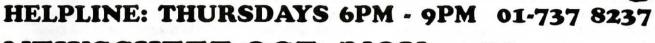
BLACK LESBIAN AND GAY CENTRE PROJECT

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NEWSSHEET OCT /NOV 1988

WE ARE PLEASED TO BE OFFERING YOU this current Oct /Nov mailing. Our apologies are in order for the delay since the production of the last one. Not only was the postal dispute in our way but we were in some ways too short of staff to tackle it with a vengence. BLGC has a new worker in the project. So Savi and Dirg have been joined by "Helena". The project is still short of a finance worker. We are looking for someone to balance the current team of two women and one man. We expect to be re-advertising shortly so keep your eyes peeled for jobs vacant listings in the press and the next newssheet.

BLACKOUT magazine [MEETING ON 10th November, 7pm PROMPT] had been put on ice only temporarily while the co-ordinator, Dennis, is away. The support for the magazine's second edition has been poor. There is a core of committed people willing to get this magazine in print (again) who are in need of your support. We still have a shortage of articles (poetry, short stories, coming out stories), images (photography, line drawings) which would become influential on the minds of the Blacklesbian and Blackgay community. You should be present at the BLACKOUT magazine meeting on 10th November, 7pm prompt, if you are committed to making the magazine a success. If you are offering apologies please contact the office before then to record your apologies and so that you can be kept informed of any subsequent date in meetings. Remember being apathetic doesn't get things done.

- 1. WOMEN'S EDUCATION IN BUILDING is a training scheme in the building trades for women over 25. There are two types of courses; one twelve week multi-trade taster; and a six month single trade course. Preference will be given to women who have had few training opportunities in the past. Apply as soon as possible (A.S.A.P) for course beginning in January 1989. For further details contact WEIB, 12 Malton Road, London W10. Tel: 01-968 9139.
- 2. JOB ADVERT PACE (Project for Advice, Counselling & Education services provided by lesbians and gay men) ADMINISTRATOR needed to co-ordinate volunteers, counselling and training services for lesbian and gay project. The work will involve close liaison with Black and minority ethnic communities; eg. Afro-Caribbean, Asian,

Oriental and mixed race. We have a commitment to making the services more accessible to Black and minority ethnic communities and applicants must therefore have direct relevant experience. Four days per week - £13,000 pro rata. Applications to PACE, 67-69 Cowcross St, London EC1M 6BP, enclosing an A4 SAE, or telephone PACE on 01-251 2689. Closing date: 25th October 1988.

- 3. PECKHAM BLACK WOMEN'S CENTRE has now established a welfare rights advice session every Wednesday 10am-12noon. Advice on Education Benefits, Income Support, and benefits for single parents are just a few of the areas they could help you with. Contact PBWC, 69 Bellenden Road, Peckham, London SE15. Tel: 01-358 1486.
- 7. BLACK BISEXUAL CAUCUS: "Creating our own space..." Do you describe your sexual orientaion as bisexual? Would you like to discuss your sexuality, views, share joys, problems etc., with other BLACK BISEXUAL Men and Women? For further information contact "B. B. Caucus, c/o BLGC, BM Box 4390, London WC1N 3XX.
- 8. Suitable for adults only, 'THE PUBLIC' is the epic masterpiece of Frederco Garcia Lorca, one of Spain's greatest Twentieth Century poets and playwrights. When he wrote 'The Public' in 1930, he called it "a poem to be booed" and "impossible theatre", knowing that it could never be performed during his lifetime. It's treatment of sexuality was too outrageous. Through dreams and fantasy, Lorca celebrates the many aspects of love, which would have shocked an audience of his day. A few weeks befroe his assassination in 1936, Lorca gave the manuscript to a friend who concealed it for twenty years. 'The Public' can be seen at the Theatre Royal Stratford East. Gerry Raffles Square, London E15; until Nov 19th. Prices: £10 /£7 /£5 /£2.50 Disc concs pre-book! Box office 01-534 0310. The Voice newspaper gave the play some visibility in profiling one of the play's young Black performers and made reference to caluse 28.
- 10. HARINGEY HIV SUPPORT GROUP Meets regularly: If you have HIV /ARC or AIDS this self help gorup is here to support you, provide information, help network you with local council and health authority services. For futher information dates and times of meetings; Contact: Kyriacos on 01-802 8981.

11. LESBIAN INCEST SURVIVORS GROUP - meets regularly in Central London one Tuesday evening and one Sunday afternoon each month. If you want to know more ring: 01-383 5405, or send a letter in print or on tape to 54-56 Phoenix Road, London NW1 1ES. Wheelchair asccessible, including toilets. Sign language interpreter /transport, if booked in advance. Refreshments and Creche. Lesbians who are incest survivors only.

13. BLACK COMMUNITIES AIDS TEAM

is looking for volunteers with time to spare (- or willing to make time!). Who are the Black Communities Aids Team? The Black Communities Aids Team is a voluntary group of Black men and women from the Asian, African and Afro-Caribbean communities. Why the Black Communities Aids Team? The Black Communities Aids team was formed in Jauary 1987 to give support to Balck People who have AIDS and AIDS Related Comples (ARC) and to inform the Black communities on the issue of AIDS and ARC. What are the aims of the Black Communities Aids Team? The aims and objectives of the Black Communities Aids Team are as follows:

- a) To inform the Black Communities on issues concerning the HIV virus, related conditions and AIDS. b) To provide support for people with the HIV virus, related conditions and AIDS, and their families and friends. c) To challenge the structural and social re-inforcement of racism through AIDS, by the media and wider society. d) To challenge the prejudices and myths obscruing the facts in relation to HIV and AIDS. e) To establish links and liaise with relevant organisations to ensure that the needs of the Black communities are met with regard to AIDS issues. What services does the Black Communities Aids team provide? The services that the Black Community Aids Team will provide are as follows:
- a) Volunteer community care service such as 'Buddy or Friend'
- b) Counselling service c) Telephone service, giving advice, help and information to individuals who have problems or queries related to AIDS d) Education programme e) Consultation and information resource service. How can I become a volunteer of the Black Communities Aids Team? To become a volunteer of the Black Communities Aids Team you do not need any special skills, just the need (want?) to help others. Just contact us either by phone or in writing and we will be pleased to give you more information. How can I help the Black Communities Aids Team? YOU can help the Black Communities Aids Team by becoming a volunteer or by sending donations. NOTE NEW ADDRESS: BCAT, The Landmark, 47 Tulse Hill, London SW2 2TN. Tel: 01-671 7611/2
- 14. LESBIANS AND CHILDREN A support and discussion group for lesbian amothers and lesbians considering having children Every Thursday 11am-1pm. Then stay for lunch. (Started 13th October.) Free creche. Haringey Women's Centre, Tottenham Green Education Centre, Town Hall Approach Road, N15. Tel: 01-808 1436.
- 15. SCULPTURE FROM ZIMBABWE until 29th October 1988. OBALLA presents the work of David Matambura Mutasa 'The Price of Freedom' at THE BLACK-ART GALLERY, 225 Seven Sisters Road, London N4. Tel: 01-263 8016 (Check opening times). Tube: Findsbury Park.

16. WOMEN'S THERAPY CENTRE provides a variety of courses through out the year. They range from a general introduction to counselling skills to self-healing meditation. During September and October there are a series of Black women's workshops. Each workshop available at #30.00 and #15.00 unwaged. (The cost may seem a little steep, however, subsidies can be negotiated.) For further information contact WTC, 6 Manor Gardens, London N7 6LA. Tel: 01-623 6200.

THROUGH OUR BLACK EYES exhibition (-until 2nd November) at Community CopyArt, Culcross Building, Battle Bridge Road, Kings Cross, London NW1 2TH.(-until 2nd November) Photocopy Exhibition based on Black Womens experience of living in Britain. Part of the Spectrum Women in Photography Festival. For further info contact Sally or Rashpal 01-833 4417.

22nd October 1988 - Saturday
LESBIAN AND GAY YOUTH WORKERS NATIONAL
MEETING, Manchester Town Hall 11am-4pm. See you
there. (Day return train journey to Manchester #26.00 Travel times: Depart 8am London /Euston arrive 10.45am
Manchester in time for the meeting!)

MASSAGE FOR GAY MEN: Two day workshop 22 /23 Oct. Massage can calm you, release muscle pain, encourage a feeling of well-being and enhance you lifestyle. As a complement to sex, it can be erotic and sensual - and safe! Led by Steve Barlow and Richard Foord. Venue: PACE, at LLGC 67-69 Cowcross St, London EC1M 6BVP. Phone 01-251 2689 or write in to book in advance. Price: 2 day w'shop = #14 /#6 cons.

NFT1 - 6.30pm "A QUEER FEELING WHEN I LOOK AT YOU" is a cinemagraphic montage event - part of the Third Gay and Lesbian Film Festival currently running at the National Film Theatre (NFT, South Bank, London SE1 8XT; Tel: Box Office 01-928 3232) until Nov 6th. One needs to pre-book well in advance to ensure your seat at this festival. Look out for copies of the programme for fuller details we only have space to list titles here.

23rd October 1988 - Sunday

SUNDAY BHANGRA (Asian Disco) organised by SOUTH ASIAN LESBIAN AND GAY NETWORK (SALGN) at LLGC, 67-69 Cowcross St, London EC1. 6pm-1pm. Bar /Food. Admission #2 /#1 (+ .30p /.15p entrance to centre). Tube: Farringdon. All Asian Lesbians, Gay Men and their friends welcome. (Access details: RAMP at back of LLGC; wheel-chair-accessible lift; toilets on 3rd floor lounge level. More details Tel: 01-608 1471).

NFT2 6.15pm "Kissed by Cocteau: James Broughton at 75" [See 22nd Oct for venue]

NFT2 8.30pm NEW BRITISH SHORTS (a selection of short films assembled at the advent of Section 28) The selection includes Steve Harvey's teasing trailer for Homo Promo which features a number of friends from BLGC's mailing list! [See 22nd Oct for venue] 24th October 1988 - Monday NEW CROSS CIRCLE CLUB "MONDAYS - WOMEN

ONLY"; Every Monday from 4-8pm a chance to relax in a friendly informal atmosphere. Please drop in, Tea and Coffee are free from 4-5pm. Hot food is available form 5-

7pm. The New Cross Circle Club is at 308 New Cross Road, London SE14. Tel: 01-691 3381. Monday 24th activity is Trival Pursuits /Scruples /Scrabble /Dominoes / Darts /Pool /& Tarot card readings. Between 6-8pm there is a writing workshop. WOMEN ONLY.

*******STOP PRESS****** Free tickets for Millwall Football matches are available to anyone. Contact: The New Cross Circle Club at 308 New Cross Road, London SE14. Tel: 01-691 3381

NFT2 6.15pm "A QUEER KING OF FILM" Programme 1: USA Experimental avant-garde [See 22nd Oct for venue]

6.30pm-8.30pm DRAMA WORKSHOP at Camden Lesbian Centre, Phoenix Road, NW1.

25th October 1988 - Tuesday ALA /LVSC seminar on Sections 28 & 27, with Robin Allan QC, at LVSC 2pm-5pm.

CREATION FOR LIBERATION (01-737 2121) present Ntozake Shange (Black American Poet & Playwrite) accompanied by John Raymond Purcell (Jazz-Saxophonist), with Jean 'Binta' Breeze leading Jamaican Dub Poet and author of "Riddym Ravings". Ritzy Cinema, Brixton Oval, London SW2. Priced #4. This will be the first National Tour for the celebrated Black American Poet & Playwtite Ntozake Shange.

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS a series of talks at NEW CROSS CIRCLE CLUB [For address see Oct 24th] Tonight's topic: Benedfit Problems - discussion.

NFT2 6.15pm "A QUEER KIND OF FILM" Programme 2: USA Experimental avant-garde [See 22nd Oct for venue]

26th October 1988 - Wednesday HARINGEY - HIV /AIDS INFORMATION DAY. The Local Authority and Health Authority now have workers in post to help us and our organisation to come to terms with the problem of HIV /AIDS. The information day will provide the opportunity to tell you about our work and share information. A half day has been planned in which we will meet in small groups to enable everyone to experss their views and assess your organisations particular needs. It would be useful if you could make every effort to nominate someone form your organisation to attend the day. Venue: Chestnuts Community Centre, St Anns Road, London N15.

EXHIBITION OF PHOTOGRAPHS by Rebecca Sinker TANZANIA: Uhuru Na Kazi (Freedom and Work) - until 3rd December at Homerton Hospital, Homerton Row, London E9. Access for people with disabilities. 27th October 1988 - Thursday CYPRIOT Lesbian and Gay Group Social, from 7.30pm-11pm at The Fallen Angel, 65 Graham St, London N1. Food available. Open to Cypriot Lesbian and Gays and

FUSION is a group for people who need to socialise in a racially mixed environment. Tonight's meeting is a Development meeting: The quarterly discussion about the running of the group. Ideas and opinions welcome. FU-

their friends.

SION has regular meetings on Fridays (7.30 for 8.30) at The Fallen Angel, 65 Graham St, London N1. (Tube: Angel). You can write to FUSION c/o London Friend, 86 Caledonian Road, London N1. (Tube: Kings Cross) They meet on Saturdays (8pm) at Friend for "Relaxed evenings of conversation, discussion, whatever you like, in an informal atmosphere".

28th October 1988 - Friday

Apples & Snakes Poetry Club [See 21st Oct. for venue]. Performers include: African Dawn (Pan African Orature & Music) Merle Collins, Kwesi Owusu, Vico Mensah, Ahmed Sheikh, Wala Danga, Herman Asafa-Adjei, Princess Patience, Eduardo Pereira, Jewel Ackak, Eugene Skeef; Masimba Rapso-Poets - The People's Poetry, Sister Netifa, Brother Book, Brother Resistance, Seko Tafari.

SIXTH ANNUAL BISEXUAL CONFERENCE - The Friends Meeting House, 120 Heath Street, Hampstead, London NW3. Hosted by the London Bisexual Group, October 28th - 30th 1988. Please contact 01-737 5763 for further details and application form.

NFT2 6.15pm "THE LAST SONG a." (Thailand 1986) /"AT HOME" (Israel 1988) [See 22nd Oct for venue]

NFT2 8.30pm "ANGUISHED LOVE b." /"LESS TIME THAN YOU" (USA 1988) [See 22nd Oct for venue]

MIXED LESBIAN SOCIAL evening at Camden Lesbian Centre, Phoenix Road, NW1.

29th October 1988 - Saturday (NFT Series) MUSEUM OF THE MOVING IMAGE (MOMI) 8.30pm "Two of us" /"Friends forever" [See 22nd Oct for venue]30th October 1988 - Sunday MEN IN LONDON: Being Gay and Black - This is a workshop where Black gay men can identify and explore important issues, including sexaulity, racism and internalised oppression, relationships with Black and White men, and HIV /AIDS. Venue: PACE at LLGC [See 22nd Oct].

HALLOWEEN (4pm) PARTY - HORROR. Masks or fancy dress - Prizes for the best costume. Plus lots more prises for special Halloween games and quizzes. FOOD /Cost #1.00. The New Cross Circle Club [See 24th Oct for address.]

Time: 11am-5pm. Led by: Jeff Sawyer. Prices: #7 /#3.

31st October 1988 - Monday WOMEN ONLY AT NEW CROSS CIRCLE CLUB. Social night open form 4-9pm with music, food, fun, games, prises. Children Welcome - Bring friends (Children FREE). Safe Women's Transport is booked for women who heed transport in the Lewisham area. [For address see 24th Oct]

NFT2 6.15pm "MUSCLES FROM OUTER SPACE": Physique films of Richard Fontaine (1949-1962) [See 22nd Oct for venue]

NFT2 8.30pm "WENDEL" (Swiss 1987) /"TRANSIENTS" (USA 1987) /"GUS VAN SANT'S DIARY" (USA 1981-88) [See 22nd Oct for venue]

1st November 1988 - Tuesday KNOW YOUR RIGHTS - a series of talks at New Cross Circle Club. 6.30pm - 8pm. Tonight's topic: Rights when shopping. [See 24th Oct for address.]

2nd November 1988 - Wednesday
BLACK HISTORY FOR ACTION presents (in the crucial series of meetings) first Wednesday in every month at
7.30pm SHARP!...Meetings where Black People can come together and discuss our history, culture and present situation, but most importantly - the way forward. TOPIC:
PERSONAL /POLITICAL RELATIONSHOPS The Struggle Against Sexism in the Black Movement. Venue: Brixton Village, (Formerly St Matthews Meeting Place) Brixton Hill, Brixton, SW9. A creche will be available. Tube: Brixton.
Further information, contact Sharon, BHA, c/o 83 Astbury Road, Peckham, London SE15; or Grassroots Tel: 01-969
0687. Black History for Action is completely free of all State or Commercial Funding. Your donations are welcome.

5th November 1988 - Saturday NALGO L&G Conference (Bradford?) (Sat & Sun)

NFT1 6.30pm SNEAK PREVIEWs [See 22nd Oct for venue]
NFT2 8.30pm "URINAL" (Canada 1988) [See 22nd Oct for venue]

6th November 1988 - Sunday NALGO L&G Conference [See 5th Nov]

NFT2 6.15pm "ANNA & ELIZABETH" (Germany 1933) Starring the leading ladies of 'Maidens in Uniform'! /"THE WINGS" (Sweden 1916) 'The earliest known etching of male gay feeling on film' [See 22nd Oct for venue]

NFT2 8.30pm "MAIDENS IN UNIFORM" (Germany 1958) (lonely school girl becomes infatuated with her tender teacher) [See 22nd Oct for venue] 7th November 1988 - Monday

A Seminar for Voluntary and Community Organisations in Haringey: LOCAL GOVERNMENT CHANGES. What are the implicatons? Find out what's going on; debate ideas; agree on action. Tonight's seminar will cover particularly The Poll Tax; Privitisation; Section 28. Speakers form Local Government Information Unit, London Voluntary Services Council and Services to Community Action and Trade Unions (SCAT). Time: 9.30am - 4pm. Venue: Chestnuts Community Centre, St. Anns Road, N15. It has wheelchair access and toilets. Costs: Each seminar costs #10.00 per person for funded organisations and #1.50 for unfunded organisations. The cost includes a buffet lunch. Creche: A creche will be provided, if requested two weeks in advance. Booking: Places must be booked two weeks in advance. Contact: Joan Munro or Jayesh Amin, Community Training, 25 Station Road, London N22 6UX. Tel: 01-975 9700 x3530.

8th November 1988 - Tuesday L&G Personnell and employment workshop (structures & policies)

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS a series of talks at The New Cross Circle Club. 6.30-8pm. Tonight's topic: Money Problems and debt. [See 24th Oct for address.]

9th November 1988 - Wednesday USA Presidential election

10th November 1988 - Thursday BLACKLESBIAN SOCIAL 7pm Camden Lesbian Centre, Phoenix Road, NW1. Videos /then visit club. 3th November 1988 - Sunday 1-4pm GEMMA meeting at Camden Lesbian Centre, Phoenix Road, NW1.

16th November 1988 - Wednesday
BLACKLESBIAN AND BLACKGAY MENS WORKERS
SUPPORT GROUP this Wednesday and every 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7pm. Venue: LAGAR, Room 203,
South Bank House, Black Prince Road, London SE1 7SJ.
The broad aims of the group is to provide practical support for Blacklesbians and Blackgay men who daily have to cope with the stress of the combination of racism, homophobia and who generally wants support in their work environment. The group is open to all Blacklesbians and Blackgay men.

9th November 1988 - Saturday HIV /AIDS Day for women & workshop for Black women only - in Islington. 10.30am-5pm. Venue: Manor Gardens Centre.

21st November 1988 - Monday Seminars for Voluntary and Community Organisations in Haringey. Topic: INCOME GENERATION - The possibilities and the limitations. Is it fair or realistic to expect voluntary organisations to earn some of their income by selling services or products? What sort of resources would be needed to support organisations who wish to try and generate income? Speakers form Centre for Employment Initiatives, Swiss Cottage Community Centre Market, Tottenham Community Project, Hartingdon Scheme, Time: 9.30am - 4pm. Venue: Chestnuts Community Centre, St. Anns Road, N15. It has wheelchair access and toilets. Costs: Each seminar costs #10.00 per person for funded organisations and #1.50 for unfunded organisations. The cost includes a buffet lunch. Creche: A creche will be provided, if requested two weeks in advance. Booking: Places must be booked two weeks in advance. Contact: Joan Munro or Javesh Amin, Community Training, 25 Station Road, London N22 6UX. Tel: 01-975 9700 x3530.

22nd November 1988 - Tuesday KNOW YOUR RIGHTS - a series of talks at The New Cross Circle Club, 6.30-8pm. Tonight's topic: Rights at work. [See 24th Oct for address]]

26th November 1988 - Saturday
Stop The Clause Eurotour arrives in London for dayconference.

