

LESBIAN AND GAY LIBERATION NOW!

We have broken new ground during the last 12 months. Not only have more lesbians and gay men organised openly as lesbians and gays in support of the miners than have ever previously been involved in a working class struggle, but the response of the mining communities has led to the formation of bonds that should not be broken.

Many lesbians and gays will recognise

parallels in our own experience of the government's attempts to portray miners and their families as the enemy within. This weekend will give us an opportunity to draw out the best of our experience so far, and to discuss the way forward.

We invite all lesbian and gay men who support the miners, representatives of trade union bodies, and strikers and their families to attend.

CONFERENCE :

LESBIANS and GAYS SUPPORT the MINERS THE WAY FORWARD

March 30/31st
The London Lesbian and Gay Centre
67/69 Cowcross St.
London EC1
(Farringdon tube)

ORGANISED BY LESBIANS AGAINST PIT CLOSURES
AND LESBIANS AND GAYS SUPPORT THE MINERS

I/We would be interested in attending the conference and require
accommodation for adults and
..... children

NAME

ADDRESS

Number of adults:

Number of children requiring creche accommodation:

Please indicate if you require accommodation
in a women-only household

COST: £5.00 waged £1.00 unwaged

PLEASE RETURN THE ABOVE FORM TO:
M. JACKSON, 39 LLOYD BAKER St., KING'S CROSS, LONDON WC1.
(phone 01 833 4785).

Saturday's agenda :

morning:

The Gains of the Strike

introduced by DAI DONOVAN

from Dulais Valley, twinned with LGSM

afternoon:

Women Against Pit Closures

introduced by VICKY SMALES

from Rhodesia Women's Action Group,

twinned with LAPC

Timings include workshops and a lunch break. There will be women-only space throughout the conference. In the evening a lesbian and gay social is being organised which will include the production of a play by Nigel Young.

THE FIGHT GOES ON!

Now that the strike has been called to an end, solidarity tasks with the miners are even more urgent as gas and electricity bills start to pile up. Also a massive campaign is needed for the reinstatement of miners sacked during the dispute.

Lesbians and Gays Support the Miners and Lesbians Against Pit Closures originally called a conference of lesbians and gay men in support of the miners to discuss organising in solidarity as lesbians and gays, and the way forward for lesbian and gay liberation after the strike.

We believe the conference would now be more useful than ever, as support will drop off now that the strike has ended nationally.

Lesbians and gays must build on the links that have been made in the strike, both with the mining communities and with the labour movement as a whole.

How do we continue the fight for lesbian and gay liberation after the experience of organising in the strike? How can we mobilise more support, especially among lesbians and gays, for the strike and related issues like Powell's anti-women bill, rate-capping, abolition of the GLC, the NHS, and the Labour Party levy?