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B.L.G.C. NEWSHEET
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WELCOME to the April newsheet! We are pleased to inform you all that we have received our funding for '87/88, and we are looking for a new worker (see enclosed flyer). We would like to say THANK YOU, GOOD-BYE and WE'LL MISS YOU to ROBERT, who has joined Camden Lesbian and Gay Unit - WELL DONE, ROBERT!! Please send in your information for the

FIGHT BIGOTRY!
FIGHT RACISM!



**SMASH THE
BACK LASH!**

THE RACISTS & THE BIGOTS ARE ON THE ATTACK.
LESBIANS & GAYS ○ BLACK PEOPLE ○ WOMEN
ANTI-IMPERIALIST & ANTI-RACIST FORCES
SOCIALISTS & PROGRESSIVES - FIGHT BACK
MARCH FOR YOUR RIGHTS.

**NATIONAL
DEMONSTRATION**

MAY 2 1.00pm DUCKETTS COMMON
TURNPIKE LANE

MOBILE CRECHE ■ DISABLED FACILITIES

next newsheet by May 5th.

Meanwhile...let's

SMASH THE BACKLASH!

** SAT. MAY 2nd

** 1 pm DUCKETTS

COMMON

** WE URGE ALL BLACK AND WHITE PROGRESSIVE FORCES TO MOBILISE FOR THIS DEMO.

** THE BACKLASH IS NOT JUST ABOUT COUNCIL POLICY, BUT PART OF A NATIONAL OFFENSIVE AGAINST LESBIANS AND GAY MEN.

** BRING YOUR FRIENDS FAMILY AND LOVERS TO THE DEMO.

** CALL 01-885 3543 FOR MORE INFO.

** TELL EVERYONE TO BE THERE ON SATURDAY MAY 2nd, 1pm DUCKETTS COMMON!!!!

*** JOBS!! JOBS!! ***

SHEBA FEMINIST PUBLISHERS is looking for a **PUBLICITY/PROMOTIONS WORKER**.

We are looking for a woman with relevant experience in publicity and media work, a commitment to working in a co-op, knowledge of publishing/book trade an advantage, enthusiasm and an ability to organise own work. We are four part-time workers (two white, two Black) and the post is also part-time (3 days a week). the salary is £90 a week.

For job description and application form please contact **SHEBA**, 10a Bradbury St, London W16 8JH, or call 01- 254 1590. Closing date is 8.5.87.

CONVERSE PICTURES is looking for new workers. We are a film, video and photography co-op specialising in producing work on equality issues. Experience or an interest in video production essential, as well admin skills and commitment to co-operative working. Please contact **CONVERSE PICTURES**, Bon Marche Building, 444 Brixton Rd, London SW9 8EJ, or call 01- 274 4000 x 306 for more details.

KINGSTON WOMEN'S CENTRE needs a **WORKER TO WORK WITH BLACK WOMEN**. 15 hours a week, salary £4, 680. Knowledge of Asian languages essential. For job details and application call Kingston Women's Centre, 01- 541 1964/1941, or write **KWC**, 169 Canbury Park Rd, Kingston, Surrey. Closing date Friday 17th April 1987.

THIRD WORLD PUBLICATIONS is looking for a second London sales representative to join the Birmingham-based co-op distributing radical books. Territory: London and home counties, driving, organisational skills, political commitment and previous experience all essential. 37½ hrs a week, £7150 pa inclusive. Details from: **TWP**, 151 Stratford Rd, Birmingham, B11 1RD, or call 021- 773 6572.

*** ACCOMODATION ***

Blackgay couple require Blackgay man to share house in Forest Gate. Own large room, £35 pw plus a third of the bills. £100 deposit. Non-smoker preferred. Please call 01- 885 3543 if you are interested.

North London, N4, woman preferred to share mixed house, being transformed into flats. Own room £160 pcm, including bills. Call Danny on 01- 340 3815.

*** PEN PALS ***

Incarcerated Gay Black man, soon to be released, 26, intelligent and understanding desires correspondence. Write to **FREDERICK L COLVIN**, 179-928, PO Box 45699, Lucasville, Ohio, 45699-0001, USA.

We also have contacts with other brothers held in prison, including Simon Nkodi in South Africa, whose addresses we cannot print but please send your letters of support and introduction in to the office and we will circulate it.

THIS MAY IS LONDON LESBIAN LINE'S TENTH BIRTHDAY !!

Lesbian Line offers information, advice and counselling to women callers. The Line is open Monday and Friday 2 - 10 pm, Tuesday - Thursday 7 - 10 pm on 01- 251 6911.

DERBY LESBIAN LINE

This is a relatively new project offering advice and support to lesbians in the Derby area. Call 0332- 41411. They need information from other groups, please write P.O.Box 140, Derby DE1 1XS.

SQUARE PEG is looking for contributors, collective volunteers and articles. They meet on Sundays at the Fallen Angel, or call Paz on 01- 740 6095.

.....P.S.....HAPPY BIRTHDAYSAVI...ROBERT.....GABRIELA.....AND ALL YOU SPRING BABIES !!!.....AND.....DAWN...GET WELL REAL QUICK !!!!!!.....

CALLING ALL CYPRIOT LESBIANS AND GAYS!!!

The Cypriot lesbian and gay group has been formed for you! We welcome you to attend our next meeting on **THURSDAY 23rd APRIL** at 8.30pm. We meet upstairs at the Fallen Angel. For further information contact Kyriacos 802 8981; or Havva 607 8572.

LESBIANS AND GAYS WITH DISABILITIES IN HARINGEY

The Haringey Lesbian and Gay Unit Disability Sub-Group has now begun meeting on a regular basis. At the last sub-group meeting it was felt that AIDS was also a disability and therefore people with AIDS are also able to attend the meetings along with all lesbians and gays with disabilities who live, work, study or play in the Borough of Haringey. The meetings take place on the second Monday of each month in a members home or at another safe community space. Wheelchair access, signers and information in braille and/or tape as well as in print will also be provided. Money is available for transport costs for those who cannot use public transport and to pay for babysitters, carers and other helpers. Please contact **KIRSTEN HEARN** on 01- 802 8981 for the venue of the next meeting.

VIRAJ MENDIS DEFENCE CAMPAIGN

There will be a conference on April 11/12 in Manchester, but this will arrive too late. However the campaign is still in need of support as Viraj is still in sanctuary in the Church of Ascension, off Royce Rd, Hulme Manchester, please send letters of support and join the campaign. Write to **VMDC**, c/o North Hulme Centre, Jackson Crescent, Manchester, M15 5AL, or call 061- 234 3168.

FIRST CONFERENCE OF LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN LESBIANS, MEXICO CITY OCTOBER 1987

We have just received information from our sisters in Mexico that the conference will take place on 14, 15 and 16th October 1987. The BLGC will be fundraising to send women to this important event ... **SO WATCH THIS SPACE !!**

The conference organisers are also in need of financial assistance, please send donations (in US dollars) from your group or organisation to **G.L.L.U (GAY AND LESBIAN LATINOS UNIDOS)**, as they do not yet have their own account, specifying that it is for the Latin American Lesbian conference. The address is **L.A.L., c/o G.L.L.U., 1213 Highland Avenue, Hollywood, CA 90038, U.S.A.**

We also know of a Lesbians of Color Conference taking place in San Francisco in June. We are waiting for more information to keep you posted but if you want to know more soon call **ARABA** at the BLGC.

LAMBETH LESBIAN AND GAY WORKING PARTY are looking for Black lesbians and gays to join the party(!), there is one Black lesbian already involved. Call **Patricia Lamb** on 01- 274 7722 x 2943 for next meeting.

IN THE OUT TRAY a video by Converse Pictures is available from Albany Video on 01- 692 6322. It is a two half hour video pack intended for use in training and discussion on discrimination against lesbians and gays in employment.

LAGER (LESBIAN AND GAY EMPLOYMENT RIGHTS) have produced a book on discrimination against gay men in employment in London. The book is available from **LAGER, Room 203, Southbank House, Black Prince Rd., London SE1 7SJ** either in print or on tape at £2.50 plus 30p p&p.



THURSDAY 16th APRIL

* !! BIG RED WEGDE MEETING !!
The meeting will take place at 39,
Chippenham Rd, London W9 2AH at
6.30 pm. Please call 01- 289 0445
for more details.

FRIDAY 17th APRIL

* HILLINGDON WOMEN'S CENTRE LESBIAN
SUPPORT GROUP SOCIAL!
8 pm: Music, games, darts,
discussion. Bring drink and food to
share. At HWC, 333 Long Lane,
Hillingdon. Call Uxbridge (0895)
59578 for access and more
information.

TURSDAY 21st APRIL

* CAMDEN GAY MEN'S GROUP EASTER
PARTY!! Benefit for the Pink
Umbrella. All lesbians, gay men and
their friends are welcome. 8 pm til
late at the LLGC, 69 Cowcross St,
London EC1. £2/£1. For more info
contact James or Michael on 01- 278
4444 x 2400/2270

SATURDAY APRIL 25th

* LESBIAN AND GAY IMMIGRATION GROUP
are meeting at the Hampden
Community Centre, 150 Ossulton St.,
London NW1. Nearest tube
Euston/King's Cross. The meeting
starts at 2 pm The group is
particularly looking for people who
work in law centres, advice centres
or community groups who have skills
and advice to offer. For more
information please write to LGIG,
BM WELCOME, London WC1N 3XX, or
Legislation Campaign, Room 221, 38
Mount Pleasant, London WC1X 0AP.

SATURDAY MAY 2nd

* HARINGEY BLACK ACTON NATIONAL
DEMONSTRATION. 1pm at Ducketts
Common, nearest tube TURNPIKE Lane.
It is essential that we are visible
for this march against the
backlash. Tell your friends, family
and lovers to BE THERE !!

MAY 2nd

* MAYDAY, MAYDAY! Benefit for
OUTWRITE WOMEN'S NEWSPAPER at South
London Women's Centre, 55 Acre
Lane, Brixton, London SW2. Nearest
tube BRIXTON. £3/£2. Starts 9.30 pm
til 6 am.

SATURDAY 9th MAY

* London Lesbian Line Tenth
Birthday Celebration and benefit
for LATIN AMERICAN LESBIAN
CONFERENCE. Starts 6pm at Caxton
House, 129 St John's Way, London
N19. (Archway Tube) Full access.
Poetry, caberet, bands (SISTAHS IN
SONG, DESTINATION, the SHEELAS) and
disco. Vegetarian food, non-
alcoholic cocktails, bar, signer,
creche (call 01- 251 6692 to book),
transport to tube and for women
with disabilities home (call to
book in advance). £3/£1.50.

* CAMDEN LESBIAN PUBLIC MEETING
called by Camden Lesbian and Gay
Unit to elect co-optees to the
lesbian and gay committee. The
meeting starts at 2 pm at Camden
Town Hall, Euston Rd, (entrance in
Judd St) NW1. Call Jenny on 01- 388
2484 x 2327/2328 or 01- 388 9324.

THURSDAY MAY 14th

* BLACK LESBIANS IN SOUTHWARK. The
Black lesbian group based at
Peckham Black Women's Centre is re-
forming. They will be meeting at
the centre which has moved to 69,
Bellenden Rd, Peckham, London SE15
5BH, at 7 pm. There will be a
social afterwards. For more
information call Rani on 01- 358
1486.

SUNDAY 17th MAY

* Camden Gay Men Public Meeting
called by Camden Lesbian and Gay
Unit to elect co-optees to lesbian
and gay sub-committee. 2 pm Hampden
Community Centre, 150 Ossulton St.,
NW1. Call Robert on 01- 388 2484
x2327/2328 or 01- 388 9324.



This is just to confirm that the LESBIAN AND GAY BLACK GROUP still continues to meet

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every Friday from 8pm
at The Community Centre
62 Marchmont Street
LONDON WC1

TUBE: RUSSELL SQUARE

The group has been undergoing a period of change with many members of long standing graduating into 'the community', having used the group as a forum for ideas, friendship network and for sharing sociability skills. Since January '87, there has been some inconsistency in the responsibility of persons collecting the keys to open up. Rest assured this has now been sorted out and we'll be there like clockwork from here on in. Will you? Fresh blood is always welcome!!

A NIGHT TO REMEMBER - Dont Forget - UNITY PARTY!!!

Journey up to Leicester on Friday night May 1st to dance in support the Black Lesbian and Gay Group of Leicester. There are two coach loads of Leicestersherians (?) coming back down to London the following morning to participate at 1pm in the HBA National Demonstration (Tube: Turnpike Lane). A contingent from the Lesbian and Gay Black Group in London will also be at the party. We already have the tickets for £2.00 each, you know. They have sent some down so we can all purchase in advance from BLGC! The event is taking place in the nightclub SPECTRUM at 13 Midland St, Leicester from 9pm to 2am on Friday night May 1st. Special P.A. by reggae star Carole Leeming and "Time Tunnel the 'Baddest Bentest' sound around spin the disks." It is a mixed /sex /race event. All welcome. Let's all go up!!

SHORT-A-WORKER

Yes, we are a worker short and although we are not allowed to request a man or woman specifically (the Law changed in Feb '87!!) we do require someone who would be willing to share the work of counselling Blackgay men. Have you the relevant experience, skills in Financial administration do you think, to take this on? The money's not bad; We suffer on it!

VISIBILITY STUNT - Saturday 2nd May
Haringey Black Action who happen to be 'friends of ours' have organized a National Demonstration against 'the Backlash'; against bigotry and racism.

It is more than simply a dry run to 'lesbian and gay Pride Day'. It's about standing up and being counted; because of and irrespective of your sexuality. Together with 'Positive Images', HBA have called the demo to acknowledge support to not only the Council Policy in Haringey but to show objection to "racist attacks, police harrasment, violence against lesbians and gays... The reactionaries are not concerned about what is really happening in schools. They are not concerned about racism in schools, the Tory cuts in education or the low pay of teachers. Instead, they are diverting attention away from these issues by whipping up prejudice." It's all happening on Saturday 2nd May at 1pm. Ducketts Common. Tube: Turnpike Lane. (Can't miss it; don't miss it; won't miss it.) I'll see you then, if not before; enjoy Easter.

HOUSE PARTY

Now, will you get to Thin Tony's (£2) House party on Sunday 19th April? "Praise the Lords and Hits, All-Nighter!! Easter Bank Holl's House party at 52 Gowlett Road, Dulwich, London SE15. From 10pm (£2). "Holy waters on sale"??

IF YOU WOULD LIKE THE JOB

BLGC is currently short staffed. Not only do we need volunteers at queer hours of the day and night to do a variety of tasks, but we need a volunteer (or two) to co-ordinate the volunteers! We have not widely advertised (though many people know about us) for fear of not being able to meet the demand of callers. (We have the experience of being 'advertised' by BBC Ebony to draw upon.) There are many isolated young people out there who would ideally like to see us re-open our telephone helpline service on a regularly basis. (How do Wednesday Nights suit you?) We are also going to have a bold entry in the phone book, - for example.

Le PRINCE

The Prince of Wales is as popular as ever. Did you notice the write up in the French Weekly Magazine Gai Pied (Numero 264 - 10th April 87 Edition)? Well, children, children, it carried a 4-page spread about 'Brixton'. Do you know they didn't even mention our Sunday swim! (Goes to show just how much they 'know'.) Well, actually, nobody in the office reads French, - so I'm not sure.

I'm also not sure whether 'Peter and Pedro' (le plus adorables Blacks du Prince O'Wales) knew that their photo was going to be available in London. (What's your new addz Pedro?) Warren, I don't recognize your face from our mailing list?: (du Brixton Cricket Team [holding a 'hocky stick'], sortant juste de l'entrainement.) What??

Also in glossy Black & White photograph (by Rotimi Fani-Kayode) are poetic studies of (our-) Dennis & Essex Hemphill (who writes and preformed his own poetry so very magnificently when he was here last Dec /Jan.)

If you would like the job of translating the article in sensible english for the benefit of our archive, we'll happily send you a copy.

UP THE NUMBERS!

It is important that our newsletter is circulated as widely as possible. So do invite friends to put their name on our mailing list! Don't assume that they are already on it!!

BANK HOLIDAY - MAY 4th France!!

There is talk of a Bank Holiday day trip to Calais or Bolougne (call the office: 01-885 3543 for more info!) It is on this trip that we will rest our weary legs after the Haringey Black Action and 'Positive Images' National Demonstration.

"BEAUX BLACKS"

There is a whole heap of us at Brixton Recreation (& Health) Centre most Sundays from 12 o'clock!! "Beaux Blacks" swim, play squash /balls, sauna and suntan! We make a proper nuisance with our presence. The only men there who don' need to strutt stuff, is us! Black and Beautifully healthy is what it's all about.

It is worth pointing out that lesbians have had problems in Brixton Rec recently (I'm yet to hear the full story) and it is very 'dominated' - if you catch my drift. I don't think we should pull-out, but rather, make our presence felt!! It is a bit expensive for some people though even if surroundings is 'elegant' and spacious: .60p swim, sauna £3.50, squash ??, suntan (for yellowmen) is £1.50. You also need to book in advance for some things. Brixton Rec, Brixton Station Rd, Brixton Tube!! Telephone: 01-274 7774 an' check.

If ever you experience any harrasment in Brixton Rec make a note of time, date and try and find out the name of the person doing the hasselling to you or others. We have a good professional relationship with the centre's managers. Further, we will not be intimidated by heterosexist, sexist and uppity staff!

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"Cindy's Jamaican Grub"

is a nice likkle place that is worth a try out. Pleasant staff, - if you know what I mean; 183 New Kent Road, London SE1. Opening Hours: 11:00am - 3:00pm and 6:00pm - 11:00pm. You can even 'reserve' - by phoning 01-403 7897. Check it out!



BLACK LESBIAN & GAY CENTRE

Finance Admin Worker (Part-time)

We require a worker to join our collective of two Blacklesbians and one Blackgay man.

The job will involve keeping the project's accounts and administering the finances (to include PAYE).

You will need to be able to do quarterly budgets for our grant bodies, as well as co-ordinating fundraising. You will also be required to give some administrative support to the project.

Some 30% of your work will involve offering support, advice and counselling to Blackgay men. You will be required to attend meetings within both the Black communities and the lesbian and gay community.

You will need to have an understanding and commitment to collective working, as well as an awareness of different oppressions.

The ability to speak languages other than english will be considered an asset but is not essential.

Training is available.

Salary: £5620.00 approx

Hrs: 17.5 hrs per week.

For job description and access details write to Black Lesbian and Gay Centre (Project), c/o Tottenham Town Hall, London N15 4RX; or telephone 01-885 3543. Closing date for applications Friday 8th May 1987.

Section 5 (2) (d) of the Race Relations Act applies to this post.

01-885 3543



