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Introducing our Scotland representative:-
Stephanie Aitken represents SPECTRUM in Scotland, and Scotland in the Department. She’s also our representative for lesbian issues.

Stephanie is currently working hard on a series of presentations and displays for LGBT History Month in February, as one of many initiatives she has planned to raise awareness of issues that affect LGBT staff at work. Stephanie hopes to represent SPECTRUM at pride events across Scotland in 2009, and she looks forward to seeing you there.

Stephanie says "I know that some sections of the LGBT community think that the Home Office is not LGBT friendly, but people like me are working hard to make sure that isn’t the case. We know that there are local and national lobby groups and organisations that may have views on our policies and how they are implemented, and we want their voices to be heard as well. We are keen to work with our policy owners and with stakeholders to have that happen."

Stephanie can be contacted at spectrum@homeoffice.gov.uk or phone us on 020 7035 4480

Starting the month off in style is Playstas’ Cup Eilidh, a women’s version of the glug alternative clubbing which is brought to GNOH on the first Friday of every month. That’s Friday 6th February and Friday 6th March. For more information, Featuring Phil Bakstad in Room 1 with Vick and Electric, and Paul Mulhoy in Rooms 2 with Bottomg and Trash, doors open at 9pm.

Starting Valentine’s weekend off in style is Love ForAbber, based on the Old Town Bar, and running every Friday this month. This lesbian-only love fest will commence at 1am at GNOH, with DJ’s from the Deep Blue on Saturday 14th February, with the bi-annual LGL Switchboard Ball – this little party herbs on George Street. Tickets are available in advance and on the door.

If you’re feeling intellectual towards the end of the month we don’t have to worry about the 15 Old Fruit Market, where there’s a chance to come together and talk about anything you like. The drink will be your price of admission!

Final Fever@ Luna Guthrie Street, on the 1st Sunday of every month, the Faith Club is now relocating to Deep Blue on Saturday 31st January. For all of you who have put off cleaning out the back of your wardrobe, here’s the very thing – the very first official LGBT Swap Shop is being held. The Ballroom’s basement bar, this event is an ideal opportunity to browse unvarnished and unpressed presents, worried-looking gifts all at bargain-basement prices. Come and have a browse and start commemorating getting rid of it. Take advantage of all your winter’s old clothes, put them aside from 1pm and you can walk away with something that will look good on you.

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more. To request an application pack or for more information and to find out the next dates

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Terrence Higgins Trust News

Firstly to let everyone know that THT in Aberdeen is open for you to drop in at anytime for advice, information and free condoms and leaflets. They also provide postal testing kits for chlamydia and gonorrhoea — these however are not an alternative to visiting the GUM clinic, so if you are concerned at all about your sexual health visiting the GUM clinic, so if you are

THT are currently looking for volunteers to help out with Outreach/Netreach, and also to attend training sessions now to be held every Thursday from 7-9pm. Training will consist of fitness and skill training, and a kickabout. For more information and to register your interest please contact E-mail: youth.aberdeen@tht.org.uk or Tel: (01224) 211441.

Huge thanks have to go to Kirsty and Lydia at Rigol for organizing the World AIDS Day fashion show at Lydia at was a fantastic night and the models were

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