At their annual Youth Summit at Queen Margaret University on Sat 23rd Aug, young people, staff and volunteers of LGBT Youth Scotland launched their first ever crowdfund campaign to raise funds for their Shh! Silence helps Homophobia campaign. The campaign asks people to stand up and speak out against homophobia in Education.

Central to the campaign is the Shh! Silence helps Homophobia film, which has been developed with support from the Fife Cultural Partnerships Fund created by the Fife LGBT Youth group, ‘Flavours of Fife’, who scripted it and got funding for the film, which is now being rolled out nationally as part of LGBT Youth Scotland’s education campaign.

The film takes us through a young person’s experience of homophobia at school, asking us ‘What could be done differently?’ - calling on people to stand up and speak out.

“Every time we remain silent, we help homophobia happen. It’s everyone’s responsibility to name it and never accept it.” Shh! Film

The film has already been a huge internet hit, reaching over 30,000 views to date, and recently receiving nomination for Scottish Creative Awards ‘Best Online Film’ category.

To coincide with the campaign, on National Coming Out Day on Sat 11th Oct 2014, LGBT Youth Scotland will be inviting people across Scotland to share their messages of why they won’t stay silent about homophobia using the hashtag #wontstaysilent

As LGBT Youth Scotland Chief Executive, Fergus McMillan says, “Homophobia often goes unchallenged, as people are unsure or afraid to name it. As a result, many people either choose to ignore a homophobic incident altogether or deal with the situation without mentioning the real issue – homophobia. This campaign aims to highlight the importance of naming homophobia and giving a clear message that it is never acceptable.”

“We are very excited to launch our first crowdfund as part of this campaign. With your support we hope to raise more than £7,500 to enable the delivery of our work with schools as safe and welcoming environments for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) young people in order that they can become successful learners, confident individuals, responsible citizens and effective contributors.”

To find out more about the campaign visit the donation webpage at http://igg.me/at/shh

Crowdfunding the Shh! Campaign

Cover photo of Andy Bell: M J Gould

Content photo of Bruce is a house trained Border Collie who needs an adult home, he is at the Dogs Trust on West Calder (01506) 873459. www.dogstrust.org.uk/rehoming/watchcentre/westcalder

Bowiek, is a friendly but timid two year old who loves to get out and about. Currently at Lothian Cat Rescue on Bonnington (0345) 3333. www.lothiancatrescue.org
Well what a month Aug was as Edinburgh hosted its biggest and best festival ever. It was both a busy period for me personally and for ScotsGay with coverage of everything from the biggest online review content bringing the best and biggest coverage of the festival in the history of the Magazine. At time of writing the annual Virgin Money Fireworks Concert is still to take place on Sun 31st Aug.

Starting at Planet: I spent many a late festival evening in Planet which is truly becoming the best pre club bar not just on the scene but in the city. Planet offers a cash price of 20p every Thursday night if you can successfully win the quiz - always worth a try. With excellent offers and specials behind the bar and a range of DJs including the world famous Cilla. Slack providing the entertainment a cracking night is guaranteed. Speaking of Cilla, she was the first of the huge list of Nom de Plume and The Regent, are still going strong offering the best dinner and entertainment in Edinburgh.

April and Colin, owners of Nom De Plume and The Regent, are still going strong offering the best dining options on our scene either in the lavish bistro element Nom de Plume with a nice chilled glass of wine or a Fifty of your choice, or relax even further with a pint of real ale or cider and some delicious pub grub at The Regent.

Moving to CC Blooms, it's all go with the bistro element still continuing to prove extremely popular. I myself enjoyed an awesome night at CAMP which rocks CCS every Thursday night and is well worth checking out.

Crossing over to The Street, it's still packed as ever especially with the latest blooming downstairs over the weekend and as mentioned in last month's edition Trendy Wendy and her team continue to pull out all the stops to offer the best food, drinks and entertainment in Edinburgh.

And for our Gay Thursdays fans a cash prize of £100 every Thursday night for ScotsGay who delivered the best turnout last month, so continue to support it. We also have a shout out from Edinburgh's Gay Men's Chorus who are on the hunt for new talent to join their ranks. Go to www.egm.co.uk for more details on how to join up.

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

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As the nights draw in and the darkness comes down earlier attention turns to Bear Scots area. The team have launched the website for this year’s festivals. Go to www.bearcubs.co.uk for all the details. Highlights so far include WWOF dance club at CCS, Bears in the Caves, Bears at the Circus and the return of the Wet For Party amongst a host of other activities.

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Edinburgh with the provocatively titled show, Torsten The Bareback Saint, Andy sings in character as an age-defying polysyllable with Christopher Frost providing the music live on stage. Our full five star review of the show is here:

Andy dipped his toe into the local gay scene at CC Booms, which he found "quite good", we await to see if any selfies of this icon appear on the various Facebook pages, when we asked him what was next for Torsten, as playwright lyricist Barney Ashton had hinted at more to come, Andy was quite forthcoming: "Torsten’s going to carry on as a livng soap opera which I love the idea of introducing a few more colourful characters, but putting the two decades since going public about his own HIV status; "I feel glad that I had all of this time to get used to the HIV thing so no I don’t think Torsten would have been better then as I wouldn’t have been ready! The timing was perfect". As Erasure gear up to tour again we asked how Torsten compares to performing with the band: "it’s just completely different, very emotional in intimate & personal!"

Erasure play Edinburg Corn Exchange on 20th Nov, and the next night at the O2 Academy in Glasgow on 21st Nov. The soundtrack to Torsten can be found: Amazon:
http://www.amazon.co.uk/Torsten-Bareback-Saint-Andy-Bell/dp/BookLFL57019d2p/24099523380

Scott Capurro is a Fringe institution having played the music live on stage. Our full five star review of his hit show is here:

You can catch this show again on Nov 4th at the Stand as part of this year’s Glasgow!

After a bizarre game of cat and mouse up and down the length of Broughton Street I caught up with Scott for a quick coffee before he had to head across town to be a guest in another act’s show.

Scott still has a soft spot for Glasgow, it being one of the three cities he would happily live in the UK along with London and Bristol. This is of course backed up by his book launch at Delmonicas a few years back. Booking information can be found here:
http://glasgay.co.uk/scott-capurro-islamohomophobia/

Speaking of Glasgay! the official Festival guide for 2014 has just been launched and can be found on their website:
http://glasgay.co.uk/covering all the celebration of LGBT Culture from 20th Oct – 15th Nov.

This highlights this year at Glasgay! include film director and Gay icon John Waters, performance artist Ron Athey’s return to Glasgow and comedians Vikki Stone, Sarah Pascoe and Stephen K Amos.

We’ll catch up with Glasgay closer in a future issue.

Boy Isserlis & Lauren Stonebanks
Pride Glasgow is delighted to announce that following the 2014 Pride celebrations £6,500 has been raised for the Pride Fund. These funds will be distributed to organisations through the Pride Fund grant scheme launching on the 1st of September.

This year’s fundraising total has been raised from the £1 rings from ticket sales for the Pride Festival and it is hoped that it will be increased throughout the rest of the year from fundraising activities.

Pride Glasgow’s CEO Alastair Smith said, “Pride Glasgow is Scotland’s biggest Pride Festival and we are very proud to announce that this amount for the Pride Fund which will go some way to supporting Glasgow’s LGBT community at the Grassroots, I’d like to thank everyone who bought tickets and supported Pride and The Pride Fund. This is the first year we have been able to do this and we hope that next year we’ll see an even larger amount raised for the LGBT community.”

The Pride Fund is a grant scheme created and administered by Pride Glasgow to support Glasgow’s LGBT community at a grassroots level, applications for funding open on 1st Sep 2014. It is designed to support organisations to run community events, workshops or carry out their activities in supporting service users rather than supporting specific projects and priority in funding will be given to those whose applications involve the setup of new community groups and activities.

Donations for the Pride Fund can be made by texting PGCF14 £3 to 70070 (change £3 to any amount between £1 and £20) or via PayPal to finance@prideglasgow.com

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