

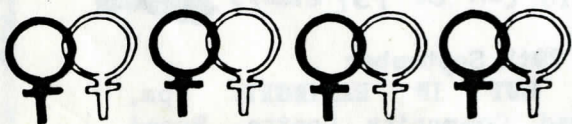
NO TO LONDOCENTRISM!!!

Anyone reading this news-sheet will realise that there are NO articles for those of us outside London. We are therefore asking you all out there to tell us anything that is going on out there. We do not want long and perfect articles we just want to know what clubs or pubs you go to so that new people to the area possibly reading the newsletter can have an idea about where all the Black dykes and Black gays hang out. If you don't tell us this then we can't get to people who really need us.

The other idea, suggested by the Blacklesbian Support Network was that if there were a few of us who could arrange to go out on a certain night that we could advertise it locally so that any isolated Blacklesbians or Blackgays could go along knowing that there will be others there.

If you think this is a good idea why not put it into action and have a good time!!!!

In the meantime tell us what is going on in your area and we'll print it for the next newsletter; DEADLINE IS OCTOBER 31st 1986.



ATTACKS ON GAY MEN

If you are attacked, or witness an attack, tell the police and also CONTACT GALOP !.

GALOP offers support to gay men about any crime, they explain law and police and court procedures. All calls are treated in strictest confidence. Call 01-278 6215. Or write to GALOP, BM GALOP, LONDON, WC1X 3XX.

GLAD (Gay Legal ADvice) are on the move. They have a new telephone number which is 01-253 2034. They receive calls Monday-Friday between 7pm and 10pm.

VOICES OF STRUGGLE

Here is a break into Youth Work... Lewisham's SOUTH LONDON LESBIAN AND GAY YOUNG PEOPLE'S GROUP catering for under 21's is looking for volunteer workers. Mondays "mixed" Tuesday nights women only. Call 01-461 4112 on Mondays or Tuesdays between 7pm - 10pm for more info. Or write care of BLGC and make enquiries about their AGM which is being held on Wednesday 15th October at 7pm - in Catford.

FILMS Both "The Colour Purple" and "Mona Lisa" have Blacklesbian story lines. The former has negative images of Black men (Black men as 'brutes'). Both are emotionally engulfing... Well, anyway, is so we hear!

ACQUIRE FOR YOURSELF - (Someone did just that - now we've mislaid the copy for the office!! Please send it back! - Or a copy at least.) a copy of New York Native Issue 150 March 3rd, 1986 which features a 'Supplement' entitled "Gay Life in Africa and Haiti" (Read Lesbian and Gay Life...).

***** LESBIANS IN HACKNEY!!!

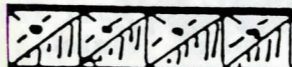
Open meetings are held at Hackney Women's centre on every third Thursday in the month, starting 16.10.86, at 7.30pm, to elect representatives to speak on behalf of lesbians in Hackney on the Social Service's Committee meetings. For further information ring Tina on 254 2980. ALL LESBIANS ARE WELCOME.

HOUSING

BRIXTON HOUSING CO-OP - Black Members Group. Thanks to everyone who came to the last meeting. Another meeting is arranged to take place at 171 Railton Road, London SE24 on Thursday 3rd April at 8.00pm. With patience and 36 hours of voluntary work per annum (minimum) you could have your own flat! Come to this meeting, or turn up on any 1st Monday in the month to the above address at 8pm for an 'Introduction to BHC'. Phone BLGC to find out how to go on the BHC list for mailout of their newsletter.

VOLUNTEERS

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BRITAIN AND IRELAND LESBIAN WEEKEND.

Any one interested in the planning meeting on NOVEMBER 29th in Manchester please contact JANET WYNN ON 01-722 1491, or CHRIS ROOT on 061-234 3257

WISER LINKS, a Women and Third World information exchange and library is looking for feedback on their work phone 01-341 4403 for a questionnaire.

IS THERE ANYBODY OUT THERE?

"BLACKOUT" Autumn our Newsletter Do you have a poem, short story, 'image' -photographic, /print, /drawing that you would like to have included in this historical document? Send it in to us now!!

BLGC is also looking for articles for the next newsheet and volunteers to help produce it next month. We'd like articles in by OCTOBER 31st, and volunteers around that time. Phone the hotline '01-885 3543' for your up to-the-minute information.

ARTISTS AWAKE!!! BLGC would like to print the very first of it's kind BLACKLESBIAN and BLACKGAY xmas card so we are now looking for designs. This is deadly serious! Send your artwork to the workers here at BLGC and we will help you make world history (almost)!!



STRENGTH IN NUMBERS Don't forget to let us know of any change of address and hunt through your diary and address book, pass on details of Blacklesbians and Blackgay men friends so that BLGC can keep us all in touch and give others the option to keep in touch "and place, - yes, we can!"

IN THE SAME BREATH... Is your address-label still wrong? Our over-worked computer operators can make mistakes. We sometimes believe we've completed an amendment but with a mailing list in excess of 500, you must see with us and persevere with us until we get your address (and telephone number) right! Please amend the label as necessary and pop it back in the post.



HACKNEY LESBIAN AND GAY ACTION

* pink autumn *

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 28:

GREETINGS FROM WASHINGTON D.C.
(a documentary about the lesbian & gay march to the whitehouse)

OLIVIA
(a love story set in a french girls school)

at:THE RIO CINEMA,KINGSLAND HIGH ST,E8
admission:£1 waged 5Op concessions
time:doors open 1.45pm
prog starts 2.00pm

FRIDAY OCTOBER 3:

WOMEN ONLY

THE PEARL DIVERS
(a Hackney based womens band)
DISCO

at:THE DUKE OF WELLINGTON,
BALLS POND ROAD,N 1.
admission:FREE
time:8.00pm till 12.00am

WOMEN ONLY

SUNDAY OCTOBER 12:

SAFER SEX
(discussion and video 'Chance of a lifetime' with THE TERENCE HIGGINS TRUST)

at:STOKE NEWINGTON FIRE STATION
61 LESWIN ROAD,N16.
admission:FREE
time:3.00pm till 6.00pm

SUNDAY OCTOBER 19:

TERRY SANDERSON
(author of HOW TO BE A HAPPY HOMOSEXUAL)

at:THE FACTORY,
107 MATTHIAS ROAD,N16.
admission:FREE
time:3.00pm till 6.00pm

SUNDAY OCTOBER 26:

CHRIS SMITH M.P.

at:CENTREPRISE BOOKSHOP,
138 KINGSLANDS HIGH STREET E8.
admission:FREE
time:3.00pm till 6.00pm

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 2:

GAMES AT CLISSOLD POOL

egg and spoon races,water polo, competitions,relays,prizes.....

this event has been arranged with HACKNEY SPORTS DEVELOPMENT TEAM

bring some friends and make up a team join your local team come and support.

at:CLISSOLD SWIMMING POOL
CLISSOLD ROAD,N16.

admission:FREE
time:6.00pm till 8.00pm

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 8:

DISCO

at:THE DUKE OF WELLINGTON,
BALLS POND ROAD,N1.
admission:FREE
time:8.00pm till 12.00am

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 9:

FREDERICK ROLL & MICHAEL ELLIMAN
(authors of THE PINK PLAQUE GUIDE TO LONDON)

at:STOKE NEWINGTON FIRE STATION
61 LESWIN ROAD,N 16.
admission:FREE
time:3.00pm till 6.00pm

FOR MORE INFORMATION
PHONE 241-5173

WEDNESDAYS 7-30 to 9-30



BLACKOUT

What did you think of the first issue? Send your letters, poems, stories, cartoons, articles etc. to the Editorial Collective, c/o the BLGC office, by Monday 20th October for issue no. 2.



"INTERNATIONAL GAY AND LESBIAN PEOPLE OF COLOR CONFERENCE" will take place in Los Angeles, (USA), Nov. 21-23 November 1986. Some Blacklesbians and Blackgay men from Britain are going to this. We have made links in L.A. and have begun negotiations with travel agencies estimating costs up to £350.00 inclusive of seven day's stay (accommodation). If you are interested let us know immediately and we must receive a £50.00 deposit by Friday 3rd October. Alternatively, if you cannot go, but would like to help subsidise an artist from a local lesbian or gay group, donations - however small, are welcome. Cheques /Postal Orders should be made out to BLGC. Your envelopes should be marked "USA-VISIT".

Here at BLGC we have received a few letters one of which we think you'd be amused to read too :

Dear LGB Group
I enclose two leaflets on Christianity. I would like you to read Bible Leviticus Chapter 18 verse 22. You will realise that homosexuality is against Gods law He will forgive you if you come to him now: Jesus died on the cross and is waiting to forgive you:- John 3-16: FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD (= "YOU") THAT HE GAVE HIS ONLY SON THAT WHO SO EVER BELIEVES IN HIM SHALL HAVE EVERLASTING LIFE in Gods service
Margaret
God bless you all.

SATURDAY 11th October
March Against Racist Immigration Laws. Assemble Longsight Library, Stockport Rd, Longsight, Manchester, 12.30pm. Details from Kinni, 061-834 9163 X25 or Nadia, 061-225 5111.

SATURDAY 11th-SUNDAY 12th October
Black Incest Survivors' Conference, Liverpool. For details ring Judi on 051-727 7622/7627 or write to DISC, PO Box 64, Liverpool L69 8AP. Anyone who would like to go up in a group from London can ring 274 9220 (answerphone) or Kris on 833



Haringey Lesbian & Gay Unit requires Policy and Administrative assistant to the visually handicapped officer. For further information contact 881 3000 X 3526

SISTERWRITE - requires 3 F/T workers. For further information contact 226 9782. Closing date 30/9/86

CHAR - requires a Press & Information Worker. For further information, job description and application form contact 833 2071 closing date 26/9/86

TUESDAY 14th October
WOMEN AND AIDS discussion forum to be held at WRRIC, 52-54 Featherstone St., EC1Y. Phone 251 6332.
Interested in setting up a young lesbian group in Tower Hamlets? Meeting at 6.30pm. Details from Elaine, 981 7218 (see News).

THURSDAY 23rd October
Incest Survivors, video, Channel 4, 10pm

WEDNESDAY 24th October
LESPOP AGM. 7pm, Wesley House, 70 Great Queen St, London WC1. Creche, sign-language interpreter, access. For Management Committee nominations and further details write to LESPOP, 38 Mount Pleasant, London WC1X 0AP or ring 833 4996.

THURSDAY 30th October
CANDEN LESBIAN CENTRE PROJECT AGM
This will be held at 7-11 Wesley House, 70 Great Queen St. There will be food and a social! Please come with your nominations for the management committee, or your interest in the project. For more information phone 772 1491.

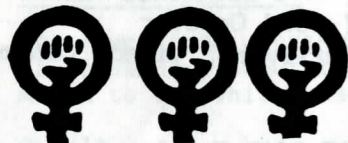
FRIDAY 31-SUNDAY 2 NOV. MARIISM TODAY PRESENTS... LEFT UNLIMITED! A weekend of events political, cultural and lefty!! It costs (a lot!): £12.50 (W); £7.50 (U/W); £5 (under 18's) for the full weekend. Information on other prices and programme phone 251-4406.

JOB ADVERTS!

Southwark Womens Equality Unit requires a Women's Officer: Community initiatives for further information phone 701 2870 closing date 26/9/86

A pseudo-positive article appeared in BLACK VOICE - Popular Paper of Black Unity and Freedom Party Vol: 17 No.1. On page 3 entitled 'Womens Struggle and the State' there is a large article on 'Black Lesbianism' - with no author. BLGC strongly suspects that the article was not written by a woman at all!

If you are calling a meeting, listing an event, lonely & heartbroken, throwing a party, need your community motivated then. We'll keep you posted - if you let us know!



LESBIAN AND GAY PARENTING - A Conference 11th October 1986. Contact London Lesbian and Gay Centre - 69 Cowcross St, London WC1.

LETTERS /LETTERS /LETTERS

Dear Editors, I find your newssheet quite informative but please try to send it off on time, as I always receive it after an interesting event, (which I would have liked to attend) has passed. Also, could you note that it is to be addressed to me and not my daughter as well; as she is not a lesbian or a member of the group - I am! Ms S.E. E13. *Ed: Noted.

CITY OF LONDON ANTI-APARTHEID GROUP Continues its NON-STOP Picket of South Africa House. October 11th (12-6pm) "Apartheid Prisoners Break the Chains"... Outside South Africa House /Embassy. Let's continue to show our support on this one, people. More info BM City AA, London WC1N 3XX.

On Friday 19th Sept, The Caribbean Times carried an article "People Just Like Us". A reasonably positive attempt but wrists have had to be slapped as I know that it wasn't the London Lesbian and Gay Centre which organised the 2,000 strong AIDS Vigil in Trafalgar Square in May - earlier this year; nor was it the London Lesbian and Gay Centre that organised Pride '86. Mr Kizzy Nkwocha please define 'gayism'!!!

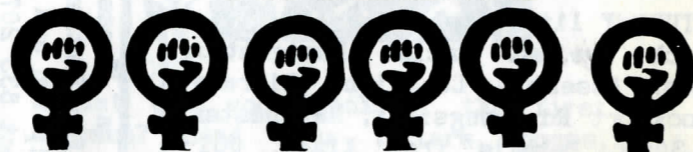


AIDS The Terrence Higgins Trust carry an excellent series of leaflets dealing with AIDS. Have YOU read any of them?? We are happy to post copies to you in confidence if you are out 'in the sticks' - or some other way isolated and have never read anything reasonably informative on SAFE SEX TECHNIQUES, etc.

PEOPLE'S MULTI-RACIAL GROUP Meets every Thursday at London Lesbian and Gay Centre. 3rd Floor 8pm.

The TELEPHONE TREE idea needs to come to fruition. We need a network of people who will take responsibility for contacting others as per the chain-letter effect - but by telephone. From time to time we have needed to motivate this community to combat situations in the Press /Media to register a complaint - for example - and otherwise. If you know that BLGC has your number andf you DO NOT want only two other People to have it, then you should inform us immediately that you do not want to participate in the Telephone Tree. If you are on the phone and don't think that BLGC has your number (we may have lost it!?) and would like to participate in the Telephone Tree then please let us have your number for placing on the list.

WOMEN OF STRENGTH



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.

We recently received a letter from the Communist Party of Great Britain inviting us to write letters of complaint in response to ... "a leaflet as issued by the Tottenham Conservative Association to members of the public in Tottenham High Road at their weekly 'petition collecting'. The leaflet itself is an onimous homophobic piece of writing Lesbian Education ..MOTHERS PLAN BOYCOTT.. Many Tottenham mothers have decided already to take their children out of school if these plans go ahead. Many more are looking to schools outside the borough as the only answer. "Thousands Sign Petition Against" ..'From Nursery' Onwards - This is the order from the Homosexual unit - "Children must be educated from nursery to secondary education a manner designed to "promote" Lesbians and Homosexuals." Quoting - out of context the leaflet quotes the Labour Manifesto: "Heterosexual is pernicious" .."We are not born normal" .."We will campaign against normal sex". If you live in Tottenham* (or anywhere else) letters of complaint addressed to the local paper 'Weekly Herald' as well as to the Conservative Association is appropriate.

SUPPORT LESBIAN AND GAY CLASSES FOR HARINGEY SCHOOLS !!! Lobby Haringey council on October 30th at the CIVIC CENTRE at 6.30 pm OR PICKET the Education Committee on Tuesday 30th September also at the Civic Centre, Wood Green, N22. More details available from "POSITIVE IMAGES", c/o Reading Matters, 10 Lymington Ave, N22. Campaign meeting on Thurs 25th Sept., 7.30 pm, at 247a West Green Road. N15.

Haringey Lesbian and Gay Unit requires senior admin. officer. For further information contact 881 3000 X 3526



Haringey Black & Minority Ethnic Consortium require a co-ordinator and an Administrator. For further information contact 881 3000 X 3532. Closing date 10/10/86

VALTHAM FOREST BLACKLESBIAN GROUP meets regularly; ring Sharon on 520 5318.

"YoLeGal" On Tuesday 28th October from 7pm - 9pm at Lambeth Youth Aid Project, is the final stages of a new Youth Club coming to power. YoLeGal (Young Lesbians and Gays in Lambeth) is the end-product of months of negotiations with Youth Workers and young people in the Borough. The Steering Committee which had representatives from ILEA, the Area Youth Office, Blacklesbian Support Network and Central Lambeth Project among others, finally came to some agreement of Constitution at a meeting which took place in early September.

SATURDAY 4th October SISTAHs IN SONG performance at 10.15 pm, at South London Women's Centre, 55 Acre Lane, SW2. MARTELLSOUNDS til dawn, only £3(W); £2(LOW WAGED); £1(U/W Bring UB40)Drinks on sale and food.This is a benefit for equipment and costumes made by Lorna Leslie.

TUESDAY 7th October Lesbian Sub-Group of Haringey's Lesbian and Gay Sub-Committee meets at 8pm, Wood Green Library, High Road, N22, first floor. Accessible.

THURSDAY 9th October Black and Minority Ethnic Sub-Group meets, 8pm, Wood Green Library (see 7th October).

a BIG welcome To John Bennet - Black Liaison Officer with Lonodn Lesbian and Gay Switchboard, (01-837 7324)

To Keith Trotman - New Black Worker with Greenwich Lesbian and Gay Centre, (01-316 5954)

To Alex Owolade - New Black Worker with Stonewall Housing Assn. (For young lesbians and gays -aged between 17 and 25 years who find themselves homeless or in housing need "as a result of the hostile reaction of others to their sexuality".) <01-608 1923>

Do write to us. Don't forget now!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Yes, the Lesbian and Gay Black Group is proud to announce that the following events are planned to take place:

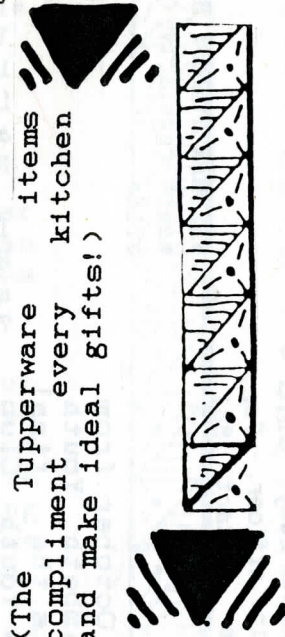
Friday 26th Sept: SOCIAL

Friday 3rd October: the video showing of the new Sankofa Film /Video collective; "The Passion of Remembrance" will be introduced by Isaac Julien of the Collective. Do come and see this!!!

Friday 10th October: Discussing the Ebony filming. - This may now be a different topic as Ebony will not be broadcast. Perhaps we'll look at "Strategies of Going Public". 'Us confidants' may not like to believe that there are still Black people attempting suicide in 1986! We have a lot of work to do!!

Friday 17th October: AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome) Questions and Answers. Is there a need for a Black Community Conference on AIDS? How overdue is this? With whom do we liaise? Wouldn't it be nice to see the Terrence Higgins Trust produce a leaflet in conjunction /consultation with ourselves from the Black Community? Black medics, nurses, doctors - please contact us on "01-885 3543".

Friday 24th October: "Documenting Our Lifestyles". Here is real opportunity to help set the record straight! Bring an old diary of when you first started out and share some of the memories. The photographs, the poems and the songs with the unforgettable melodies. We will tape interviews and acquire techniques - speaking truths; Recording truths. Any material held will be with your consent. We will have access to a video camera for those of us who would like to "practise"



years). Its an afternoon-tea affair on Sunday 28th Sept 4pm at 145 Mayall Road, Herne Hill, London, SE24; Tel: 01-737 8237. The real profits (the more you buy) from the event will go towards sending reps to the States. So come on down!!

A TUPPERWARE PARTY? - For real!! Yes, there will be a real Tupperware party with a person demonstrating elegant plastic kitchen utensils which are well-known for their superior quality and life-time gurantee (10-

in front of and behind cameras /film to help us not forget this evening.

Friday 31st October: WORD-PROCESSING - An Introduction. "Tonight we hope to demonstrate word-processing using the interviews and discussions and photographs form last week (Fri 24th) to produce a historic report of LGBG which we each may want to keep and treasure. Graphic artists should bring samples of work to contribute, please... Who is or Blacklesbian or Blackgay cartoonist?"

Friday Nov 7th: Is another PLANNING MEETING at LGBG for the SOCIAL next week - Friday 4th November. We make demands of the LONDON - USA contingent. What commitment do we require from these people who we have been fundraising for. What do we want them to bring back ...inspiration? Inspiration for what?

Friday 14th Nov FAREWELL /SOCIAL. Our mob will be off to L.A. next week waving handkerchief sized banners in a most discrete fashion. COME ON DOWN!!

"COPY DEADLINE" for BLACKOUT - Autumn is 20th October 1986. We will be printing during the week 27/10 and will be requiring volunteers to help with the mailout. Please put the dates in your diary.

A STORY
This is the story about four people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody. There was an important job to be done and Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it. Somebody got angry about that, because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought Anybody could do it, but Nobody realised that Everybody wouldn't do it. It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done.

THE END.