The Equality Network, the Scottish lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) equality charity, will hold a national protest in Edinburgh against a new anti-gay bill signed into law on 24th Feb by Ugandan President Yoweri Museveni.

The new law punishes LGBT people with up to life imprisonment for acts of “aggravated homosexuality”, criminalises the “promotion” and “recognition” of same-sex relationships, and makes it a crime not to report LGBT people to the police.

The Equality Network say the impact of the law is likely to make it almost impossible for people to be openly LGBT in Uganda, and will severely restrict the work of LGBT support groups and charities in the country.

The protest, which will take place on the Mound precinct in central Edinburgh from Noon on Fri 7th Mar, has been organized by the Equality Network to show that Scotland stands in solidarity with LGBT people in Uganda and those suffering human rights infringements worldwide.

The Equality Network is calling on UK Foreign Secretary William Hague to recall the UK’s ambassador to Uganda, and use its diplomatic channels to ensure LGBT human rights are upheld in Uganda and around the world. The charity is also calling on the UK government to urgently review the aid the UK provides to Uganda to ensure funds provide maximum support for equality.

Scott Cuthbertson, Community Development Coordinator for the Equality Network, said, “This is a sad day for humanity and a devastating blow to equality and human rights around the world. The signing into law of regressive legislation in Uganda will see the mass criminalisation of LGBT people, and anyone who supports or helps them.”

“As the eyes of the world fall on Scotland during the Commonwealth Games we must stand shoulder-to-shoulder with LGBT people in Uganda and all those around the world facing violence, discrimination and imprisonment because of who they are and who they love.”

“We call on the UK Government to make a strong stand for human rights by recalling the UK ambassador to Uganda for consultation, and by urgently reviewing the distribution of UK aid to Uganda to ensure maximum support for human rights while maintaining the level of funding.”

The Scottish protest will coincide with an international day of action called by Nigerian LGBT activists who are facing similar laws and restrictions in Nigeria.

The Equality Network says that while Scotland has made significant progress towards achieving LGBT equality in the law and society, the situation for LGBT people is deteriorating in many countries, with anti-gay laws being passed recently in Uganda, Nigeria, and Russia, and over 70 countries worldwide still having laws that criminalise homosexuality with punishments ranging from fines, to imprisonment, and the death penalty.

The charity points out that more than half of the 78 countries that criminalise homosexuality belong to the Commonwealth, which it says is a disturbing legacy of colonial rule.

Later this year Glasgow will host the 2014 Commonwealth Games and the Equality Network will be working with the Scottish Government and LGBT groups across the Commonwealth to highlight the challenges many LGBT people continue to face.
Greetings from ScottGay. As the summer goes, spring is just a distant memory. Let’s get to it.

Out on the Scene:

Finally whatever you choose to do in the coming month, have fun and stay safe!

Brett
The legendary smash hit of London's West End and Broadway returns to the Edinburgh Playhouse for a third production. Opening on Mon 9th Mar and running for the entire month of March. The show follows the story of Mitzi, played by Aussie legend Jason Donovan who reprises his West End role, taking a call from his wife, she needs his help to save the local casino with a very special cabaret act and to reconnect with family. Mitzi turns to post op transgender Bernadette and upcoming drag queen Felicia. They hit the road in a battier old bus, Priscilla and discover more than they knew about themselves on an unforgettable road journey. With songs ranging from It's Raining Men to What's Love Got To Do With It and Confide In Me, you're assured of a fabulous evening at the Playhouse and more hits than you can shake a stick at, this is one feel good musical that makes its impact felt, regardless of Mr Pellow's short voice. The show is carried by Ben Elton written Rod Stewart's story of rock and roll and featuring a cast of familiar voices, this musical theatre at its very best is a captivating show with a star name to carry the show even if the star name is going to carry the show even if it's not the best kept secret of 2013.

Review:
Andrew Lloyd Webber's first and only (until the arrival of a new West End show) biographical musical, tells the tale of Eva Duarte; who married the leader of a nation and became that nation's spiritual leader herself. With icons such as Madonna and Glenn Close having played the title role in international productions, the audience still rose and gave the production a standing ovation. It was obvious that the rest of the cast made the difference - so catch this wonderful production as it continues to leave its suitcases in another hall across Scotland and the UK.

Following a love hate relationship month during its original West End run, the Ben Elton written Rod Stewart based musical is back on tour around the UK and paid a visit to Edinburgh's Playhouse Theatre ahead of other Scottish stops.

A geek called Stuart longs to have the soul of Rocker Rod Stewart, and is reduced to going to music college with a fellow student who once you meet you can't forget. He actually liked being a geek in his youth, and has the chance to pull down the overall quality of the production. The rest of the cast shine on stage as Lloyd Webber's powerful musical score makes its impact felt, regardless of Mr Pellow's short voice. The audience still rose and gave the production a standing ovation. It was obvious that the rest of the cast made the difference - so catch this wonderful production as it continues to leave its suitcases in another hall across Scotland and the UK.

With Brett Herriot

This is intense musical theatre that needs real power behind the vocals and sadly, Marti is too breathy and indeed far too "pop" in his vocal style to ever pull off the meaty male lead role. He is simply out shone by Madalena Alberto as Eva whose brash vocal in Act 1 gives way to the emotional decline of a woman losing her grip on both power and life itself in a magnificently simply stylish. With costumes and set designs lifted straight from the West End production. This is musical theatre at its very best being let down by a production company that has a star name to carry the show even if the star name is going to carry the show even if it's not the best kept secret of 2013.
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