

Friday 12 February - **LGBT Valentine's Disco & Karaoke** at the Raigmore Motel. Tickets £5 on the door. Organised by the Highland LGBT Forum. Last orders 12.45am.

Thursday 18 February - meeting of the Highland Rainbow Folk group organised by Age Concern / Help the Aged in Scotland and THT. This will be 7pm at the Dunbar Centre (Church Street, Inverness). This will be a planning meeting for the special event on 26 February 2010. If you would like to attend, please contact Suzy Gentle at Age Concern and Help the Aged in Scotland Email suzy.gentle@ageconcernandhelptheagedscotland.org.uk (or call 01309 673455 / 07920540241).

Friday 19 February - GirlZone lunch from 12.30pm - 2pm in the restaurant upstairs in Debenhams (take the lift to the very top floor in the Eastgate shopping centre, don't go to the cafe on the ground floor!).

Friday 26 February - The Highland Rainbow Folk group will hold a special event in Inverness to launch a new booklet and celebrate LGBT History Month. Local professionals (health, councillors, care workers, charities, local volunteer groups and such like) are being invited to the event to raise awareness of issues facing older members of the LGBT community. Members of the LGBT community are also welcome to attend - but please let us know in advance as sandwiches and refreshments are being organised. The event will be from 1pm - 4pm at Inverness Town House on High Street. It will include a 'Vagina Monologues' style presentation with LGBT anecdotes and stories, followed by individual stories by members of the group. There will also be information stalls from the Equality Network, THT, Highland LGBT Forum, Northern Constabulary, Hate Free Highland and other organisations. The event is being co-organised by Age Concern / Help the Aged in Scotland and THT. For further info and to confirm attendance for catering requirements, please contact Suzy Gentle - email: suzy.gentle@ageconcernandhelptheagedscotland.org.uk / Tel: 01309 673455 / Mob: 07920540241.

Tuesday 2 March - Gay-friendly party night from 9pm at Cactus Jaks nightclub for LGBT and Friends. Free admission.

Saturday 6 March - GirlZone lunch from 1pm at Wetherspoons in Church Street. If you are new, look for the blue box or contact Joanne at girlzone@gay-ness.org.uk if you wish to be met in advance.

Saturday 6 March - disco for lesbian and bi women in Dundee at Braes Below 8pm - midnight. Free entry. Telephone 01382 202620 or email contact@diversitay.org.uk

Tuesday 9 March - The Pink Castle Philosophy Club meets at 7pm at Nico's Bar (Glen Mhor Hotel), Ness Bank, Inverness. Contact Morgan on 01463 751258 / 07745 930383 or email morgan@tramstop.org. There will be a question for discussion. The club meets on the second Tuesday of every month.

Other News and Events:

The Highland LGBT Forum will be holding its AGM in March (date to be confirmed) and will be looking for new members to join the committee. Everyone is welcome to attend the AGM. If you are interested in helping to organise events, please get in touch with Chairman Ian Allen ianmacall@hotmail.com

The Forum is currently in talks with a local nightclub in the city centre which has offered to run weekly gay friendly nights on Thursdays - yeeha! Watch this space for more details. Plans by the Forum this year also include social events and a community safety day in Inverness.

To read the latest issue of ScotsGay magazine simply download the PDF via this link <http://www.scotsgay.co.uk/pdf/sg98.pdf>

OUT-SKIRTS e-zine is produced in Tayside but is aimed at all lesbian and bi women living outwith the Glasgow and Edinburgh areas. It includes news, articles, wit, wisdom and waffle!.

To read February's issue - click on <http://www.gay-ness.org.uk/outskirts19.pdf>

To subscribe to it by email, write to the editor ionafiesta@yahoo.co.uk and she will put you on the mailing list.

WomenOutWild is a new venture by Jax and Claire from Glasgow, run by gay women for women. Their launch in Glasgow was attended by 70 women! Tickets have already sold out for their night at the Blue Moon Cafe in Edinburgh on 13 February. They are thinking of possibly coming to Inverness for a night out.

They are planning an all inclusive walking weekend in the Scottish Borders 30 April - 3 May. Visit their web site

<http://www.womenoutwild.com> for more details and see them on Facebook <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Women-Out-Wild/241099639559>

If you want more info, email WomenOutWild@aol.com