



Newsletter

WLGBT+ at a glance

Our Impact

In October we:

Over the month we had a 198 people join us for our wonderful activities!

Rainbow Oasis

was our busiest activity this month, with **Bears Teatime** a close second, followed by **Stride With Pride**.

"Hope will never be silent."

Harvey Milk



Keep yourself in the loop

In **December**, we've had World Aids Day. And we're looking toward Christmas & New Year.

Current happenings

We must thank all of our wonderful volunteers and allies for their tireless dedication over the past year. Including Brewers Decorators Centre, Collins Aerospace, and the West Brom Building Society.

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Out of Darkness Cometh Rainbows

Hello everyone and welcome to December's Newsletter.

I hope you're all wrapping up from the very cold weather and managing to keep warm. Lots of good things going on this month as we lead up to Christmas. Is that time of year already?

We have all of our usual activities for December as well as a 30% discount at *The Old Joint Stock Theatre* in Birmingham for their show **Zanna Don't** - a musical fairytale which we will be going to see on *Saturday 14th December*. Feel free to join us if you can.

It runs until 15th December and we have a code for 30% off the ticket price, if you ask politely. The discount can happen for all performances, but we'd love to see you on the 14th. It's an amazing place which puts on some amazing shows - we've seen a few there now. The public bar on the ground floor is breathtaking. They also serve meals if you want to make it a true evening out.



Plaque at Aids Memorial Tree in West Park.

We now have the pleasure to announce our 2nd men/male-identifying only group which will take place on *20th December*. The inaugural meeting of **Men4Men** - following similar lines to our extremely successful **Women4Women** group. Both take place in the White Hart Pub from 7pm - 9pm. A humongous thank you to Dale, Jason and the gang for being prepared to tolerate yet another group from WLGBT+. Come along and have a good old chinwag and a drink with old, new and, not yet met friends. Sounds like a blast? *Good. I'll see you there.*

We also have **Inclusive Carols** at the White Hart on *12th December* at 7:30pm. Come and have a singalong and instill some of the true meanings of Christmas before the partying starts. Tickets are available on Eventbrite.

We've been really busy at the Centre during November and looking forward to a bit of a relaxing time during December – but we've been busier than ever.

As well as our usual very busy programme of activities, we have hosted art workshops organized by Wolverhampton Art Gallery, held a poignant World Aids Day event with the council and Methodist church, taken part in discussions planning next years Pride (yes, it is happening) and, a whole raft of things that have kept everyone here more than busy.

Our film group – they call it a movie group, but my generation still call them films, had a very successful outing to see Gladiator 2 and are looking forward to seeing Wicked. For the first time ever we had a representative at the Wolverhampton Remembrance day service held at the Civic Centre, and the list goes on...



Graham and all the speakers from the World Aids Day: Stride With Pride

I would like to say a humongous thank you to all the coordinators, volunteers, group leaders and everyone else that has supported the Charity over the last year, and we are all looking forward to next year where there are already lots of new projects taking place, with a view to very exciting stuff.

As ever we need more volunteers both at Pride House, and to help us take more of our groups/activities outside of the City. We will be reaching out to people who might find it more difficult to come away from home to join more like-minded friends (who they didn't know they had), and to become part of this wonderful 'family' we are fortunate to have here – together.

So, before I rabbit on too much, I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our members, staff, volunteers and sponsors (allies and sponsors) a very Merry Christmas and a Spectacular New Year that's full of love and optimism.



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December Activities:

Monday 2nd - IT drop in – Wednesfield Library 12-2pm

Mindfulness craft group: make a festive greetings card –
Central Library 4.30-6.30pm

Tuesday 3rd - Coffee morning and festive quiz – Finchfield Library 10.30-12.30

Wellbeing Walk around West Park – Meet at Whitmore Reans
Library 10.30am

Friday 6th – Creative writing group – Low Hill Library 2.30-3.30pm

Monday 9th - Represent! Book club – Whitmore Reans Library 2.30-3.30pm

Online Craft Club 6-7pm contact to join

Tuesday 10th – Rhyme Time (0-4) – Wednesfield Library 2.30-3pm

Wednesday 11th – Bereavement social group – Tettenhall Library 2.30-4pm

Board games – Tettenhall Library 2.30-4pm

Thursday 12th – Local history group – Bilston Library - visit to Reminiscence

Community Café – Meet outside 10 Caledonia Street, WV14
6AE at 11am

Friday 13th - Gingerbread person decorating and coffee – Whitmore Reans

Library 3.15-4.30pm

Monday 16th - Festive board games – Wednesfield Library 3-5pm

Book and a Brew online 5.30-6.30pm – Festive quiz edition!
Contact to join

Tuesday 17th – Festive board games – Low Hill Library 2.30-4pm

Wednesday 18th – Festive board games – Spring Vale Library 3-4.30pm

Thursday 19th – Teenage study club (13-17) – Central Library meeting room –

4.30-6pm

Friday 20th – Coffee morning and festive quiz – Tettenhall Library 10am-12pm

Monday 23rd – Menopause café and festive quiz – Wednesfield Library 5.30-

6.30pm

Tuesdays weekly – Scrabble and chess club - Central Library 2-3.30pm

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THE OLD JOINT STOCK PRESENTS

Zanna Don't!

A MUSICAL FAIRYTALE



Book and Lyrics by
ALEXANDER DINELARIS
Music, Book & Lyrics by
TIM ACITO

Directed by
SCOTT LE CRASS
Choreographed by
DAVID WINTERS

WED 4TH – SUN 15TH DECEMBER

The Old Joint Stock Theatre, Birmingham B2 5NY | www.oldjointstock.co.uk

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THE OLD JOINT STOCK
PRESENTS

SCROOGE IN *Rouge*

*An English
Music Hall Christmas Carol*

Book & Lyrics by
RICKY GRAHAM

Additional Material by
JEFFERY ROBERTSON

Other Interesting bits by
YVETTE HARIS

Original Music Composed by
JEFFERSON TURNER

Directed by
EMILY SUSANNE LLOYD

18TH – 30TH DECEMBER

THE OLD JOINT STOCK, BIRMINGHAM, B2 5NY

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December's Activities

World AIDS Day

Memorial Walk and Vigil, West Park, by the bandstand

1st Dec,
2-4pm



Sunday Yoga

Easy flo for newbies and yogis alike- all abilities

1st, 8th, 15th
and 22nd Dec
2.45pm-4pm



Yoga For All

Bend, stretch, shape and relax with friends

5th, 12th and
19th Dec
5.15-6.30pm



Rainbow Foodies

VIP social outing- Instabul Restuarant

5th December
6.45pm



Rainbow Oasis

Chatty, inclusive space for all

7th, 14th and
21st Dec
11am-1.30pm



Board Game

Group

LGBT+ lovers of board games

8th Dec
2pm-5pm



Inclusive Gathering

An inclusive space to explore spirituality and faith

10th Dec
7-9pm



Inclusive Carols

An exclusive space to get into the festive spirit

The White Hart

12th Dec
7.30-9pm



Saturday

Needlecraft

Knit, crochet, stitch, sew and natter

14th Dec
11am-1.30pm



Sewing Machine

School

From novice or expert, guidance on a machine

14th Dec
2pm-4pm



German Market/

Zanna Don't

A trip to the German Market/Old Joint Stock

14th Dec
2pm-late



Stride with

Pride

Gentle, accessible, social walking group

15th Dec
10.45am-
12.15



Men4Men

A social get together for men who love men.

The White Hart

20th Dec
7-9pm



NEW

Women4Women

A social get together for women who love

women
21st Dec
7-9pm



Blood On The

Clocktower

A mystery game of deception and deduction

22nd Dec
12.45-4pm



Eventbrite

Getting involved at WLGBT+

We are always on the look out for wonderful volunteers, to add to our fabulous team. We are specifically looking for people who would like to volunteer for these:

- Rainbow Oasis Week 2 (2nd Saturday of the month)
- others here

As with most things, this newsletter will be adapted all the time. And, we want your feedback on this as we get better! Please let us know if you have any feedback by *emailing newsletter@wolverhamptonlgbt.org*

Are you an Ally of Wolverhampton LGBT+? If so, you can advertise your job/volunteer vacancies here for Free!

Deadline for Content in our next newsletter (Allies only): *Thursday 19th January.*

Did you know?

We do more than just social events. We provide a *free* inclusive **counselling** service with a 7-day turnaround.