

All these courses are free.  
There are also free drop-in sessions when you can use the Women's Centre computers, Wednesdays and Thursdays, 1.00 – 4.00pm.  
For details ring 0115 947 5212 or 0115 924 0041  
Or email: [ted@nottinghamwomenscentre.co.uk](mailto:ted@nottinghamwomenscentre.co.uk) or [tedproject@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:tedproject@tiscali.co.uk)

#### National News

##### **Campaign to remove Section 28 continues.**

Stonewall is supporting a cross-party amendment for the clear and straightforward repeal of this hateful clause. The amendment will shortly be considered by a committee of the House of Commons and voted on by all MPs. We then take our battle to the House of Lords.

##### **Government's draft employment equality regulations not yet good enough**

Stonewall has responded to the Government's consultation on its draft employment equality (sexual orientation) regulations. The final version of these regulations will become law in December 2003, and will offer protection to lesbian, gay and bisexual people against discrimination in the workplace. Stonewall felt that the Government's draft regulations need to be strengthened in several areas and have emphasised these points in their response.

If you would like a copy of the response, please email [info@stonewall.org.uk](mailto:info@stonewall.org.uk)

##### **Repeal of gay offences a step nearer**

The Sexual Offences Bill, proposing the repeal of the gay offences, has started its passage through Parliament. Stonewall will be campaigning hard to see the Bill become law, and to see fair treatment for gay men who have been hit by offences that should never have been part of the law.

Full details can be found at [www.sexualoffencesbill.homeoffice.gov.uk](http://www.sexualoffencesbill.homeoffice.gov.uk)

##### **Citizenship 21 conference and new publication.**

Stonewall's Citizenship 21 project is to host a conference. Communities for Equality is a national conference that brings together different groups to discuss ways they can increase their abilities to tackle prejudice and discrimination. The conference will be attended by projects supported by Citizenship 21 that tackle multiple forms of discrimination around issues such as homophobia, racism, disablism, ageism and Islamophobia.

For more information about the conference please visit [www.C21project.org.uk](http://www.C21project.org.uk)

At the conference, Get Involved, a new Citizenship 21 publication outlining ways in which lesbian, gay, bisexual and trans people can engage fully with public life and the community, will be launched.

Full text of Get Involved will shortly be available on the website.

##### **Stonewall announces Citizenship 21 Awards.**

Stonewall's Citizenship 21 project has announced the recipients of its latest Awards. Nineteen community projects from across England will each receive between £4,000 and £5,000 for work against multiple forms of discrimination. The winning projects all bring people together to tackle homophobia in conjunction with other areas of discrimination, such as racism, disablism, sexism and other types of prejudice. For a full list of the Citizenship 21 awards recipients please visit [http://www.c21project.org.uk/citizenship\\_21/awards\\_granted.html](http://www.c21project.org.uk/citizenship_21/awards_granted.html)

##### **New York walk.**

Anna Nolan, who came second in the first series of Big Brother, has signed up to do the New York Walk. Fundraising ideas for the walk, include charging your friends for the pleasure of attending your birthday party, or inviting mates around to enjoy a film night at your place.

Places on the first walk are going fast so sign up for what promises to be a fun-filled weekend. Imagine walking down Broadway with Sir Ian McKellen, Anna Nolan and Ms lesbian and Mr gay UK!

For your info pack on how to get involved or for posters to display locally please contact Seamus on 020 7881 9442/ [seamus@stonewall.org.uk](mailto:seamus@stonewall.org.uk)



**Ripe** Older women's group (40+). Meet at Lord Roberts pub, Broad Street. Ring Lesbian Line for more details. 0115 9410652.

##### **The Women's Cafe**

Second Tuesday of the month, 7pm onwards.  
Women only.

The Real Art Café, Heathcote Street, Nottingham.

# LOOKOUT!

## Out and About



### International Women's Day 2003

COME CELEBRATE! at The Nottingham Women's Centre

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March, 10am – 3pm

Guest speakers, various stalls and workshops including photography, drawing and massage.

Lunch 12.30-1.30

There will also be a crèche for 2-5yr olds. Please ring to book a place.

For more information ring 0115 941 1475 or 924 0041

### Women's Holiday Centre, Horton

Sponsored Walk Fri 2nd May - Mon 4th May.

Free stay for any woman raising

£80+ sponsorship.

Please call 01729 860207 for more information

### Women's Quiz Night

3<sup>rd</sup> April, 7.30pm onwards, quiz starts at 8pm.

50p entry. All proceeds to Lesbian Line. The Real Art Café, Heathcote Street, Nottingham.

## Oh No!! This may be the last Lookout EVER!!

I know you've heard it all before but this time it might be true! The editors have had to resign due to other commitments (Thanks very much Charlie and Lucy for all their effort over the last couple of years)  
See page 4 for details....

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### Feminist/ Lesbian Books

Provocative Onlywomen Press titles from Differently Motivated (D.M.). Titles include; **Mosaic of Air** Short stories by Cherry Potts £3.00

**Saccharin Cyanide** Short stories by Anna Livia £3.00

Free P&P to the UK.

Available by mail-order via the D.M. project at Onlywomen Press, DM Dept., 40 St. Lawrence Terrace, London W10 5ST

020 8354 0796

[onlywomenpress@aol.com](mailto:onlywomenpress@aol.com)



**First National Older Lesbian Conference**  
Friday 11<sup>th</sup>-Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2003, Trinity and All Saints College, Leeds

An historic event organised by older lesbians for female born lesbians aged 40+ years. Aims include addressing social and political circumstances of older lesbians and establishing support in the community. Diverse range of speakers from national government and voluntary sector to community activists writers and musicians. Workshops include: Sex and Relationships, Lesbians and disability, rural isolation and Lesbian Pioneers. Accommodation available in the college's halls of residence, including limited number of adapted rooms for wheelchair users. Rates based on income. For further information contact:

**Conference Administrator**  
**NOLN Conference Project**  
C/o 17-21 Chapel Street  
Bradford  
West Yorkshire  
BD1 5DT

Sorry if anything is out of date, we're late getting this issue out

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## Metropolitan Community Church

Welcome to the Metropolitan Community Church of Nottingham, part of a Christian Denomination with special out reach for anyone who feels excluded by established religious groups, especially members of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender communities. Services every Sunday, 2pm at Queens Walk Community Centre, Houseman Gardens, The Meadows, Nottingham. For more details contact Des Nee on 0115 8772732 or Margaret Gregory on 01332 872143. All calls treated in confidence.

### Can you spare some time to help edit Lookout!?

If you have a few hours to spare once every three months we'd love to hear from you. Editing is a job for two or three people, who need to meet and discuss what should be included in the next issue, and arrange for it to be emailed to the designer. Training and support will be given, and hardly any typing is involved as most items come by email. Please email us at [nottslesbiancentre@ntlworld.com](mailto:nottslesbiancentre@ntlworld.com) if you can help.

### Out and About

#### Hidden Talents Women's Cabaret Night

7<sup>th</sup> March, 8.30pm onwards  
Downstairs at the Old Vic, Fletcher Gate  
Have you always longed to perform but never had the nerve? Music, dance, poetry, comedy, or anything else we might enjoy watching. If you are interested, ring Sophie on 0115 970 6655 to discuss performing.

## Groups

#### Women Are Gorgeous

Meet new friends or extend your social life, whether you are new to Nottingham or just coming out WAG is a friendly social group for lesbians. Meetings are on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of each month at 8pm. The Women's Centre Lesbian Space, 30 Chaucer Street, Nottingham. (Please note that the Lesbian Space is situated on the second floor and there is

no lift. The Women's Centre is a non-smoking building). Contact the Lesbian Line on 0115 941 0652 for more information.

### Volunteers needed

Nottingham Lesbian Line is recruiting now for new volunteers. You can help by answering calls, fundraising, office administration and representing the Lesbian Line at meetings with other agencies. We recognise that our volunteers have different strengths and our volunteers are welcome to participate in any way they feel would benefit the Line. For an information pack please ring 0115 941 0652 Or email [nottingham.lesbianline@whsmithnet.co.uk](mailto:nottingham.lesbianline@whsmithnet.co.uk)

**BIVEG** Vegetarian café/bar. Non-smoking. The Poultry Arcade, Nottingham. Mobile vegetarian catering. Tel: 079779988801/2/3. [www.biveg.co.uk](http://www.biveg.co.uk)

**Gay Connection – Support for Our Parents and Friends** A new group has been launched in North Notts for the parents and friends of gay people. Its called Gay Connection and further details can be found at [www.gayconnection.fsnet.co.uk](http://www.gayconnection.fsnet.co.uk)

### Digging Dykes

Social group for lesbians interested in gardening. All welcome.



For more information ring Jane on 01636 525 198.

**Outburst!** is a group for lesbian, gay and bisexual young people up to 21. Meet at the Health Shop every Friday 6pm-8pm. A space to meet other lesbian, gay and bisexual young

### IT courses at the Women's Centre

Starting in 2003; IT for beginners; Practical Computer; and English, Maths and IT.

### Video Skills for Trainers

A two day practical course in digital video for trainers and teachers.

Dates **18<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> March**  
**24 – 25<sup>th</sup> March**  
**14<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> April**

Price £179 (£65 for people living or working in Nottingham). For more information or to book contact Intermedia on 0115 955 6909 [info@intermedianotts.co.uk](mailto:info@intermedianotts.co.uk)

## Other

### Teenage sexual health presentations

Presentations and discussion to improve local services to young people, for paid or voluntary workers in touch with young people.  
**13<sup>th</sup> March** Base 51, 12.30 – 1.30pm.  
**17<sup>th</sup> April** Raleigh St Project, 12.30 – 1.30pm.  
**15<sup>th</sup> May** Mums to be course, 12.30 – 1.30pm.  
All presentations will be held at The Birkin Patch Improvement Association, The T.A.R.D.I.S., 65-67 Radford Road. Contact Beryl: 0115 978 8553 [beryl@ndcnottingham.org.uk](mailto:beryl@ndcnottingham.org.uk)

### Workspaces to Rent

Nottingham Women's Centre has workspaces to rent for women starting up their own business. They offer cheap rent, a free crèche, 24 hour access, business advice, and access to computers and other resources. For more information and an application form ring Pauline or Sue on 0115 9240 041 Or write to Training, Employment & Development Project, Nottingham Women's Centre, 30 Chaucer Street, Nottingham NG1 5LP

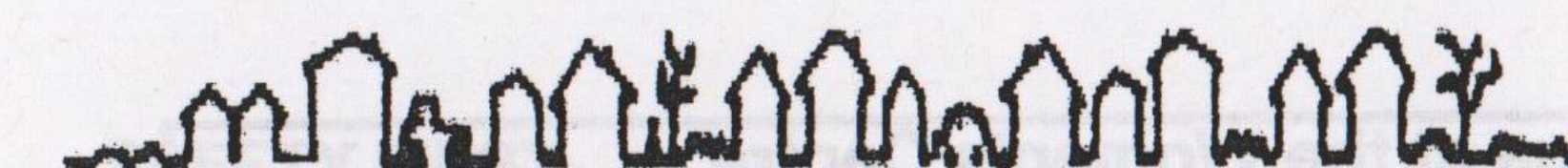
### The Women's Centre Garden

**25<sup>th</sup> March** Sowing and planting day at the Women's Centre Garden, 10.00am – 2.00pm  
For details of regular outings ring the Women's Centre Reception 0115 941 1475



### Notts LGBT Community Voice (formerly the LGB Forum)

All LGBT people welcome. Tel: 0115 911 0545 for details  
Or email: [chris@outhouse.org.uk](mailto:chris@outhouse.org.uk)



## Accommodation

### Morrigan Housing Co-op

Provides safe secure housing for lesbians and lesbians with children. Currently has three vacancies in a house share in Forest Fields and two 2-bedroom houses in Hyson Green. To apply ring 0115 942 2229

### The Imaani Project

Quick access accommodation for homeless women of African Caribbean, Asian or mixed parentage between the ages of 16 and 25. Tel: 0115 847 0335

### BANNA HOUSING COOP

Lesbian Only Housing Coop has a one-bedroom flat vacant for single occupancy. For further information and application form phone 07754520157.

We are also looking for volunteers (lesbian) to be on our steering group. Do you have a couple of hours a month to spare? Can you lend a hand with BANNA HOUSING COOP? For further details could you please phone the above number.

### Women's Drug Service

Free and confidential service for women who use, have used or are at risk of using drugs. Tel: 01623 785 444

## 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.

Lookout! is available on Tape,  
phone 0115 847 1544



### Yoga at the Women's Centre

Every Tuesday 1.30 - 2.45pm.

50p donation.

Contact the TED Project for further information.

Counselling; South Asian Women's Lives;

Personal Safety; and more.

Most of these courses are free.

For details ring Pauline or Sue on 0115 924 0041

Or email: [tedproject@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:tedproject@tiscali.co.uk)

## Employment

### Women's Holiday Centre Joint Co-ordinator



#### A unique opportunity

One Worker is required to co-run this busy co-operative holiday centre for women and children in the Yorkshire Dales.

Working towards equal opportunities. Women only need apply.

This post is exempt under Sex Discrimination Act Section 7.2 (e)

### Women's Holiday Centre Joint Co-ordinator

One Worker is required to co-run the centre  
For both posts: maximum 2 years live-in post from May 2003.

Closing date: 17<sup>th</sup> March 2003

Interviews: 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> April 2003

Please send an A4 SAE for 57p to:

The Women's Holiday Centre, Horton-In-Ribblesdale,  
North Yorkshire, BD24 0HD

Tel: 01729 860 207

### Walking

#### Sheffield Hyking Dykes

A walking group for lesbians and women questioning their heterosexuality.

Upcoming dates: 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 16<sup>th</sup> March, 6<sup>th</sup>

April, 27<sup>th</sup> April, 11<sup>th</sup> May For more information  
contact Louise 0114 267 1706 or Deena 0114  
268 6409

Or visit [www.hikingdykes.co.uk](http://www.hikingdykes.co.uk)

#### Walking Women

Women's walking holidays in England and  
overseas, for all levels of fitness.

All women welcome.

For a brochure ring 01926 313 321

Or visit [www.walkingwomen.com](http://www.walkingwomen.com)

#### Hyking Dykes

This is a walking group for female born lesbians  
only.

They meet every month, usually the third Sunday.

Website [www.nottinghamhd.homestead.com](http://www.nottinghamhd.homestead.com)

For updated information ring Lesbian Line.

16<sup>th</sup> March Meet at the entrance to the pay and  
display carpark in Baslow at 10.30am for a 7.5  
mile walk (GR258721).

16/18<sup>th</sup> May We are off to Alstonefield YH for the  
weekend. Alternatively join us on 13<sup>th</sup> April, 18<sup>th</sup>  
May and 15<sup>th</sup> June. We are also planning some  
midweek evening walks through the summer - 3  
mile strolls and then a pub meal.

### Training Courses

at the Women's Centre

Courses starting soon include; Women: Our Lives  
& Experiences (starts 8<sup>th</sup> March);

Anxiety Management (starts 28<sup>th</sup> April); First Aid;

Food Hygiene; Counselling; South Asian

Women's Lives; Personal Safety; and more.

Most of these courses are free. For details ring

Pauline or Sue on 0115 924 0041 or email:

[tedproject@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:tedproject@tiscali.co.uk)

### Qweird

#### Gay and Lesbian Greetings Cards

For sale on line

Contact [info@qweirdcards.com](mailto:info@qweirdcards.com)

Or visit [www.qweirdcards.com](http://www.qweirdcards.com)



## Lookout for Love

**Mature, eccentric, non-smoker and avid reader,**  
happy with both silence and her own company,  
looking for new friend 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 and friends,  
theatre, reading, meditation and yoga etc. Seeks  
woman to share richness of life. **Box No.3**

**Dyke 57,** retired, into all kinds of dancing-line,  
sequence, folk, etc. Looking for light footed  
partner to twirl around the floor with. **Box No.4**

**New to Notts - mid-30's smoker**  
would like to meet friends of any age for social  
company, conversation and a good laugh too. I  
am into the outdoors, walking, gardening, travel,  
cinema, theatre, nights out and women's  
issues. **Box 6**

**30's, creative, passionate, intelligent.** Laughs at  
own jokes. Wants friends to see during day (baby  
in tow) or have fun in the evenings. Likes reading,  
Broadway films, good conversation/food,  
dancing... Also a bit demanding, know my moody  
side and can catastrophise for England! **Box 7.**

Please make a donation to help with printing costs,  
cheques made payable to the NLC Centre. Happy  
hunting for Ms Right! ♥

*To reply to an advert...*

*Write your letter and place it in a stamped  
addressed 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,  
Nottingham NG1 5LP. Nobody will read your reply  
and it will be forwarded directly to the advertiser.  
Don't forget to enclose your reply address!*

### SAFETY FIRST

Meeting new friends requires caution. Please make  
sure that you have taken precautions to ensure your  
safety at all times.

**Try to arrange** meetings in public places, not your  
own home. It is often best to meet in a crowded place,  
e.g. a restaurant or a pub.

**Don't give your address** until you are absolutely sure  
that you want to continue the relationship.

**Trust your instincts** and don't meet again if you have  
any doubts. On your first meeting, it is best to make  
your own way to and from the venue. It is best not to  
accept an offer of transport. These points may seem  
over-cautious, but we believe you should be safe,  
rather than sorry. If the person you are meeting is  
genuine, they will understand.

**Women's Badminton club** on Thursdays and  
Saturdays. Victoria Leisure Centre. Ring  
Nottingham Lesbian Line for details 0115  
9410652.

### LEARNING WORKS for Women

Are You 16-59, unemployed and live in  
Nottingham City? Yes then Read on.

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9150115 or visit Victoria

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