

ONE YEAR ON!

One year after the launch of LGSM at last year's pride march, the Dulais valley mining community has shown its support for our struggle by marching with us today.

LGSM will be folding up after today, but we intend to go out with a bang!

Money raised from our stall (20/21) today will go to Dulais. We have lots for sale - including our infamous badges, and tonight we'll be celebrating at our HIT THE PITS party at the Lesbian and Gay centre from 9:00. Buy your tickets now (Only 50p/20p) to avoid the (c)rush!

Many thanks to all those who've contributed from up and down the British Isles and overseas over the last 18 months.

LA LOTTE CONTINUA! VICTORY TO THE WORKING-CLASS! VENCEREMOS!

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IF THE POLICE ATTACK..... ?

Many of you will remember the chaos in Rugby when the police attacked the demonstration and some people sat down in protest - others didn't - general mayhem, and 18 were arrested

Well, given that there is no organisation today for if there are arrests bar GALOPs advice, we're advising that if there are arrests that we CARRY ON MARCHING. We don't want the march to dissolve with people having no idea what is going on, how to react, what the agreed tactics are... If we then march on to Jubilee gardens we can organise defence for those arrested there - we will then know which police station they are in - for instance pickets etc.

Details of what to do if you are arrested, or if you see someone being arrested are on the GALOP leaflet.

(Capital Gay letter continued...)

Yes! Let's have loads of fun and music.. Great!.. But let's not forget why it's all necessary.

In Pride and solidarity

Lesbians and Gays support the miners

Lesbians against pit closures

Gay Icebreakers

Lesbian and Gay young socialists

Labour campaign for Lesbian and Gay rights LGYM

North London poly Gaysoc

Communist party Lesbian & Gay collective
and others...

Gay Scotland

FLAGS

NE London poly Gaysoc

Labour Lesbians

Ian Christie (SHRG)

YCL Lesbian & Gay group

OPEN LETTER TO THE LESBIAN AND GAY PRIDE ORGANISATION COMMITTEE

Capital Gay refused to print the following letter.

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Firstly allow us to congratulate you all for organising what looks like being a spectacular and popular Lesbian and Gay event. Many people felt that after last years Pride events, things had been left to too small and narrow a group of activists. Lesbian and Gay Pride should and must be attractive to as many Lesbians and Gays as possible.

However, we feel that you may have overlooked the reasons why an annual Lesbian and Gay parade is necessary.

While the vast majority of Lesbians and Gay men are forced to accept second or even third class citizenship.

While our bookshops and pubs are being raided by the police, denying our right to read about and promote our lifestyles.

While our specific health needs are not recognised by the NHS - itself under threat - we can expect to face continued use of AIDS hysteria to undermine our rights. Another aspect of this moral backlash is the attempt to deny women control over their own bodies and lives: the Powell bill and Gillick judgement.

While white, heterosexual, male judges continue to take children away from their Lesbian mothers - ruling who is and who isn't fit to look after children

While we continue to have no basic, legal rights at work, and can be hired and fired at will, and can even be excluded from certain jobs because of our sexuality (Rugby - a case in mind).

While the present government increases the powers of the police to harass, intimidate and victimise whole sections of the community.

While institutionalised racism continues unchecked - not least within our own community - and Black, Asian and other ethnic minorities are excluded and marginalised.

While the government attacks local councils through abolition and rate capping, threatening the Lesbian and Gay groups that have been supported.

While all this is going on - where is the spirit of Lesbian and Gay Pride? WHERE IS OUR ANGER??

Where is our strength to fight back going to come from? Are we to leave politics to the publicans and publishers? Or to White, Heterosexual, Male politicians?

By excluding speakers on the above issues you deny recognition of the valuable work that members of our own community put into defending our rights over the past year; lots of bad speakers can 'kill a carnival atmosphere'... but good ones can only add to it!

Over the past year, struggles have been entered into, and real links forged and strengthened. THIS IS HOW WE CAN ACHIEVE LESBIAN AND GAY LIBERATION.