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HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYBODY!! Welcome to the first newsheet for 1987. Sorry we missed you for December. At the start of this new year, it is now more than ever before that we must draw on each other for strength and support in the struggle against the homophobic backlash in Haringey (see DIARY DATES for info on the next meeting of Haringey Black Action), and the spread of AIDS into our communities to name but two major issues facing us. On a more positive note, BLGC has moved to new and luxurious (well, compared to the old office!) and would welcome a visit from you (see above for our new address). In this month's newsheet we have a report from Los Angeles, notices, diary dates and lots lots more!!

DON'T MISS THE DEADLINE FOR YOUR LONELY HEARTS ADS FOR THE SPECIAL VALENTINES FEBRUARY ISSUE, plus the usual information on parties, events, meetings etc etc. MONDAY 2ND FEBRUARY 1987.

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## ILGPOCC 86 - A BRIEF REPORT

The November newsheet told you that there was to be an International Lesbian and Gay People of Color Conference in Los Angeles over the weekend 21-23 November 1986. BLGC was represented at the conference, which was very big and well organised, it was thought provoking and a thrill to be there!

There were people there from all over the States, from Mexico, Canada and England. From the point of view that it was an international conference it was not what was expected. The lesbians and gays from the Third World were not there, but the cultural diversity of the people there from the States was still very wide: there were Latinos, Chicanos, Asians (mainly Chinese/Korean), Africans and Native Americans. We talked about a lot of issues of concern to us all, not least of which was AIDS.



There was a social on the Saturday and cultural presentations throughout the conference. A lot of energy was spent in the planning and it certainly paid off.

A more detailed report will be included in the next issue of BLACKOUT (due out around February). The next conference will be in 1988 and will be held either in Canada or London!! So let's hope it's London and let's start organising!!



The tour by Black gay poet ESSEX HEMPHILL was a huge success. Readings were held all over London during December and were met with a rapturous welcome. If you missed him this time around try again in April when he plans to come back to visit us again. SO WATCH THIS SPACE!!!



COME TO PUBLIC MEETING TO REPEAL IMMIGRATION/NATIONALITY ACTS

Find out the facts about these acts. They divide families, aimed keeping away fiancées and husbands, bar Black visitors from coming to this country, take away MPs right to represent constituents, take away the rights of registration to be a British citizen by the end of 1987.

ORGANISED by Haringey Immigration and Nationality Campaign on SUNDAY, 18th JANUARY 1987 at Haringey Civic Centre, High Road, Wood Green, London N22 at 2:30 pm

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CITY OF LONDON ANTI-APARTHEID GROUP

has been holding a non-stop picket of the south african embassy since April 1986. Join them in their picket in Trafalgar Square or contact them on 01- 837 6050; or write to BM BOX CITY AA, LONDON WC1 3XX.

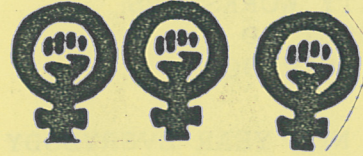
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WOMBOURNE 12 CAMPAIGN

Jan 29, 1987, 7:30pm, Red Rose Centre, Islington, 129 Seven Sisters Road, N7. 14 lesbians and gays were arrested after protesting against a Tory councillor's hatred of lesbians and gays. For further information write to Wombourne 12 Defence Fund. c/o BM GYM, London WC1N 3XX

LESBIAN AND GAY LIVES is an exhibition produced by the Hall-Carpenter Archives. It is on display at Islington Central Library, the Mezzanine Gallery, Fieldway Crescent. 5-17 January 1987.

INTERNATIONAL LESBIAN AND GAY YOUTH CONFERENCE 1987 is to be held in August in London. Planning meetings are being held and is organised by young people under 26 for young people under 26. For further information contact P. Cummings on 01-994 7036.



FIRST MEETING OF LATIN AMERICAN, CARIBBEAN, AND CHICANO LESBIAN FEMINISTS, MEXICO CITY 1987.

Exact dates have not been set it is planned to take place some time (3 days) after the Fourth Meeting of Latin American Feminists to be held the second week of October 1987. For further information write to LAL, Apartado Postal 22834, 14000 Mexico, D.F. BLGC plans to fundraise for this event and would welcome any contributions (£/ideas).

SOUTHWARK LESBIAN LINE 01-703 3849

Phone for support, advice, information or just a chat.  
TUESDAY 2 - 4pm  
THURSDAY 7:30 - 10pm

THE LESBIAN ARCHIVE contains a collection of material relating exclusively to lesbians, such as: books, periodicals, photos, press-cuttings, oral histories etc etc. The Lesbian Archive is open as a reference library with a photocopier and storage space, at the times shown.  
THE LESBIAN ARCHIVE  
BCM BOX 7005  
LONDON WC1N 3XX

01- 405 6475.

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MON & THURS: 11-5.30, 6.30-8.30  
OTHER TIMES BY APPOINTMENT.  
RING FOR ACCESS DETAILS.





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**WOMEN'S ANTI-VIOLENCE**

**ORGANISATION** aims to provide support to women who have experienced physical, sexual, or emotional abuse. WE REQUIRE A PROJECT DEVELOPMENT WORKER. (£9, 745).

Write to The Women's Anti-Violence Organisation, 73/75 Stockwell Rd., LONDON. SW9 9PY

Tel: 01-326 1203/ 326 1228  
DEADLINE: 26.01.87

**HARINGEY WOMEN'S FORUM** are looking for a BLACK DEVELOPMENT WORKER (17½ hrs); and DEVELOPMENT WORKER (locum to October 17½ hrs). Salary PO1: £12, 690 (pro rata). Contact HWF, Mngement Cttee, North Block, Selby Site, Selby Rd, LONDON N17 8JN; or 'phone 01-885 4705.

TCPA require a BLACK COMMUNITY PLANNER for 3 days a week, £11, 625 pa pro rata. Deadloine is 16 Jan 87. Details from Carole Tyrell, LPAS, c/o TCPA, 17 Carlton Hse Tce, LONDON SW1Y 5AS.

**LATIN AMERICAN WOMEN'S AID REFUGE** are looking for a development worker, bi-lingual in Spanish/English. 17½ hrs, £6023.94 pa. Closing date 26.1.87. Details from T. Bronstein, LAWRS, Priory Hse, Kingsgate Place, LONDON NW6 4TA.

**CHOICES** (Cambridge House for Incest Survivors) needs a publicity co-ordinator. 25 hrs a week, £4, 200 per annum. Deadline 20.1.87. Write to Choices, 4a Granville Place, Cambridge, CB1 1LY. Phone 0223-314438.

**ASIAN WOMEN'S OUTREACH WORKER** for The Factory Community Project, 107 Matthias Rd. London N16, £5400 for 21 hr week. Closing date 30.1.87. Phone 01- 241 1520.

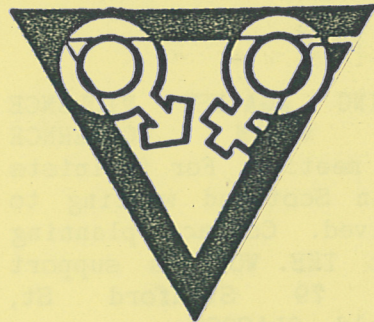
**ACCOMODATION**

From time to time we get requests for accomodation, either long term or visitors, if you have any space or are willing to put people up please contact us at BLGC.

**BLACK LESBIAN** sought for Black lesbian house in New Cross. £34 a month, short life housing co-op, own room, share with two others. Call Julia or Araba on 01-885 3543

**PEN PAL WANTED**

DAVID WEEMS of Baltimore, USA, is looking for a place to stay when he visits us and would like to write to Black gay Londoners. Write to : DAVID WEEMS  
PO BOX 22886  
BALTIMORE  
MARYLAND 21203  
USA



**DON'T FORGET!!** The Lesbian and Gay Black Group meets every Friday evening at Marchmont Community Centre, 66 Marchmont St. Tube Russell Square, at 7.30 pm.

**DON'T FORGET THAT WE PRODUCE THIS NEWSLETTER ON TAPE FOR THE 'VISUALLY CHALLENGED', AND WE CAN ALSO PRODUCE ENLARGED COPIES IF SPECIALLY REQUESTED. SHOULD YOU KNOW OF BLACKLESBIANS AND BLACKGAY MEN WHO REQUIRE THIS SERVICE PLEASE DROP US A LINE.**



JANUARY

SAT. 17 & SUN 18

\* NATIONAL WOMEN'S CENTRE CONFERENCE 1987. For women working in or setting up women's centres. Cost £5, £2. Contact Bristol Women's Centre, 44 The Grove, Bristol BS1 4RB

JAN 18-21 at the RITZY

\* THE Passion of remembrance; Territories and Angry Still. Black film Season. Phone for times. Ritzy: 01-737 2121.

TUESDAY 20TH

\* BLACK MIME THEATRE present MANTRAIL at Battersea Arts Centre, 7 pm.

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SATURDAY 24TH

\* WORKING AGAINST VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN CONFERENCE planning meeting. For feminists living in Scotland wanting to be involved. Contact planning group at THE WOMEN'S support project, 79 Stanford St, Barrowfield, GLASGOW.

MONDAY 26TH

\* HARINGEY BLACK ACTION PUBLIC MEETING for ALL Black lesbians and Black gays and sympathetic Black straights. This is a MEGA IMPORTANT meeting. BE THERE and TELL YOUR FRIENDS !! It will be held at the TUC Centre, Brabant St., Nearest Tube WOOD Green. Phone BLGC for more info.

\* PICKET OF WINCHESTER CROWN COURT where Harbax Singh will be on trial for the murder of Gurdip Kaur. Domestic violence is a crime against women! Phone 0723-54123 or 01- 831 6838 for up to date info.

THURSDAY 29TH

\* Burning an illusion, I am not two islands. Black film season at Ritzy.

FEBRUARY

SUNDAY 1ST

\* Grove music, Rasta in a Babylon, Tunde's Film, Jemima and Johnny. Black film season at Ritzy.

THURSDAY 5TH

\*An East End story, Struggles for Black community: Southall. Black film season at Ritzy.

SATURDAY 7TH

\* LESBIAN AND GAY FACT PACK CONSULTATION DAY organised by the Lesbian and gay youth workers group. To be held at Tollington Park Youth Centre, Turle Rd, N4. Starts 11 am til 4 pm.

9th-12th FEB

\* BLACK DIRECTORS DIFFERENT VISIONS, set of four screenings by SANKOFA, at Cinema Action, 27 Winchester Rd, NW3. £2/£1. Phone 01- 831 0024.

16-20 FEB

\* BLACK DIRECTIONS a weeklong series of workshops in acting/directing techniques. Phone SANKOFA 01-831 0024 for details.

MONDAY 23RD

LESBIAN AND GAY YOUTH WORKERS meeting. No venue, please phone 01- 885 3543 ask for Dirg.

