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Mon 31	Eternity NY party					

Out House cont

Currently the Out House is working for our communities by being an active part of the Notts Police LGBT consultative group (New members welcome) which set up the Homophobic Incident Reporting Line 0800 858522, the relaunched Notts LGB Forum (see separate item) and the steering group of the new LGB young peoples group "Out Burst" (meets Fridays - details from GAI project on 947 5414) Angela Mason, Director of Stonewall, was the guest speaker at our recent, successful AGM. She spoke passionately about their current work and the three issues we should all try to move forward.

The basic right not to be discriminated against would enable us to take our part in society as equal citizens. A European Union Bill outlawing discrimination in the work place on (among other things) the grounds of sexual orientation will make our government have legislation in place by the end of 2003. Secondly, signs from the government suggest that the repeal of Section 28 may come next year or in 2003. The big issue at the moment is Partnership rights.

Rather than go down the road of a sort of gay marriage, which would involve a possible battle with church and other groups, the approach is to allow partnerships to be registered and have laws that give rights - inheritance, pensions, next of kin etc.

A Ten Minute Rule Bill was successful in the Commons a couple of weeks ago; this gives the right to present a full Bill to Parliament. However, as this would be unlikely to succeed due to lack of Parliamentary time, the approach will be to put pressure on the government to introduce a Bill in the next couple of years (write to your MP in support of this issue).

NU Lesbian & Gay Line (Term time)
0115 9514999 8.00 - 10.00pm
Police Homophobic Crime Helpline
0115 967 6161

BAD Badminton
LC Lesbian Centre
LCCG Lesbian Centre Coordinating Group
LL Lesbian Line
MCC Metropolitan Community Church
For further info ring
Lesbian Line 0115 9410652

LOOKOUT!

Available on tape. Ring 0115 847 1544

For confidentiality some private numbers have been transferred to the following lines
Lesbian Line - LL - 0115 941 0652
Lesbian & Gay Switchboard - Switch - 0115 934 8485

PLEASE NOTE: Unless specified as lesbian only these groups, services and events may apply to all women or to lesbians, gays and bisexuals.

LOOKOUT

Lesbian Line really really really

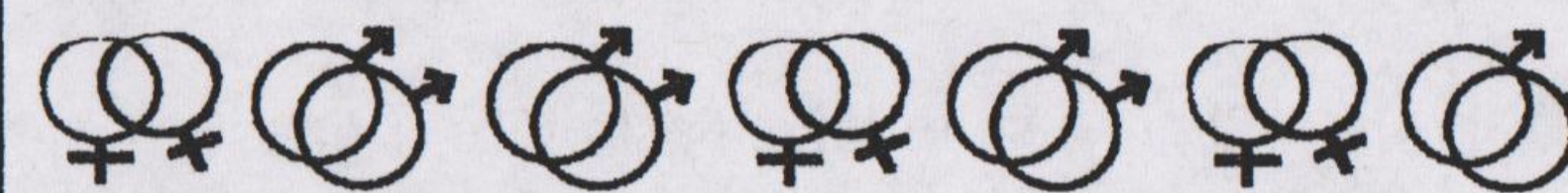
urgently NEEDS volunteers.

No experience needed, as fully training is provided it's only a 4 hour time commitment per month and the community really benefits from the service. Telephone: (0115) 9410652 Mon & Wed 7-9pm.



Gai's the word

The GAI Project has just produced a new up-to-date version of the Gai Guide to Nottingham. This is a guide to LGBT services, community groups and venues in Nottingham and includes a handy map of the LGB scene. Copies available free from the Women's Centre,



The Health Shop or by contacting the GAI Project directly (0115) 9476868



The Womens Cafe

Women's Christmas Quiz: at the Real Art Café (Heathcote St.) 4th December, 7.30pm onwards. Bargain 50p admission towards fun, females & crackers!



Volunteers to help with LOOKOUT!

Telephone, lesbian line (0115) 9410652 (leave message if ansaphone on), or e-mail: nottslesbiancentre@nottworld.com Please help us or loose Lookout for good nottslesbiancentre@nottworld.com

Womenwith Hill

Women's Peace Camp[aighn],
December 12th Women's Gathering:

Menwith Hill US Base

'Stop Star Wars: Stop War Spying:

Stop Afghanistan War'

P.O. Box 105, Harrogate. HG3 2FE

Tel: 01943 468593 email: flossiemintballs@aol.com



Check LOOKOUT! online for regular updates...
<http://lookout.netfirms.com>



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How time flies blah blah blah etc....



LipService

Oscar Wilde's

The Importance of Being Ernest

is being performed by LipService -
lesbian comedy duo - at the York Theatre
Royal 27th Nov-1st December.

For more information
(including box office numbers)
contact www.lip-service.net or
e-mail info@lip-service.net



A-Maze-ing!

The Maze (North Sherwood St.)
is holding a performance
competition 11th
December,
7.30 onwards.



If you want to perform, just sign up.
Serious, humorous, loving, angry, sad,
passionate - the mike is open.
For more information:
(0115) 9157231 or (01623) 647229.



WAG (aka Woman Are Gorgeous)

There will be no WAG meeting on the
14th December. Christmas party 15th
December - all lesbians and women
questioning their sexuality welcome.



Bring drink and food. Music, chat, dancing, 8pm till late.
Next dates January 11th and 8th February.

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FOR SALE

Furniture

- Dining table, round, mahogany effect, one metre diameter, seats up to five, very good condition, £45.
- Pine fitted bedroom units, triple wardrobe with hanging space and shelves and over bed unit with cupboards, single wardrobe and drawer. £30 each.

- Desk with two drawers, 2 ft by 3 ft, very good condition £20.

Computer Equipment

- Computer dictation programmes, Dragon Point And Speak £20, L & H Voice Express Advanced £35.

- Computer anti-glare screen, fits up to 17 inch monitor, £20.

Kitchen Equipment

- Toaster £5.
- Phillips Cucina hand blender, pastel blue and cream, detachable dishwasher safe blade unit, brand new, never used, £10.
- Electric Filter coffee maker, washable filter, makes up to 10 cups, £5.

more info...Tel: 0115 847 1544 or e-mail: morag@ntlworld.com

Sheffield Hiking Dykes

It's a walking group for lesbians and women questioning their heterosexuality.

Contact Louise 0114 2671706, Deena 0114 268 6409 or Pauline 01623 550209. Full walk list available at www.hikingdykes.co.uk

Wed Dec 19th. Meet at car park near Walkley Tilt on Rivelin Valley Rd on B6101. Loxley Valley walk approx. 5 miles

Wed Jan 23rd. Meet at Linacre Reservoirs car park (GR 836 728) Walk round the reservoirs.



Need a Boost?!

'Tips on How to Boost your Self Esteem & Assertiveness' from 7th January 2002 - 28th January (Mondays 7-9pm). Women only. Fees £45, at Nottingham Counselling Centre,

32 Heathcoat Street, Nottingham. Rosjke Hasseldine, course facilitator, can be contacted on (0115) 9814535 e-mail: rosjke.hasseldine@ntlworld.com. 4 Mulberry Close, West Bridgford. NG2 7SS

Welcome to the Metropolitan Community Church

of Nottingham, part of a Christian Denomination with special outreach for anyone who feels excluded by established religious groups, especially members of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered communities. Services every Sunday, 11.30am at Queens Walk Community Centre, Houseman Gardens, The Meadows, Nottingham.

Christmas services

5th December - Leicester LGB Centre

16 December - The Central pub, Nottingham 6:00pm

23rd December - St Andrew's Church, Goldsmith Street, Nottingham, 2pm

For more details call Des Nee on 0115 877 2732 or

Margaret Gregory on 01332 872 143

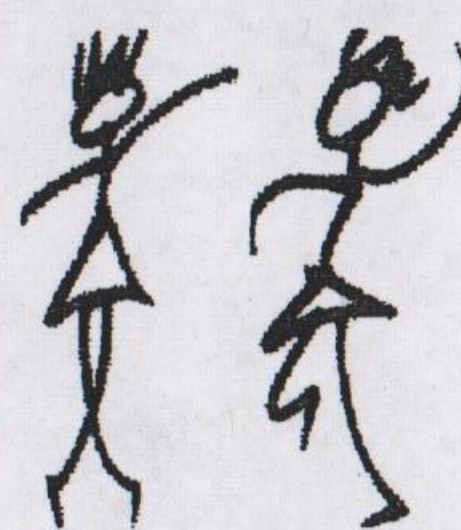
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Lookout for love!



There's an exciting new development within LookOut's pages: PERSONAL ADS. If you're a lesbian or bisexual woman looking for love,



or just more friends or pen pals then send your ads to us at LookOut. You've got a maximum for 40 whole words to sell yourself and (potentially) find your dream woman.



Mature eccentric, non-smoker and avid reader, happy with both silence and her own company, looking for new friends with whom to share garlic, red wine, good food and good music, gardens, birds and Buffy...**Box No. 1**

30's musician, enjoys music, current affairs, gardening, cooking, reading and other quiet pursuits, seeking new friends of similar age for relaxing times and conversation. **Box No. 2**

Warm, intelligent, sensual, passionate, honest, n/s, 34. Varied interests: walking, the outdoors, dance, music, art, travel, good food & friends, theatre, reading, meditation and yoga etc. Seeks woman to share richness of life. **Box No. 3**

To reply to an advert.

Write your letter and place it in a stamped, sealed envelope with the box number written on the front. Place this in another stamped envelope and post to: Lookout! Personals replies, Nottingham Lesbian Community Centre, 30 Chaucer Street, Nottingham, N G 1 5 LP. Nobody will read your reply and it will be forwarded directly to the advertiser. Include your return address



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Body Hair

We might shave it or grow it, love it or hate it. I'm interested in it. And I NEED YOU! My name is Merran Toerien, and I'm doing Ph.D. research on women's experiences of their body hair. I'm looking for women from all walks of life to take part in CONFIDENTIAL group discussions or one-to-one interviews about their own thoughts/ feelings/ beliefs/ experiences to do with body hair.

The discussions/interviews will be relaxed and open-ended. No special knowledge is needed. Time, date, location and choice of co-participants are all negotiable, and your input will be kept entirely ANONYMOUS. Refreshments will be provided.

If you would be able to help me by taking part in a group, please contact me by email, telephone or post. My email address is: m.g.toerien@lboro.ac.uk My phone number is 0870 012 6501 (this is NOT a mobile; answerphone attached - I'll call you back). My address is: Postgraduate Research Student, Dept Social Sciences, Loughborough University, Loughborough, Leicestershire LE11 3TU.

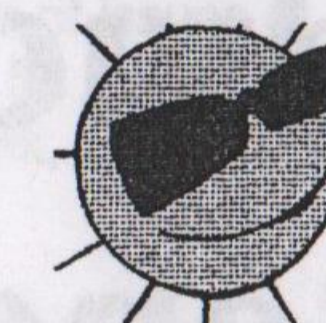
Thank you very much!

Azuka Befriending Scheme

Azuka: Befriending Scheme. If you're aged 16-25 and from an African, Asian or Caribbean background are homeless or having trouble living independently and are in need of support from someone who understands your

situation....**LOOK NO FURTHER.**

For further information: Paulette Francique, Azuka Befriending Scheme, 135 Lower Parliament St., NG1 1EE.



Very Crafty!

Workshop run by a carpenter & joiner, provides an opportunity to learn new skills, and in the process make things for your home & garden, for your friends & family.



Tuesdays (Woodwork for experienced wood-workers), Wednesday (women only). Unit 1, Nottingham All Saints Centre, All Saints Church, Raleigh Street. For more info contact: Irene (0115) 9112522, or 07989 350279

Lesbian Domestic Violence Project

Lesbian Domestic Violence Project
Kerry Townley is researching domestic violence in lesbian relationships and is looking for women to complete her confidential questionnaire.

Contact her: on (01509) 211 810, 0795 1032781,
e-mail: katown@yahoo.com
k.a.townley2-00@student.lboro.ac.uk

Sign of the Times The 'Lesbian Centre' sign is no more at The Women's Centre. It is, however, being replaced by a number, as are all the other rooms in the centre and a board will indicate who's using which room.



FREE COURSES!

FREE CHILDCARE (NURSERY ON-SITE)
FREE TRAVEL EXPENSES
CITY CENTRE LOCATION

For women who are not currently working - aged between 16 and 59 - and who are living in Nottingham

COURSES STARTING SOON INCLUDE...

Gardening and conservation

Two and-a-half days per week, at an allotment in the fresh air.
Mosaic making - Learn how to Mosaic those mirrors etc

...and lots more to choose from

Phone 9150115 To receive your free information & application form

NOTTINGHAM WOMEN'S TRAINING SCHEME

Victoria Workshops, 1 Cairn Street, Nottingham NG1

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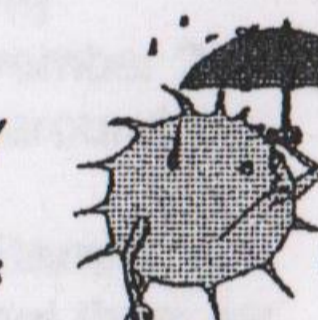
We desperately need volunteers to help with the running of the Lesbian Centre.

Meetings are held monthly and we need your input, ideas, comments and suggestions for what you would like to see at the Lesbian Centre. The more people we have, the more fun things we can create for lesbians to enjoy! Please contact us if you are interested - there is no compulsion to carry out any particular tasks unless you want to and you do not have to attend every meeting. Call Morag on 0115 847 1544 or write to or e-mail us.

nottslesbiancentre@ntlworld.com

Now the Winter nights...

are drawing in and there's nothing much on the TV why not get involved in the.....wait for it ...
COURSES FOR WOMEN at Nottingham Women's Centre. There's a wide variety of stimulating activities for those long dark evenings, including: yoga; Chinese art; interpreting skills and women into management. 2002.



Training, Employment & Development Project

Courses For Women

Gardening & Conservation : Mosaic Making
Deaf Awareness : How to Start up a Business
Making The Most Of Yourself

Jan 2002

ABC certificate in basic Counselling Skills
Assertiveness- Stand Up For Yourself | Moving On
Chinese Art | First Aid certificate 5
Have A Go At Being Creative | Computing From Scratch
Basic and Intermediate Computing: City & Guilds 730 Stage 1 :
Sign Language BSL Stage 1 | How to Start up a Business
Making The Most Of Yourself | Food Hygiene certificate
Basic and Intermediate Computing: stage 1 RSA CLAIT and IBT2

Over 50? FREE Careers Advice + Guidance Sessions
FREE Business Start Up Advice Sessions - ring to book a time

Crèche: we provide free crèche/ childcare for all day and evening courses. (2-5 years for week daytime course, any age for others).
Childcare costs for 0-2yrs for some areas of the city
Access: need to book: loop system, large print, sign language interpreter (all courses), wheelchair access and adapted toilets

Some of these courses are FREE

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Pauline Dorey / Sue Atkinson 9240 041
Training, Employment & Development Project, Nottingham Women's Centre, 30 Chaucer Street, Nottingham, NG1 5LP

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Editors bit...

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If you would like to receive Lookout! direct to your door then please notify us of your name and full address. Contact is

**Nottingham Lesbian Community
Centre, 30 Chaucer Street, Nottingham, N G 1 5 LP**

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Please take care when posting or replying to personal adverts to preserve the privacy of anyone involved.

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Would anyone like to help with this...

I am writing to you about research that I am undertaking into the experiences of lesbians and gay men aged over 50, and to request your assistance in contacting individuals or groups who may be interested in talking about their views and experiences.

The research I am undertaking is funded by the Economic and Social Research Council, and will be the first of its kind in Britain.

In brief, the aim of the research is identify a range of issues of importance for lesbians and gay men aged over 50 - be it personal issues like relationships, everyday issues like work, or policy issues like pensions.

For the moment my aim is to design a study that will be meaningful and relevant to lesbians and gay men themselves - and that will genuinely reflect their interests and concerns. To do this I would really appreciate the opportunity to organise a meeting of small groups (between 3-6) of lesbians and gay men aged over 50 to ask them what issues they think are important. This could take the form of an informal conversation or a more formal focus group.

I wondered, therefore, if you would be in a position to assist me in making contact with anyone - or any group - who might be interested in talking to me. I have enclosed copies of this letter so that you may pass it on to anyone you know who might be interested.

Further information on 0115 848 5588 or email
Debbie.Thompson@ntu.ac.uk

Thanks for taking the time to consider this request

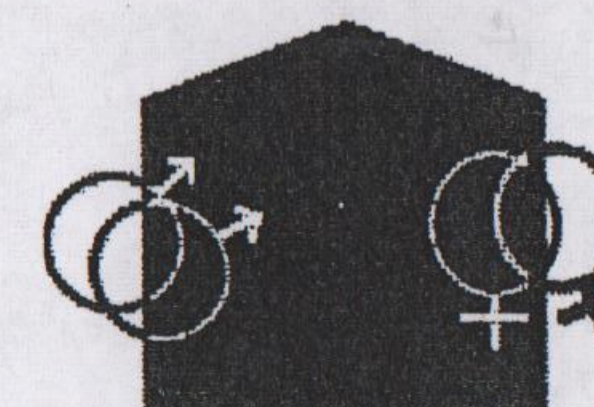


LOOKOUT!

It's your shout

The Out House

will be Nottingham's first Community Centre for the Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual communities, providing a range of facilities and projects aiming to meet our needs. It will aim to be a welcoming, safe and inclusive space, and will be particularly appropriate for those of us who are not part of the scene. When completed it will have a café bar, information area, one large and three smaller meeting rooms, a lounge/library, lift, kitchens, toilets etc, and will be a focus for action in our communities. **The Out House needs your support in our push to get the centre completed.**



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NOTTINGHAM HYKING DYKES

Fresh air and fun!

Are you a dyke who is keen on rambling or would you just like to get out in the fresh air and meet some like-minded women? We are a friendly group who meets every month, usually on the third Sunday. We normally walk 6-8 miles in Derbyshire, Leicestershire or Nottinghamshire and always end with a tea shop or pub!

Walks for the next few months are:

Sunday 16th December meet at the garden centre entrance at Staunton Harold - (Ferrers Centre) - off A42 near Ashby de la Zouch GR376210

Sunday 20th January - Outwoods, Beacon Hill or Bradgate Park followed by a tea party. Exact details not yet available.

Sunday 17th February - meet the Heage Tavern, Ripley Road, Heage off the A610.



All a prompt 10.30am departure. For more info contact: Mo Murray, or www.nottinghamhd.homestead.com Further information and up to date details of our walks are available on our website www.nottinghamhd.homestead.com or via our e-mail list (send your details to hyking@celiac.clara.co.uk). You can also contact the Nottingham Lesbian Line (0115 9410652) or send 4 x SAE's to Mo Nottingham HD, c/o Nottingham Women's Centre, Chaucer Street, Nottingham, (mark clearly Please Forward)

Eternity New Years Eve Party

@The Rope Walk Nightclub, Derby Road, Notts.

7pm - 2am (last entry for non-ticket holders 11.30pm)

Advance tickets available at the Eternity night, November 24th @ Rotunda Cafe Bar, Standard Hill, Nottingham (just around the corner from Nottingham Castle)

Special Price Tickets @Eternity: £6 members of Eternity £8 non-members. Purchase 5 tickets or more and get them for £5 each.

Booking tickets by post, credit card or in person: £7 members, £9 non-members, £5 per person is booking for 5 or more.

Tickets can also be purchased by post sending a cheque (payable to M Gribby) to Flat 1, 13 Lenton Avenue, Nottingham NG7 1DX (include a stamped addressed envelope). Or call our credit card hotline on 0115 9413548 (7 days a week 2pm - 10pm) and purchase your tickets using visa, switch, solo or mastercard with no extra charge for using the service.

You can also purchase tickets from Park Video @ 159 Derby Road, Notts (between 2pm and 10pm 7 days a week).

Tickets on sale until Dec 25th.

Out House cont

So far we have managed to buy a building in the Hockley area and have done a small amount of refurbishment. Now we are working hard to raise quite a large amount of money to complete the project. This will not be easy, but we are confident that we will manage this sometime in the next 18 months.

You can join the Out House for £1 and, at the moment, membership will last until the Centre is opened. For this you get a vote at our AGM, the chance to stand for the committee (!) and a copy of our regular newsletter which has news about what is currently happening in the Out House Project and in the wider LGB communities.

Membership forms are available from the Out House office on 0115 911 0545 or Email Outhousemark@AOL.com. We would also welcome ideas on where we might get funding and offers of volunteer help.

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