

BLACK LESBIAN &
GAY CENTRE



NOVEMBER '98 ISSUE

BLGC AGM – SUMMARY

The AGM was held on 18th October 1998 at the Centre. The Centre would like to thank all whom attended and contributed to a useful discussion about the future of the Centre. Attendance to the meeting was disappointing, particularly as efforts were made to advertise the meeting as widely as possible including a mail out to nearly 400 members.

Changes to the constitution were agreed including the new redesigned logo.

The message the Centre would now like to send to the community is as follows:

IT IS DOWN TO YOU, THE BLACK LESBIAN & GAY COMMUNITY, TO SHOW THE CENTRE THAT YOU WANT IT.

THERE ARE MANY OF US OUT THERE THAT NEED IT BUT MAY NOT BE READY TO LOOK FOR SUPPORT YET. WE AS A COMMUNITY CANNOT LET THEM DOWN. WE NEED TO DO WHAT WE CAN TO SUPPORT EACH OTHER.

AND, IF YOU DON'T BELIEVE THIS, VOLUNTEER FOR AN HOUR A WEEK ON THE HELPLINE.

The Centre will be working closely towards the objectives of the Action Plan for the next three months. Progress will be reviewed at a General meeting, which is scheduled to be held at the end of January. If you would like a copy of the Annual Report please contact the Centre on 0171 620 3885 leaving your name and address.

Reviews. . .

Wind Down Zone - for Black History Month

On 10th October the BLGC held an event to celebrate Black History Month. A dominoes championship was held and we have a new dominoes champion, Karine, any challengers don't be shy, contact the BLGC. We are pleased to say that the evening was enjoyed by all who attended, music was supplied by H & D Sounds, DJ's Levi, Smoochie and 2nd Nature. We would like to thank all who attended and supported the event.

The Candy Bar

4 Carlisle Street, W1 (off Dean Street)

Women's Bar in the heart of Soho: Boyz can come as guests. Good place to meet for a drink with friends. Also has club nights. Those recommended are listed under club listings. Well worth a visit.

Mon - Thurs	5pm - 12am
Fri & Sat	5pm - 2am
Sun	5pm - 11pm

⊖ Tottenham Court Road

The Glass Bar (West Lodge)

190 Euston Road, NW1

Women only bar with named evenings. Try the singles night on Thursday or Jazz night on Friday

Door Charge normally a couple of quid on named nights

Her/She bar - Jacamo's

88-89 Cowcross Street EC13

Stylish womens bar, boyz as guests, open seven nights, normal pub hours. Mon - Thurs boyz as guests, weekends girlz only.

⊖ Farringdon

Fridge Bar

Town Hall Parade, Brixton Hill, SW2

Want to go back to your roots, then Fridge Bar on a Sunday is the place to be. Tribal rhythms mixed with 90's grooves. Happening deep penetrating vibes, female DJ spins the tunes while guests from all over the world, mainly Africa, add beats on the drums. 9pm-1am, free B4 11pm, £5 after.

⊖ Brixton

Off The Hook - The Velvet Room

157 Charring Cross Rd, WC1

Start the week on a high note on Mondays at The Velvet room Uplifting vibe enjoyed by all who attend, no attitudes, no egos. DJ Chris Mckay, (also at Fruit Machine - Heaven), giving you R&B, house & garage, ragga, hip hop and soul accompanied by an MC. Free B4 11pm, £3/£4 after.

⊖ Tottenham Court Rd

Club Listings. . .

Saturday

LIBERTE - Club Phoenix
259-261 Seven Sisters Rd

Womens only monthly club last Saturday of the month. DJ's Asha and Nikki Lucas, guest DJ's and MC. Mix of swing, soul, reggae and vocal garage. Popular monthly club. 10pm - 6am £5, £4 B4 12. ☎ Finsbury Pk.

QUEER NATION at Substation South

Brighton Terrace, SW9

Weekly US house and garage, mostly men but women always welcome. 10.30pm-6am, £6, mems £5 after 11.30pm, £4 B4 with QN flyer (available west end bars). ☎ Brixton.

MAMBO INN - Cema Cafe Gallery
129 Stoke Newington High St, N16

Monthly womens nite, 2nd Saturday of the month. DJ Guardian Angel.

DTPM at The End
West Central St, WC1

Two rooms, one house & garage with a top line up of DJ's including

Jeffrey Hinton. The other provides some of the funkier soul and rare grooves. 90% men but women welcome, for those who enjoy funky underground house & garage. Arrive early to avoid the queue. 9pm-4am, £7/£10 non-members.

☎ Tottenham Court Rd.

Sunday

CANDY BAR
4 Carlisle Street, W1

Firmed Up, 2nd Sunday of month, R&B, soul, garage. DJ Dionne & Guests.

Klub Kulture, 3rd Sunday of month, Soul, funky classics, hip hop. DJ Vee.

Precious Brown, 4th Sunday of month, Drum 'n' Bass, jazzy house, Latin. DJ's Ms Bailey & Marilyn. 8pm - 11pm, £3 door tax, Boyz as guests.

☎ Tottenham Court Rd.

FRIDGE BAR
Town Hall Parade, Brixton Hill, SW2

Tribal rhythms mixed with 90's grooves, happening deep penetrating vibes. A female DJ

spinning the tunes accompanied by guests from all over the world, mainly Africa, on the drums.

9pm-1am, free B4 11 £5 after.

☉ Brixton.

Monday

OFF THE HOOK at The Velvet Room

157 Charing Cross Rd, W1

Free B4 11pm, £3/£4 after. See reviews. ☉ Tottenham Court Rd.

Wednesday

THE FRUIT MACHINE at Heaven

Charring Cross Arches, Villiers St, WC2

3 floors, 1 house & garage, 2 Powder room - disco, 3 R&B & hip hop - Jeffrey Hinton & friends. 10.30pm-3.30am, £6, £1 B4 11.30pm w/flyer. Arrive early to avoid queue. ☉ Charring X

TEASE at The Candy Bar

4 Carlisle St, W1

DJ Smokin' Jo plus smouldering dancers. 5pm - midnight, £3.

☉ Tottenham Court Rd.

Thursday

FUNK FACTORY at the Tube

Falconberg Court, W1

Underground garage and R&B. DJ's Chris Mckay, DRU, Sugar Bear, SLT on rotation. 11pm-4am, £4, £2 B4 midnight.

☉ Tottenham Court Rd.

AFRIKA JUMBO at the Artful Dodger

139 Southgate Rd, N1

Gay men of colour, 9pm-2pm, £2.

☉ Angel.

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who like it short!**

Your hair that is!

**Do you dislike going to a
barber shop full of men just to
have a trim? Then Don't!!**

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barber for women only**

**For more information
contact the BLGC on
0171 620 3885**



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 WITH US AT A
SCORPIO BASHMENT

£3 B4 00:00 hrs
£5 Thereafter



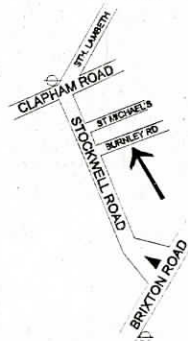
RIDDIMS ON THE NITE:
Ragga, Swing,
Hip Hop, Lovers
Rare Groove, Revival,
Slow Jams, Soca

SAT 21ST NOV
9A BURNLEY RD
STOCKWELL, SW9

Nearest tubes:
 Stockwell &
 Brixton

Buses:
 345, 2,
 322

DJ's Mixing & Blendin'
Smoochie, 2nd Nature,
Levi & Guests



COME TEST THE
SCORPIO CREW!

♀ Only

BAR & FOOD

Contributions to the newsletter are welcome. Events information, letters, poems etc.

Give a few a hours a week..

The Black Lesbian and Gay Centre need volunteers to :

- ✱ Provide advice and counselling
- ✱ Fundraise
- ✱ Operate the help line
- ✱ Help in the office

Many Black Lesbian and Gay men still experience extreme isolation. They face discrimination in areas such as education, housing and employment. Many are afraid to reveal their identity and may be deeply isolated.

The Black Lesbian & Gay Centre is a space where people can gather, broaden their awareness, celebrate and give and receive support.

For more information phone

0171 620 3885

Central location Training Given Expenses paid

Registered Charity No: 1003955