A FORUM FOR LESBIAN, GAY AND BISEXUAL WORKERS IN EDUCATION IN THE EAST MIDLANDS AND SOUTH YORKSHIRE. THE GROUP HAS MET MONTHLY SINCE FEBRUARY OF THIS YEAR AT THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY CENTRE, MANSFIELD ROAD, NOTTINGHAM. MEMBERSHIP IS OPEN TO EVERYONE WORKING IN EDUCATION, IN WHATEVER CAPACITY, AND TO STUDENTS PREPARING FOR A CAREER IN EDUCATION. AT PRESENT MEMBERSHIP INCLUDES TEACHERS, TUTORS AND LECTURERS FROM THE INFANT, PRIMARY, SECONDARY AND TERTIARY SECTORS.

WE PROVIDE MUTUAL SUPPORT AND ADVICE AND WE DISCUSS A WIDE RANGE OF GAY-RELATED ISSUES AS THEY AFFECT OUR WORK. IN RECENT MEETINGS WE LOOKED AT PROBLEMS OF HARASSMENT AND DISCRIMINATION, RECEIVED A REPORT ON THE N.U.T. CONFERENCE ON LESBIAN AND GAY ISSUES IN EDUCATION, AND DISCUSSED CONTRACTS AND SECURITY OF TENURE AT WORK.

TOPICS PLANNED FOR THE COMING MONTHS INCLUDE CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT ON ISSUES OF SEXUALITY AND DEALING WITH HETEROSEXIST ATTITUDES IN SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES. EACH MEETING BEGINS WITH AN OPEN FORUM DURING WHICH MEMBERS MAY RAISE ANY ISSUE OF CONCERN. AFTER AN AFTERNOON OF SERIOUS TALK MANY OF US ADJOURN TO A NEARBY PUB FOR A DRINK AND AN INFORMAL CHAT.

MEETINGS ARE GENERALLY HELD ON SATURDAY AFTERNOONS. A SOCIAL EVENT IS ALSO PLANNED FOR THE BEGINNING OF THE AUTUMN TERM. FURTHER DETAILS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM ANTHONY ON 0602-585814, OR BY WRITING TO: PINK CHALK, C/O LESBIAN AND GAY SWITCHBOARD, 33, MANSFIELD ROAD, NOTTINGHAM, NG1 3FF.