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LEGAL MOVES AT HOLYROOD

Tim Hopkins of Equality Network writes:

On 3rd June, the Scottish Parliament unanimously passed Green MSP Patrick Harvie’s bill on hate crime, the Offences (Aggravation by Prejudice) (Scotland) Bill.
The bill will ensure that homophobic, transphobic and disability-related hate crime is taken as seriously as racist and religious hate crime.

This is the first transgender-inclusive hate crime bill in Europe, and has the most inclusive definition of transgender identity in any European legislation.

It’s also, we think, the first Member’s Bill in the Scottish Parliament to be passed unanimously by all MSPs with no amendments proposed at any stage!

Thank you to everyone who has supported the campaign for this legislation over the years, by contacting their MSPs or in any other way.

You can read the Parliamentary debate here:

http://tinyurl.com/qboho6

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Finding community in a seaside town…
Northwest Pride Ireland, 6th -10th August 2009

Tired of the Scottish scene? Exhausted by the pace of life in our cities? There is an antidote: Northwest Pride Ireland. This community event, now in its fourth year, is held in and around County Sligo in the Republic of Ireland. The main event of the weekend is the Pride Parade, led by dancers in locally produced amazing costumes. The evening events and discos are popular, especially the contest for Mr Gay Sligo, and the beach party is unmissable. This year transport will be provided to events in other areas, notably the art exhibition ‘Creating Spaces’ at the Leitrim Sculpture Centre (www.leitrimsculpturecentre.com) and a beach party at Enniscrone, Co. Sligo. Once again Pride-queers (including some of us from Scotland) can avail of accommodation in high standard student flat accommodation in Carrickfin (AerArann). Flights from many other Scottish airports are listed including the Lake Isle of Innisfree. The area abounds in archaeological and historical monuments including Carrowmore Megalithic Cemetery, Europe’s second largest stone age cemetery. More information is at www.nwprideireland.com.

The City of Sligo has a resident population of around 25,000 people, a little smaller than Dunvegan. The picturesque citystraddles the Garavogue River, and is well known for its traditional music, and as the home of the group Westlife. Bilingualists will enjoy browsing in the city’s five bookshops.

Find us on our growing scene. The arrival of Instagram brings the Venus in town up to four hours before the event on the 6th August. It will be planned and relit with a quiet past as well as being a week before the actual event. On the evenings and at the weekend… Pop in and see our club ‘On the Common’. If you have any ideas you have for theme nights, drinks, promos and room. The Club is always happy to receive these. More info at www.nwprideireland.com.

Don’t forget to get yourselves to Club Drama on the 7th August to get the full story of the Northwest Pride Ireland 2009. Club Drama screens back onto the Scene on 4th July with an American theme night, wear your best stars and stripes outfit and get down to Foundation. Register at www.westlifeireland.com to be a guest list entry and photos from the previous club drama night.

Also got to mention Ross who was on Sligo, Mayo, Avoca on HTC Three a week white back and two thin a true personal appearances at Club Drama and other establishments around town. The course is back but boned down a week, each to their own key. Matty though needs to remember my tip of less is more or you’ll end up looking like a extra from Charlie and the Chocolate factory.

Get yourself down to Exchange Street for the special performance at Centre Bar & Club with Money Motion and Mike ‘Queer O’ The Quair’ Smith. Charity is also showing plenty of promos to keep your credit cards working, hitting the inside of the bar at 9pm. Charity are always on the look for Drag Artists and Strippers to help out with the weekend entertainment so pop in and see the boss man to get your ‘talents’ on show!

Club Foundation is open Wed thru Sun with the usual usual activities like Wimbledon gracing away the day on the stars across the beach party and the bar. I can only spotter here today of course is my ‘Monday man’ who will be split over the two. I’ll be in Holburn Street is a place where you can kick back and relax with rates for villa rooms on a Wed and students on a Sun. Visit the website www.nwprideireland.com for more info on rates etc.

TERRENCE HIGGINS TRUST NEWS

Over the next month THT will be moving into their new centre in George Street where some groups being developed including a mixed group for over 25’s, other groups include Positive Measure a group of HIV positive people across the Grampian region and YHHT the group for LGBT+ 12-25 year olds in Aberdeen City and Big Gay the LGBT+ 25 year old group in Aberdeenshire.

Other services including sexual health information and promotion, Counselling/Life, Book Lending, LGBT support groups and much more will continue with workshops including HIV testing being made available into late summer 2009 from our new centre. Huge thanks from Terrence Higgins Trust also to Triple Threat Theatre and the cast of RENT for czas E44 and helping raise funds. For more information log onto www.hivabersden.org 

POLICE NEWS

The new prevention incident reporting form and system came into place on 1st April 2009 replacing the existing and homophobic/transphobic form. If you or anyone you know has been the victim of a homophobic or transphobic crime the police urge you to report it direct on 0845 6005700 or E-mail: service@grampian.pnn.police.uk. You are not committed to reporting it direct to the police you can contact a third party agency who will help you to file a form and support you along the way with the police and legal information if you wish to do so. The third party agencies in Aberdeen that can help you are the Terrence Higgins Trust – 0845 241241 or the National AIDS Helpline by calling NHS -Grampian on 01224 2222 or Pillar on Aberdeen (01224) 621266 or E-mail: info@pillaraberdeen.co.uk Both are based in the city centre.

If you have any issues that you want brought up at the Grampian Police LGBT contact forum you can contact TH on 0845 241241.

Well hopefully that gave you something to read whilst supper on a pint, girls or cocktail in one of the many pubs across Scotland. Aberdeen is becoming a very cosmopolitan city with the opening of many new shops, hotels and restaurants across the city including the famous 1415 on Queen Street and opening in September will be the new Union Square development bringing more rooms and a contemporary place to eat, drink and shop. If you’re not a local take a wee trip to the city and see what it has to offer (please note I do not work for the tourist board).
GLASGOW

Morning/afternoon/evening camps? How are tricks lately? I miss a weekly 'Wank Wednesday' with Mitch! I need some girls to go to the woods with me, but you'll just laugh at me. It's not like you can, if you don't have a Spice! I just want to enjoy my time off from work and not have to worry about my health and fitness, because I'm not really interested in those anymore. I just want to have fun and be with people who want to have fun too.

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Last month saw the final closure of Blue Moon. The next speed dating night hosted by Ms Lizi!! If you don’t forget to entertain the youths at LGBT Youth Wellbeing, then you should join the CCA’s boys on the bar for a pre-conference/RSK/LAGN event. And then the last of my Sunday Susters will be onto the next venue. I love my job and I’m not going to miss out on anything amazing that happens in this world. I am so grateful to have a job that I love and that I am passionate about.

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Jodie Fleming

Get news about your area included! E-mail: editorial@scotsgay.co.uk

The best Gay & Lesbian Bars & Clubs in Edinburgh

The big LGBT Picnic is being held on Sun 19th July, from 1-4pm – calling on that community atmosphere that we can be proud of. This event has been put together by Pride Scotland. This is followed by the LGBT Health Week on Sun 26th July. And don’t forget the opening yoga and cycling courses being held at the centre. For more information, or any other course or group available at the LGBT Centre for Health and Wellbeing, E-mail: info@lgbthealth.org.uk, or 031-523 1100.
Several thousand folk turned up for the annual Pride Scotia March in Edinburgh on Sat 27th June and wended their way down the Royal Mile past the Scottish Parliament and Holyrood Palace before heading for the top of Leith Walk to the Omni Centre where the Health and Community Fair took place in Mood Nightclub. The weather was sub-optimal, but that didn’t dampen the enthusiasm of revellers who joined crowds of others enjoying the outdoor (and indoor) hospitality of a number of the gay establishments at the Top Of The Walk. The Gay Police Association was out in force with uniformed members from throughout the UK. Unfortunately, despite considerable support for the event from Lothian and Borders Police, liquor licence extensions were refused on police advice as “Pride isn’t a special occasion”. It is hoped that the Chief Constable will shortly be introducing left hand to right hand - especially as Pride Scotia is now set to become an annual fixture in the Capital following Pride Glasgow’s decision to run their event every year.

The Health and Community Fair in Mood was a tremendous success, with a bewildering selection of stalls covering both our community organisations and various agencies who want to support us. After the initial stampede when the procession arrived at the Omni Centre, entertainment was provided by a full set from Edinburgh Gay Men’s Chorus and the Sisters of the OPI were also out in force putting our unique Pride Scotia T-shirts.

Further pix from the day can be seen at [http://www.pride-scotia.org/about/past/photos/2009/](http://www.pride-scotia.org/about/past/photos/2009/) - thanks to Irvine McMinn and Iain Turnbull (who were roped in at the last moment to take pix using unfamiliar equipment) and to EE Hardee for a pic of Mood. Pride Scotia would also like to thank Zander and all our Stewards on the day as well as Roy and his amazing team, Jackie, Kate, Mona, Scott, and Stuart Brown, and, of course, all the staff from Mood who went out of their way to make our day complete.
In England, the Archbishop of Canterbury, George Carey described plans to repeal Section 28 as “a matter for concern”. Sir Cyril Phillips, a Labour MP, who spoke on behalf of the Church Commissioners in the Commons, welcomed the decision. Ann Taylor, the chief whip and adviser of a number of Labour backbenchers who were preparing to resist the Bill, said: “Mr Blair allow another attack on the family.”

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