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BLGC NEWS

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NEW GROUPS

One of the decisions of the Black Lesbians and Gays Fight the Clause conference was to set up a group to give practical support to those who daily have to cope with the stress of racism combined with homophobia. The first meeting will be on 11 May at 7pm at the Lesbian and Gay Employment Rights office.

If you are a black lesbian mother who would like to get together with others to share experiences and get support, you may be interested in going to a meeting at Camden Lesbian Centre at 7.30pm on 18 May.

Further details are given in the diary.

BATTLING THE CLAUSE

On 30 April, hundreds of black lesbians and gays marched against Section 28 - due to take effect towards the end of this month. From then onwards, legal action can be taken by, say, a homophobic parent who believes that the local education authority is promoting 'the teaching of the acceptability of homosexuality as a pretended family relationship' in the school which his/her children attend, or by a District Auditor accusing a council of intentionally 'promoting homosexuality'.

What the wording actually means will be left to the courts to decide. Section 28 is a matter of civil - not criminal - law. This means it is not the business of the police to try to enforce Section 28. However, some are clearly taking it as encouragement to be more homophobic. Black people are, of course, especially vulnerable, and there are black women among the defendants for whom Southbank Defence Fund has been set up after an incident last month. To find out more, ring 358 1486.

Some legal experts believe that few, if any, of the things which local authorities do will become illegal. But many councils are shaky in their commitment to lesbian and gay rights. If you come across any case of discrimination by a council member or officer afraid of falling foul of Section 28, please report it to Charles Leeson, 152 Richmond Rd, Montpellier, Bristol BS6 5ES.

WRITING SOUGHT

Scripts by writers aged from 15 to 30 for the BBC Radio Drama Young Playwrights' Festival should be submitted to Room 6121, Broadcasting Hse, London W1A 1AA by 31 May. You don't need to have ever had a play performed before - so if you are young and enjoy creative writing, get tapping on your typewriter or turn on your tape-recorder!

Sheba are still seeking stories by black women for children 8-12 years old set in school or with school life as a background. To find



out more, ring 254 1590 or write to Sheba, 10A Bradbury St, London N16 8JN. The deadline is 3 June.

Contact the office if you would like a copy of BLGC News on tape or in translation.

ALTON'S BILL FAILS

MP David Alton's bill to make it a criminal offence for women over 18 weeks pregnant to have abortions will not become law. Numerous amendments to it were tabled, and in the end it ran out of parliamentary time.

Most abortions take place well before then, but women who have just reached puberty or who are approaching the menopause often have irregular periods anyway and so may not realise for months that they are pregnant. Others have late abortions because they have been on the NHS waiting list for months, discovered from tests that their baby would have been born with special needs that they were unable to meet, or arrived from countries where abortion is illegal.

Supporters of the bill campaigned vigorously for the 18-week limit, though many made no secret of their belief that abortion in general - and, to many of them, contraception - is immoral. Sackloads of letters were written, sensational but scientifically dubious films shown, MPs lobbied. At the same time, opponents - mainly women - worked hard to defeat the bill.

If a vote had been taken in parliament, Alton's bill might well have succeeded. The climate of opinion has shifted since the 1967 Abortion Act; before this, women sometimes ended up dead or seriously injured at the hands of unskilled backstreet abortionists to whom they turned in desperation. Twenty years ago, the belief that women had the right to choose what happened to their own bodies (and that every child should be wanted) was more widespread. Of course, this principle was not always put into practice - doctors and others would sometimes put pressure on white women to have babies they did not want, and black women not to have babies they did want.

Now, however, 'pro-family' campaigners - some of whom also want to ban gay sex - are increasingly well-organised and influential. When Lord Halsbury, without government support, introduced a bill to stop local authorities from 'promoting homosexuality', it failed; lesbian and gay rights activists were unprepared when Tory MPs were later ordered to vote for the same measure in the form of Clause 28. In the future, David Alton's bill is likely to be re-tabled, so the Fight Alton's Bill campaign is continuing.

Though women have taken the lead in this campaign, men can also become involved. To find out more, contact FAB, Wesley House, 4 Wild Court, WC2B 5AU; 831 6838.

LESBIAN STRENGTH AND GAY PRIDE

There will be several events with black performers at this year's celebrations - including the free open-air concert at Jubilee Gardens after the march on 25 June, where Carole Leeming will be one of the singers.

The festival can be an inspiring and unforgettable experience - but it takes a lot of work to make it happen. If you can spare just a few hours to help organise and publicise a black lesbian and gay event to take place on 17 June at the West Indian Cultural Centre, Haringey, please ring Casey on 885 2305 or Gilli on 802 8981.



BLGC seeks

FINANCE WORKER

to administer the project's finances including PAYE, do book-keeping, draft budgets, write grant applications and co-ordinate fundraising

PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR

to carry out general office duties including filing, typing, servicing the management committee, developing and maintaining the library and information systems.

Both posts require an understanding of and commitment to collective working, black lesbian and gay issues and equal opportunities.

Both posts are part-time (17½ hrs a week), £5,600 approx and funded by the London Boroughs Grants Scheme.

For job and access details and application form, please write to BLGC, Unit 4, 2 Somerset Rd, London N17 9QP or telephone 01-885 3543. Please state which post you are interested in.

Closing date for applications: 27 May 1988.

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



JOURNEYING FORWARD

For two weeks, writings by black lesbians will feature prominently in bookshops all over the country.

One of the twenty books selected for Feminist Book Fortnight, from 28 May to 12 June, is *Charting the Journey*, an anthology of writings by black women, many of them lesbian. Another publication by Sheba in the list is *Turning the Tables*. As this unusual cookbook shows, a mutual interest in food can help unite black lesbian households and even support groups!

Suniti Namjoshi, born in India, now lives in Canada. Her *Blue Donkey Fables*, published by Women's Press, is another of the books that has been chosen.

Other works by black women featured in the Fortnight include *Angel*, by Merle Collins, and Toni Morrison's much-acclaimed new novel *Beloved*.

RACIST ATTACK IN AFRICA CENTRE

Pedro King was viciously attacked on 1 November last year while he was sitting reading in the Africa Centre. A white African shouting 'Nigger!' slashed his neck and face with a broken beer-glass. Pedro needed surgery, and had to spend three weeks in hospital.

Support can be shown for this brother by turning up at Southwark Crown Court when his attacker is brought to trial, between 16 and 27 May. For more information, contact BL6C.

Ved 11-Sat 28 May

8.30pm *Memorial Gardens*, Oval House upstairs, 52-54 Kennington Oval, SE11; 582 7680. Play by Maro Green and Caroline Griffin, presented by Nitty Gritty Theatre Company, about lesbian lovers considering whether to have a child. Signer on 11 May. £3.50/£2.50/£1.

10am-6pm (Wed-Sat) *Against the Clause*, photocopy-based artwork. Community Copyart, Culross Buildings, Battlebridge Rd, NW1 (nr Kings Cross); 833 4417.



WOULD YOU LIKE TO FLY?

Project Solo was set up to provide gliding experience for those who would not usually take part in this sport, particularly young people of Afro-Caribbean descent. Costs depend on income, and are negotiated with the co-ordinator. The gliding instructors are qualified professionals, and flying takes place at Brackley near Buckingham.



To find out more, write to Project Solo, 8 Queensgate Pla, Kingsgate Rd, NW6 4JS or ring 328 5233.

HOLIDAYS IN YORKSHIRE

The women's holiday centre at Horton-in-Ribblesdale is holding a black women's weekend from 1-3 July. The fees range from £4 to £14.50 per night (reductions for children), depending on income, and include vegetarian food. The centre is a spacious house in a small village on the Pennine Way.

If you are interested in booking a place, you can contact Women's Holiday Centre Ltd, Old Vicarage, Horton-in-Ribblesdale, Settle, North Yorkshire BD24 0HD.

DIARY

Ved 11 May

6pm *Lobby of Camden Council*, Town Hall entrance, Judd St, NW1. Councillors are to decide whether to drop support for Camden Black Lesbian Group, based at Camden Lesbian Centre, and scrap its lesbian and gay rights policies because of Section 28. For further information ring 383 5405.

7pm *Black Lesbian & Gay Workers' Support Group*, LAGER, Rm 203, Southbank House, Black Prince Rd, SE1 7SJ; 587 1636 (Anne), 587 1643 (Macsud).

Thu 12 May

7pm *Black lesbian group social*, Camden Lesbian Centre, 54-56 Phoenix Rd, NW1; 383 5407. Access - PARKING: single yellow line; PUBLIC TRANSPORT: Kings Cross and Euston over 50 yd, buses 14, 14A, 18, 30, 73 on Euston Rd (Shaw Theatre) 50yd; ENTRANCES: at front, level; DOORS: main door light 32" opens inward, fire exit light 31"; INSIDE: ground floor, level throughout; TOILETS: 1st - door 30", 5'x4",

turning distance 2', both doors light open outwards, taps hand op; FLOOR SURFACES: smooth; LIGHTING: bright adjustable; SEATING: hard or soft, low plentiful movable; HEATING: adjustable; CRECHE: ring centre if reqd; SMOKING: as users permit.

Fri-13 May

8pm London Lesbian and Gay Black Group, 62 Marchmont St, WC1 (nr Russell Sq). Details from 737 8237.

Sat 14 May

10.30-5pm Helpline training for black lesbians and gays, Wesley Hse, 4 Wild Ct, WC2. Access - PARKING: Outside entrance; PUBLIC TRANSPORT: Holborn 100m, buses 5, 68 77A, 168, 172, 188, 501 on Kingsway 50m; ENTRANCE: ramped (2mx2m) but uneven & no handrail, double doors 75cm heavily-sprung open outwards, bar handle 1m from floor; GROUND FLOOR: double heavy-swinging through doors (72cm) to ramped corridor, handrails both sides, 50m to Security/Information desk, 5m level to lift; LIFT: controls outside 1m from floor, no handrails; entrance 76cm, interior 1.2mx1.6m with handrails 1.1m from floor; touch-panel control panel with braille signs 1m upwards, visible but no audible floor indicators; DISTANCES: 2nd floor, lift to large meeting room and creche 20m; DOORS: medium/heavy-swinging, glass-panelled double, 70cm, bar-handles 1m from floor; TOILETS: 2nd floor, 8m from lift, light folding door 90cm, interior 167cmx234cm, handrails both sides of pedestal and washbasin, lever flush-mechanism and tap, air-dryer 1.1m from floor, emergency chord; FLOOR SURFACES: non-slip lino/wooden/ office carpeting; LIGHTING: fluorescent strip-lighting throughout, corridors dim and rooms bright; SEATING: varied, mostly hard upright movable; HEATING: warm but adjustable; SMOKING: at discretion of users; FOOD AND DRINK: drinks machine in basement and 3rd floor; CRECHE: staffed by women; HELPERS: ring 895 3543 in advance if required.

7pm Benefit for lesbian line conference, Caxton Hse, St John's Way (nr Archway), Donna & Kebab, the Sheelas, disco. Women only, £5/£3, tickets in advance from Silver Moon and Sisterwrite. Wheelchair access. Details from London Lesbian Line, BM 1S14, WC1N 3XX; 251 6911.

Sun 15 May

2-4pm Hackney Black Women's Group for black lesbians, Hackney Women's Centre, 20 Dalston Lane, E8 (near Dalston Kingsland BR; buses 22B, 30, 38, 48, 149, 277. Creche, wheelchair access. Details from 254 2980.

3-6pm Lesbian and Gay Conference for people living or working in Southwark, North Peckham Civic Centre, Old Kent Rd (nr Elephant & Castle; buses 53, 70, 78, 141, 177). Workshops (including one for black lesbians and gays), discussions, election of community reps on to Working Party. Creche, transport for people with disabilities. Access and other details from 703 6311 x2027 or x2019.

Tue 17-Sat 21 May

7.30 The Memorial Gardens, play, Rosemary Branch, 2 Shepperton Rd, London N1. Details from 359 3204.

Tue 17 May

6-9pm Young Black Lesbian Group, Camden, details from 387 7450.

7pm LESPOP AGM, Wesley House, 4 Wild Ct, WC2B 5AU; 833 4996 or 404 4318. Signers, creche, helpers, food; further access details as for 14 May.

Wed 18 May

7.30pm Black Lesbian Mothers' meeting, Camden Lesbian Centre, 52-54 Phoenix Rd, NW1. Creche available; access details as for 12 May. For further information ring Bernie on 251 6576.

West London Cyrenians are seeking a BLACK LESBIAN RESOURCE WORKER

to complete a team of 8 providing accommodation for 30 homeless single people (approximately 60% of them black, 60% women) until permanent accommodation is arranged. Another house is currently being developed. The worker will share responsibility for policy development and housing management, and in particular for gathering relevant information and imparting it to the team.

An understanding of the support needs of young homeless women, especially black women and women leaving prison is needed. Experience of housing/hostel work and/or work in the non-statutory sector is important. A commitment to non-hierarchical and anti-discriminatory working practices is essential.

36 hrs per week, 30 days annual leave, optional pension scheme. Salary £12,036 pa.

For more information contact West London Cyrenians, 240 Lancaster Rd, London W11 4AH; tel 727 6772.

Closing date: 13 May 1988. Interviews in week commencing 23 May 1988.

Section 7(2)c of Sex Discrimination Act and Section 5(2)d of Race Relations Act apply.

Thu 19 May

10am-1pm *Lesbian mothers' writers workshop*, led by Linda King, Camden Lesbian Centre, 54-56 Phoenix Rd, NW1. Access details as for 12 May. For further information ring 383 5405.

Fri 20 May

9.30am-5pm *Introduction to basic group work skills* for members of lesbian groups, Camden Lesbian Centre, 52-54 Phoenix Rd, NW1. Led by Gilli Salvat and Linda Kelly. Book in advance. Creche; access details as for 12 May; if signer needed contact Linda on 404 4349 by 13 May.

7.30pm *Peckham Black Lesbian Group*, Black Women's Centre, 69 Bellenden Rd, SE15 5BH; 358 1486.

8pm *London Lesbian and Gay Black Group*, details as for 13 May.

Sat 21 May

11am-4pm *Fight Alton's Bill activists' meeting*, London School of Economics. Details from FAB, Wesley Hse, 4 Wild Ct, WC2B 5AU; 831 6838.

1-6pm *BLGC Extraordinary General Meeting*, Brixton Village Centre, Brixton Hill, SW2. All black lesbians and gays are welcome; membership available on door. Details from 885 3543.

2-5pm *Massage course*, introductory session in 8-week course, Camden Lesbian Centre, 54-56 Phoenix Rd, NW1. £3/£2/£0.75 per session. May damage health of pregnant women and those with deteriorating disabilities e.g. MS and cancer but otherwise suitable for lesbians with disabilities. Book in advance on 383 5405. Creche; access details as for 12 May.

4.30pm-midnight *Pretend Night Out*, Old Fire Station, Leswin Rd, N16. Organised by Hackney Lesbians Against the Clause; benefit for campaign; women and children only. Under 10s: 4.30-10.30pm *Albion Kids' Show*, creche. Children over 10; 6.30pm *outing*. Adults: 4.30pm *videos*, 7pm *speakers*, 8pm *Sarah and Mary, Sisters in Song*, 10.30pm *videos and disco* with DJ Ritu. Exhibition, raffle, food, £4/£2.50/£1. Access - PARKING: outside entrance; PUBLIC TRANSPORT: buses 73 and 106 under 50yd, 67, 76, 149 and 243 200yd; ENTRANCE: ramp railed on left; DOORS: 28" light open inwards; INSIDE: level; TOILET: door 32", 65"x55", taps hand op; DISTANCES: hallway 12yd; FLOOR SURFACES: smooth; LIGHTING: bright; SMOKING: permitted in hallway not in rooms; SIGNER: present.

Sun 22 May

2-4pm *Hackney Black Women's Group*, details as for 15 May.

Tue 24 May

6-9pm *Young Black Lesbian Group*, details as for 17 May.

Thu 26 May

10am-1pm *Lesbian mothers writers' workshop*, details as for 19 May.

7pm *Camden Black Lesbian Group social*, Camden Lesbian Centre, 54-56 Phoenix Rd, NW1. Access details as for 7pm; more information from 383 5407.

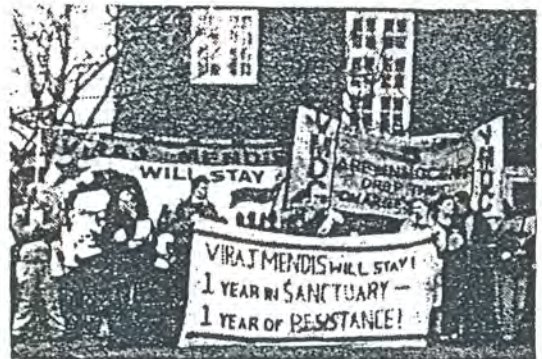
Friday 27 May

7.30pm *Charting the Journey launch*, Ajani Women's Centre, 3 Mill Hill Lane, Highfield, Leicester. Women only. Details from 01-254 1590.

8pm *London Lesbian and Gay Black Group*, details as for 13 May.

Sat 28 May

12 noon *Viraj Mendis Defence Campaign rally and march*, Albert Square, Manchester. Amnesty International, the National Black Caucus and numerous others have protested at the Home Office's decision to deport Viraj. He has lived in Britain for 15 years, and if he returns to Sri Lanka he faces either imprisonment and torture or assassination by fascist death-squads. For over a year he has been in sanctuary in a church in Hulme. VMDC has encouraged many other anti-deportation campaigns, and Viraj's case has become a focus for campaigns against the racist immigration laws. Details of coaches to Manchester and



Other information from VMDC, c/o North Hulme Centre, Jackson Cres, Hulme, Manchester M15 5AL; 061-234 3168.

Tue 31 May

6-9pm *Young Black Lesbian Group*, details as for 17 May.

7-9pm *Readings from Charting the Journey*, Colletts International Bookshop, 129 Charing Cross Rd (nr Tottenham Ct Rd), Pratibha Parmar, Ingrid Pollard etc, Details from 254 1590.

Peckham Black Women's Centre requires

HOUSING WORKER

with experience of working with Asian women and able to speak an Asian language

EQUALITIES ISSUES WORKER

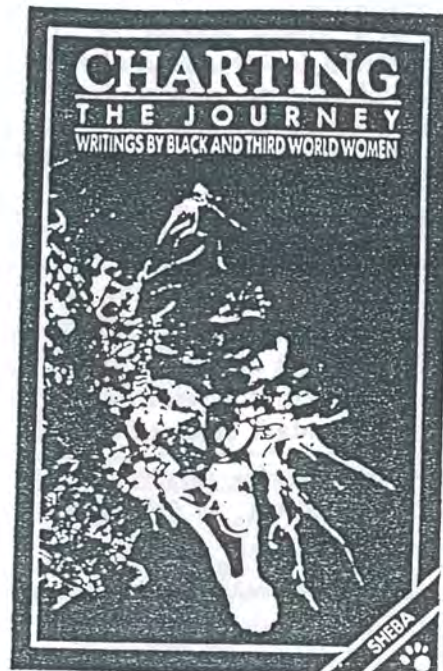
with experience of working with black lesbians, equalities issues and campaigning.

The Centre is an advice and activity resource for all women of Asian and Afro-Caribbean descent.

For job descriptions and an application form, please apply to Peckham Black Women's Centre, 69 Bellenden Rd, London SE15 5BH; tel, 358 1486.

Closing date 20 May 1988.

Salary £11,890 inc. L.W.



Thu 2 June

7.30-9pm *Charting the Journey - discussion between Gail Lewis and Liliane Landor*, Kentish Town Library, 262 Kentish Town Rd, NW5. Women only. Details from 254 1590.

7.30pm *Readings from Charting the Journey*, Sisterwrite, 190 Upper St, N1 (nr Highbury & Islington), Shabnam Grewal, Linda King etc. Black women only. Details from 254 2590.

7.30pm *Turning the Tables - a celebration with food*, Centerprise, 136 Kingsland High St, E8, Cagche; women only. Details from 254 1590.



Extraordinary General Meeting

Brixton Village Centre, Brixton Hill, London SW2
(Brixton tube; buses 2, 2B, 35, 37, 45, 109, 196)

All black lesbians and gays welcome; membership available on door



The Black Lesbian and Gay Centre project welcomes all lesbians and gays of First Nation/Third World descent, i.e. lesbians and gays descended from Africa, Asia (i.e. the Middle East to China, including the Pacific nations) and Latin America (Third World peoples); and lesbians and gays descended from the original inhabitants of Australasia and North America (First Nation peoples).

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tue 8 Mar-Fri 25 Mar 1988

10am-6pm Mon-Fri and 10am-8pm Wed More Black Than White, exhibition on lives of Aboriginal, Greek and Chinese Australians, Cockpit Gallery, Princeton St, WC1 (nr Holborn), Gallery wheelchair accessible, toilets downstairs, Details from 405 5334.

Tue 8 Mar-Sat 26 Mar

You can't stop the revolution, play about detainees in South Africa, *Black Sheep*, on lives of two black British brothers, Details from Temba Theatre Company on 261 0991.

Tue 8 Mar

7pm-midnight International Women's Day Disco, North Peckham Civic Centre, 600 Old Kent Rd, SE15. Admission free. All women welcome. Buses 21, 53, 70, 70A, 78, 177. Details from 358 1486.

7.30pm International Women's Day Show, Hackney Empire, 291 Mare St, E8. Artists include Mudra Danz Theatre, Academy of India Dance. £5/£3.50. For details, booking ring 985 2424.

Wed 9 Mar

6pm Stop the Clause Campaign, details from 580 9551 X227.

7.30pm Lambeth Lesbian & Gay Working Party, Lambeth Town Hall, Brixton Hill, SW2. To discuss Clause 29. Details from Pat Kingsbury 274 7722 X2335.

7.30pm Charting the Journey, launch of book of writings by black/Third World women, London Women's Centre, Wesley Hse, 4 Wild Ct, London WC2. Access good; creche. Details from Sheba, 254 1590.

Thu 10 Mar

6-8pm 10-week sign language course begins, South Camden Women's Centre, 90 Cromer St, WC1. £20/£10. For details, booking ring 278 0120.

7pm Camden Black Lesbian Group social, Camden Lesbian Centre, 54-56 Phoenix Rd, NW1. Video 'You have struck the women, you have struck the rock', on Azanian women. Access - PARKING: single yellow line; PUBLIC TRANSPORT: Kings Cross & Euston over 50yd, buses 14, 14A, 18, 30, 73 on Euston Rd (Shaw Theatre) 50yd; ENTRANCES: at front, level; DOORS: main door light 32½" opens inward, fire exit light 31½" opens inward, others light 31"; INSIDE: ground floor, level throughout; TOILETS: 1st - door 30½", 5½ftx4½ft, turning distance 3ft, 2nd - door 29½", 3ftx5½ft, turning distance

2ft, both doors light open outwards, taps hand op; FLOOR SURFACES: smooth; LIGHTING: bright adjustable; SEATING: hard or soft, low plentiful movable; HEATING: adjustable; CRECHE: ring centre if reqd; SMOKING: as users permit. Further information from 383 5407.

7.30pm Let It Be Told, readings from Virago anthology of black women's essays. Hackney Town Hall, Mare St, E8. All women welcome. Creche; transport (with wheelchair lift) from 6pm. Access & other details from Hackney Council Women's Unit, 986 3123 X484/417.

7.45pm The Normal Heart, play about Gay Men's Health Crisis in USA. £4/£3. Thameside Theatre, Orsett Rd, Grays. For details, booking ring 0375-383961.

Fri 11 Mar

8-10pm Sam Akinlade - remembrance meeting, Lesbian & Gay Black Group, 62 Marchmont St, WC2. Details from 737 8237.

Sat 12 Mar

11am-12.30pm Women's pre-meeting and 12.30-6pm National co-ordinating conference for Stop the Clause Campaign, Manchester Town Hall extn, £2/£1. Access good; signer; creche if booked in advance. Afterwards women's social at poly, mixed social at Stuffed Olives. Crash-pad accommodation for women & further information from North-West Campaign for Lesbian & Gay Equality, 061-228 3554.

Sun 13 Mar

1-4pm Gemma, Camden Lesbian Centre, 54-56 Phoenix Rd, NW1. For lesbians with & without disabilities. Access details above; further information from 383 5405.

Mon 14 Mar

10am-1pm Lesbian mothers writers' workshop, Camden Lesbian Centre, 54-56 Phoenix Rd, NW1. Led by Linda King. Access details above; further information from 383 5405.

Tue 15 Mar

10.30am Meeting for voluntary groups on Clause 29, 54 Chalton St, NW1. Details from 388 0241.

6pm Camden Black Lesbian Group, planning meeting for event on 26th. Camden Lesbian Centre, 54-56 Phoenix Rd, NW1. Access details above; further information from 383 5405.

7pm James Baldwin tribute - planning meeting, BLGC office, Unit 4, Tottenham

Green Workshops, 2 Somerset Rd, N17 (nr Seven Sisters). When a recent 'tribute' to the great Afro-American gay writer made no mention of his sexuality (except for a dismissive flick of the wrist by Maya Angelou), black lesbians & gays decided to organise a celebration of his life & work ourselves. If you would like to help, you can get further details from 885 3543.



James Baldwin

7pm Education & social liberation - forum, Islington Central Library (Large Hall), Fieldway Crescent, N5, E1. Details from Radical Black & Third World Book Fair, c/o New Beacon, 272 4889; Race Today, 737 2268; or Bogle 1'Ouverture, 579 4920.

Wed 16 Mar

2-4pm or 7-9pm Access courses - open meeting, for anyone over 21 interested in doing a combined studies degree, social work or primary teacher training but who lacks entry qualifications. Haringey College, Park Rd, N11 (nr Bounds Gn). Details from 888 7123 X318.

6pm Stop the Clause meeting, details from 580 9551 X227.

7pm Politics & popular culture - forum, Brixton Village, Brixton Hill, SW2, E1. Speakers include Bernice Johnson Reagon, founder-member of Sweet Honey In The Rock. Details from Radical Black & Third World Book Fair.

7.30-10pm Haringey Stop the Clause, meeting to plan local campaign, Central Library, High Rd, N22 (nr Wood Gn). All lesbians & gays welcome. Access good; creche. Details from 802 8981.

Thu 17-Sat 19 Mar

11am-5.30pm 7th International Book Fair of Radical Black & Third World Books, Camden Centre, Bidborough St, NW1 (nr Kings Cross).

Thu 17 Mar

6.30-8.30pm Racism in Australia, public meeting organised by All London Teachers Against Racism & Fascism and the Aboriginal Land Rights Support Group, Cockpit Gallery, Princeton St, WC1 (nr Holborn). Gallery wheelchair accessible, toilets downstairs. Details from 405 5334.

7pm Camden Lesbian Centre - how will the clause affect it?, 54-56 Phoenix Rd, NW1. Access details above. Further information from 383 5405.

Fri 18 Mar

7pm Radical publishing & future perspectives - forum, Council Chambers, Camden Town Hall, Judd St, NW1, E1. Details from Radical Black & Third World Book Fair.

7.30pm Peckham Black Lesbian Group, Black Women's Centre, 69 Bellenden Rd, SE15. Details from 358 1486.

8pm Lesbian & Gay Black Group, 62 Marchmont St, WC1. Details from 737 8237.

Sat 19 Mar

10am-5pm Black lesbians & gay men fight Clause 29, Southwark Town Hall, Peckham Rd, SE5. Details enclosed.

Mon 21 Mar

10am-1pm Lesbian mothers writers' workshop, Details as for Mon 14th.

Wed 23 Mar

6pm Stop the Clause meeting, details from 580 9551 X227.

6.30-10pm Lesbians In Coalition, group for black & minority ethnic lesbians, meets at Camden Lesbian Centre, 54-56 Phoenix Rd, NW1. Access details above. Further details from 383 5405.

Thursday 24 Mar

7pm Training for helpline volunteers, BLGC office, Unit 4, Tottenham Green Workshops, 2 Somerset Rd, N17. If you would like to help other black lesbians and gays who are isolated, and you are occasionally free on Thursday evenings