

Girlzone Newsletter - LGBT Events & News April 2010

Gay-friendly Cafe in Inverness?

For those of you who missed the article in the Inverness Courier, Murdo MacLennan was interviewed about his plans to run a gay-friendly cafe and if you scroll down to the bottom of the online article, you'll see there have been over 120 comments - some good, some bad - click on

http://www.inverness-courier.co.uk/news/fullstory.php/aid/11798/Inverness_site_sought_for_city_s_first_gay_cafe.html

If you want to leave your own comments on their site, you can do so anonymously if you prefer.

Saturday 3 April - 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.

Thursday 8 April - meeting for the Highland Rainbow Folk group organised by Age Concern and Help the Aged in Scotland / THT. This will be 7pm at the Dunbar Centre (Church Street, Inverness). Contact Suzy Gentle (tel: 01309 673455 / 07920540241). They are hoping to show the Digital Stories recorded on DVD by some members of the group, plus the video recently taken at the event at Inverness Town House as part of LGBT History month. Scotsgay has a photo and article about the event:

<http://www.scotsgay.co.uk/pdf/sg100.pdf>

Tuesday 13 April - 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. The club meets on the second Tuesday of every month. Visit the new web site: www.pinkcastle.eu

Friday 16 April - 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!).

Saturday 24 April - the Vagina Monologues are coming to Lossiemouth! Tickets £8 with proceeds going to Moray Woman's Aid and Children 1st. Venue: The Warehouse. Some of the Girlzone girls will be going! For more info, see http://www.thewarehousetheatre.co.uk/viewevent.php?event_id=131

Saturday 1 May - 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.

COMING UP:

Sam Fox at the Ironworks in Inverness on Friday 14 May. Tickets are £23. More details on <http://www.ironworksvenue.com/event.php?eid=165>

[WomenOutWild](#) in Dundee on Saturday 15 May at "Number Twenty Five" (upstairs), 25 South Tay Street, Dundee. From 7pm - midnight. Tickets £10 - buy in advance from womenoutwild@hotmail.com

OTHER NEWS & EVENTS:

LGBT Salsa nights in Inverness! Thomas is a local dance teacher and he has set up [SalsaNess](#). He would like to run gay dance classes to allow people of the same sex to dance with each other and feel comfortable doing so. If you'd be interested, contact Thomas on 07733758309 or email SalsaNess@yahoo.co.uk The cost would be £6 per week or £10 per fortnight.

[g3 is a magazine for lesbian and bi-women](#). Although London-based, it has some interesting articles and you can read it all online. Visit www.g3mag.co.uk

[WomenOutWild](#) had a party night in Aberdeen last week with several women there from Girlzone. This is part of a new venture run by gay women for gay women. See photos of their recent events on Facebook

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Women-Out-Wild/241099639559>

They have walking weekends planned each month throughout the summer.

If you want more info, email womenoutwild@hotmail.com

Highland LGBT Forum

The AGM of the Highland LGBT Forum took place on Monday 22 March at the Netley Centre, Inverness. Inspector David Ogilvie from Northern Constabulary gave a talk about community safety. Following a vote, the Highland LGBT Forum committee is now chaired by Mike Kirby, with Joanne Mackenzie-Winters as Secretary and Eveline Bronsveld as Treasurer, plus 3 committee members. Committee meetings are held once a month and new committee members can be co-opted on during the year if anyone is interested in getting involved.

Plans for this year include social events for Halloween and Christmas and next year there will be a Pride Ball.

Projects also include promoting LGBT awareness in Inverness and the Highland & Islands, networking with other groups throughout Scotland, and distributing a new LGBT community safety leaflet.

The Forum is also in talks with HUSH (on Academy Street, Inverness) which has offered to run gay friendly nights every Thursday. More details coming soon.

The March issue of ScotsGay magazine is now online - download the PDF from <http://www.scotsgay.co.uk/pdf/sg100.pdf>
This will soon include a column about LGBT happenings in the Highlands.

Take a look at <http://www.scottishlgbt.org> and you can find out about other events around Scotland.