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WELCOME TO ISSUE #1 of Lesley Magazine X**

Lesley is a free print publication run by and for LGBTQIA+ womxn, trans and non-binary people, and friends!

The idea with Lesley has been that this magazine acts as a voice for our community as a whole; by us, for us. With that in mind, every piece in this zine has been written from an inside perspective.

We've come from so much awesome stuff! From Quim, On Our Backs, Shebang, Socking Pink, those lesbian magazines that came out against cries of perversion in the 70s/80s, from Riot Grrrl! From Rebel Dykes! From the trans people and dykes who fought side by side in the Stonewall riots! From activists, fighters, campaigners, singers, writers, artists! They've, we've, been fighting for decades to get to where we are now. The fight isn't over, and we have a tonne of work to do but we've had a helluva step up and we're bigger than ever before - everyone who's shown interest and supported us with Lesley so far has been such a testament to that.

There are SO MANY awesome people in our community doing incredible things! You'd be forgiven for not being able to find it but we're here and we put together this publication to make it easier to keep in touch with each other.

We're here to find each other, lift each other up and push each other forward! We're here to shout about how great our friends' are! Buy each other's art! Read each other's writing! Listen to, inspire and motivate each other.

It's been really amazing putting all this together and we're so excited to share with you everything that our awesome community has to say!

There is no one voice for who we are, everyone has their own story to tell and work to share. This issue only just scratches the surface!

We're all making shit happen! and no matter what happens with this magazine we will continue to do so, as a community, as a family, as a force to be reckoned with!

Thank you for everything so far, everyone who has contributed, everyone who has supported, and everyone reading this.

This is just the beginning
Love, Lesley x

- Kat Hudson
Founding Editor
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Shadi Al-Atallah
@romenate

Some of our favourite nights/events/collectives to follow on Instagram:

- @bbz_london
- @pxssypalace
- @femmierrrect
- @femmmefraiche
- @itsfemaletrouble
- @butchpleaselondon
- @galpals_club
- @nitedykes
- @dykeinthept
- @you_cant_blame_a_girl
- @miseryparty
- @thesistxrhoo
- @wearetransmissions
- @polyesterzine
- @grrrlzinefair
- @femzinelondon
- @kuntemporary
- @lgsmigrants
- @voices4ldn
- @rebeldykes
- @dykesonbikeslondon
- @lwiththetofficial
- @dykedigital
- @dykeysdice
- @lgbt_history

Do your run/are you part of a night/event/collective + that you think we should know about?! Find us on Instagram and drop us a message:
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#PAGE3P/55/11 Luv Cats



I'm pyjamas, lover of soaking up the sun and a soft breeze by the balcony, and chasing whatever fluff or fly floats past me. Occasionally, I enjoy a bit of hide, seek and bite your ankle but equally I'm a big purrball after a few treats and a cuddle! I'm also very good at jumping and climbing which allows me to roam along the ceiling beams, looking down on my empire of humans.

Thank you to everyone who sent their photos of their cats into US!
X & x

Naughtiest confession: Sometimes when I'm chilling out, it seems like the perfect time to suddenly get the zoomies, and then go full attack mode on whoever is closest to me!

Oh Baby!



Isaac, Sam, Bill, Jemima and Abby first met little Pyjamas in April when he was only about 6 weeks old, now affectionately called Pidge for short he's a big boy of about 5 months. He's still only a baby to us but we can't believe how much he's grown! He might be a pain in the arse, leg, arm or often ankle, sometimes, but we wouldn't have it any other way.

My name is Baby. I grew up on Brixton Market and lost an eye before being rescued. I'm prone to strike at any moment. I love having a stroop and don't like being approached from the front, but I'm well into getting pet from behind.

As a 'naughty tort-y' I'm often getting into scrapes. I once got stuck up the chimney for a laugh and did a poo on a new sheepskin rug. You can take the cat out of Brixton...

Baby's human is Nancy from Watford, "Baby belonged to a friend who moved to New York. She is basically my mum's cat now, and exclusively sleeps around her neck. On several occasions I've seen my mum reading the cat 'her favourite book' and playing 'her favourite song'. Baby was a house cat and had a pretty miserable existence in a box, she's now super happy and confident to roam outside. Thanks mum x"

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Queer Lib@LDN PRIDE 2019

Illustration by Anshika 'Ash' Khillar @aorists



Thank you everyone who joined us @pride this year! xoxox

This year a collection of LGBT+ action groups formed a Queer Lib demonstration behind the cooperate Pride parade! We joined them in the name of LESBIANS FOR TRANS RIGHTS! It was a really incredible day, standing up for what we believe in, marching side by side in the name of LGBTQIA+ rights. For the first time in a long time for many of us, it felt like we had the true spirit of Pride back.

We are in the process of making plans for next year too so keep an eye on our socials @lesleymagazine for more info on that.

Here we wanted to tell you a bit about each of the main groups involved in this year's demo.



photos by Asafe Ghalib and Holly Revell Xx



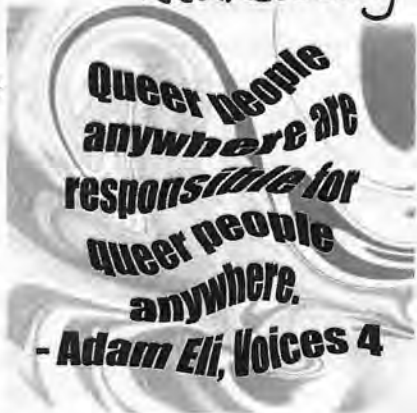
**LESBIANS & GAYS
SUPPORT THE
MIGRANTS**



Lesbians and Gays Support the Migrants are a group of queer activists who stand in solidarity with all migrants and refugees. Through fundraising and creative direct action, we fight back against the hostile environment and reject racist narratives that pit queer communities and migrants against one another. Inspired by the 1980s group Lesbians and Gays Support the Miners, made famous by the film *Pride*, we build on a proud history of queer solidarity to say: no one is illegal. LGSMigrants meet weekly in London, and have active groups in Bristol and Brighton. Send us a message if you'd like to get involved!

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@hello my name is
 Wednesday



It's no secret that LGBTQI+ people are being targeted worldwide. There is a global crisis happening and not much is being done about it.

This year queer people of young and old decided that they wanted to step forward to start supporting and fighting for our community. We decided to organise in London UK. In the UK there has been 150% increase in hate crime, and minorities are not feeling safe on the streets. We've felt powerless and it brought us to the point where many of us are desperate to do something to help ourselves and the future LGBTQI+ generations to come. We needed a catalyst for action. Voices 4 gave us back power we thought we had lost. It's also been a way that we could form a family, while actively discussing ways that we can support people in the community.

Voices 4 is a global direct action group focused on queer liberation. We are a growing activist group also meeting in New York and Berlin. We're working as a team in order to appropriately address local and global issues affecting queer people through action.

If you wish to support Voices 4, or join Voices 4 London, you can follow us on Instagram: @voices4ldn or email: voices4ldn@gmail.com



The Outside Project is a homeless/crisis shelter & Community Centre in response to those within the LGBTQI+ community who feel endangered, who are homeless, 'hidden' homeless & feel that they are on the outside of services due to historical & present prejudice in society & in their homes.

We host & attend events & fundraisers to promote the project, reaching members of the community that hadn't considered themselves to be in crisis or at risk of homelessness. We run workshops & sober spaces at community events eg: Pride events, Grassmovement Festival, Lush on Oxford Street & the Lush Summit, Teen Challenge, Trans Pride, youth camps.

We are very active on social media, building a large following across sites.

Follow and support The Outside Project:
[facebook.com/TheOutsideProject](https://www.facebook.com/TheOutsideProject)
 Twitter/Instagram: @LGBTQIoutside

Grrrl's Lu does a Zine Review

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A Zine To Challenge The Daily Mail's 'Migrant Invasion' Front Pages Proud Child of Immigrants JanetMakesZines £1.50

Written by Janet, a self described intersectional feminist, queer femme & anxious introvert, A Proud Child of Immigrants considers her status in the post-Brexit anti-immigration right wing world we live in. Looking back at her parent's move in 1977 from South Africa she contemplates her place in the UK alongside her inherent privileges. It's an evolving digestion of a child of diaspora that also contains further reading references as well as a banging recipe for Bobotie.

You should also check out her other zines, 'Barren' A Zine About Being Child Free, 'Brick' A Zine About Abortion, 'Do you remember the first time?' A Zine About Virginity and 'Pretty On The Inside' a Courtney Love fanzine and generally follow her on Etsy as she's continuously making zines that hope to open up conversations about traditionally stigmatised topics in such an empathetic and earnest way.

<https://www.etsy.com/uk/shop/JanetMakesZines>
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Hi!!!, I'm Lu and I run Grrrl Zine Fair; which is a platform celebrating feminist self publishing through events, a portable zine library, workshops and a collaborative DIY zine- Grrrl In Print.

The Grrrl Zine Library is a queer feminist library that's now about 300 zines strong. It has gone as far as Beijing and has also hung out at V&A Museum and the BFI. It now lives in The Old Waterworks, an artist run arts space in lovely Southend-on-Sea--which you can fully visit irl! It's also where this issue of Lesley was printed :)

As a zine mom I like to gush about the latest issues I'm sent to join the Grrrl Library so welcome to my monthly zine review / favourite picks / zines I think you should read. May you enjoy, look these pals up on Insta and also maybe purchase a copy of your own and support your local zine maker and keep printed matter thriving!!



The Zine You Should Read If You Live In London and Other Fully Gentrified Cities Oppose Magazine Issue 1 £8

As a perpetual outsider living quite close but on a Friday night, quite far from London, here in Essex, sometimes on the waft of the sea breeze I smell beard oil and artisan coffee and wish that I could too afford to spunk £800 a month living in a box room. I also know my own rent's going up exponentially, we now have our own toast cafe and in 2018 I had to desert my London studio and fully commit to being an Essex Girl. If I ever needed to read a zine which convinced me to sit tight, we'll all be sucked into London one day anyway, its Oppose Zine.

Made by Dalia Dawood, Alfeyah Abdullah and Mohamed Alaradi in collaboration with Nurhaziqah Ismail, Oppose brings together voices from people who love their cities but not the way they are being reshaped to disadvantage poorer communities.

Its super informative, really well designed and has even bagged an interview with Poundland Bandit who says "the only people who get any media coverage for talking about gentrification are the arseholes who are contributing to it in the first place. You don't get to hear it from the side of people being pushed out of their areas or forced to pay more to stay there". It takes gentrification in both serious and satirical ways, looking at Singapore, South America, Ecuador, Italy, Peru, Colombia, Chile, Argentina and our big needy angry sprawling baby, London. I particularly rate the 'Are You Hipster Enough?' quiz where I learnt that Whole Foods sell's £7 asparagus water. Fuck the water and go buy this zine instead.

www.opposemagazine.com
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A Zine To Finally Talk Yourself Into Veganism
Vegan Comics
Drawing the lines between Species and ethics
Hayley Wells
£ 3

I've been a fan of Hayley Wells's for a long time. Their illustrations are beautiful and their zines discuss everything from global warming, depression, periods to their non-binary gender identity. Vegan Comics has been made on some lush recycled paper (for fellow paper nerds). Through its 16 pages Wells talks about veganism in a really authentic, caring way; purposely avoiding a focus on the violence of the meat and dairy industry and instead, compiles a list of ways animals are exploited and how we can do better to eat more ethically.

This is a good one for sharing with people who might feel defensive when talking about their diet, who's stomachs aren't quite ready for slaughterhouse imagery and also for vegetarians like me who are generally play ignorant because; cheese. Sections are titled 'Eggs', 'Laboratories', 'Bycatch' 'Captive', 'Myth Vs Reality' and 'Dairy' accompanied by drawings- you'll want to go vegan just by looking at their illustrations of cows sweet little head's.

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The Zine That Does All The Emotional Labour For You When Your Relatives Question Non-Binary Identities
Its No Big Deal

A conversation on non-binary identity
Rae
£2

Rae is a non-binary PoC who printed this zine with the fab Pen Fight Distro based in Manchester. Its Risograph printed (wool!) in neon pink and blue and is dedicated to Rae's mother. They write "To my mother, whose daughter I'll never be, but who continues to prove to me that people of all generations can learn and grown with each other." In this vein of self education, tenderness and evolution, the zine is divided into presentation, transition, pronouns, gendered language, gender dysphoria, transphobia, and living as non-binary person, merging personal anecdote's with statistics. It talks about deeply emotive and incredibly urgent topics such as the murder of trans women and finds a way to both honour them and provide resources to invoke action in the epilogue- 'what's next?'. Rae manages to combine this urgency with references to meme culture and tips on some great trans music, without undermining the issues. The zine questions what you thought you knew about non-binary identities whilst also providing an incredible resource you can share- especially when your uncle pipes up over your roast dinner.

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A Zine To Inspire You To Have A Sleepover
Scorchin'
Laura Teck
£6

Its 2002, Avril Lavigne is telling you things are complicated, your bunk bed is adorned by groovy chick bed sheets flanked by matching curtains and you're begging your rents to buy you Mizz, Shout or Bliss on their next Asda big shop.

Its now 2019, things are really complicated. Instead of Avril our radio waves are a continuous urge of Brexit. The word Brexit has been uttered so consistently that this energy is now used as a source of power for Boris Bikes. The world is on fire and you're still watching friends re runs for comfort. Hot of the press is Scorchin' and its everything you've been missing.

This isn't a fashion zine with a half hearted throw back to Tamagotchi chockers (please let that be a thing) or butterfly hairclips of late 90's early 00's; Scorchin' mag goes the whole hog in 80 pages and comes with 4 exclusive posters featuring the cutest tiny dog photos and Bratz dolls plus a free Chupa Chup lolly. Features include 'the joy of collecting', a dear diary, a bewitched lyrics inspired photo-shoot, where to find the best new and second hand 90s accessories, a shit ton of Chihuahuas, make up tutorials, playboy inspired illustrations, a DIY feather crop top tutorial, music, a Busted fan page spread, an appropriate amount of groovy chick and a full spread of Paris Hilton facts and gossip that fully made me nostalgia cry for Tammy Girl and text my best mate to schedule in a sleepover. Now That's Hot.

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Re-published from independent zine makers!

Excerpt from “Coming to Be,” an unpublished fiction short story presenting the life of a latinx, queer narrator through brief mentions of scattered memories.

by Nadine Rodriguez
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“Your hair is so puffy.”

I look next to me and see an eighth-grade girl smiling at me. Her hair is light brown and straight, pooling around her shoulders. There is something wrong with her smile, a certain tilt to her head that deems me prey.

“I guess,” I say.

“Why don’t you iron it? You’d look nicer.”

I raise a hand to my hair and press my fingers into my ponytail. My mother has told me that I was born with my father’s hair, and I think about the way he shaves his hair close to his scalp until it resembles more of a shadow than hair.

“I don’t really want to. It takes up too much time.”

The girl laughs sharply, I think her name is Karina. I look over past her shoulder and see her friends watching, similar smiles stretching their light-skinned faces.

“Maybe you should think about it, none of the boys will talk to you like this.”

My stomach feels heavy, and I look away from her and down to my plate. Lunch will last for another fifteen minutes, she’ll go back to her floor of the school then.

“Or,” she says, drawing out the word, “do you not care about boys?”

I know what she’s asking. It’s something I’ve asked myself when my mother mentions a classmate after a school event, mentions how cute he is. I take my tray and leave, and ignore the hyenas laughing on my way outside of the cafeteria.

Later at home, I absentmindedly push the food on my plate around as my mother sits across from me, eyes glued to the television for her telenovela. One of the characters, the lead woman, has hair cut short by her the end of her ears.

“Can I cut my hair?”

My mother doesn’t look away from the woman crying over her dead husband on the screen, “Sure.”

I put my fork down, “I want it really short, like Tía.”

My mother finally looks at me, and she’s frowning, “She has a boy’s haircut, she can do it because she’s femenina.”

“I can be girly too.”

She laughs and it sounds like the girls from school. I want to tear my hair out so badly my hands quiver.

“Hija, girls with hair like yours can’t cut their hair like that.”



Before I knew any Lesbians

@femzinelondon



'Before I knew any lesbians' depicts the co-dependence of pop culture imagery and lesbian iconography, and the importance of this imagery to young queer women.' Taken from FEM III online now at femzinelondon.com

FEM Zine is a creative platform and magazine which encourages community, especially among queer and marginalised people, by fostering online and irl spaces to create, think and party. We are submission-based and focus on previously unpublished creators, whilst simultaneously championing important people in the beautiful queer/arts/culture spaces we operate within. FEM aims to create alternative media which uproots biased, centrally-controlled editorial practices. We produce events which we hope to make accessible to people of all abilities.



FEM



Credits:

Creative direction, Set and Styling: Katie Gill Harrison @katiegillh

Photography Melanie Lehmann @melony.lemon

Model: Aisha @asiaa_aliahx

Fashion: Misemi @designsbymisemi & Fleur Twyman @fleurtwymandesigns

Hair: Carlyn Griscti @carlyngriscti

Makeup: Mollie Brittain @molliebrittain

TRANS Nightlife and the dawning of Trans Pride by Emily Crooked

Trans issues and people are being foregrounded in queer nightlife like never before and it's sparking a revolution!

In the trans community, if a club night describes itself as queer, LGBT+, or even features a rainbow in their artwork, we know that there's a good chance the T is there by accident, or at least not deliberately, and there's probably no pink, white or blue in that rainbow. It's more than likely a sea of cis gay men and straight women who think gay men are just fabulous.

Luckily that norm is changing — Transmissions, a club night and activist network run by Lucia Blayke — is a space that was established in the now iconic basement of VFD just under a year ago in order to prioritise trans bodies in nightlife, book trans performers and allow trans people to meet and mix with one another in a space that isn't dominated by cis people. Lucia's work picks up on work in this direction done in the techno scene by Lewis G Burton at Inferno for over four years. At Inferno Lewis foregrounds trans and gender-non-conforming performers and DJs in the often hyper masculine techno scene.

With Transmissions moving into more mainstream club spaces, there has been a knock on effect in wider queer nightlife. Crowds at Dalston Superstore's Female Trouble, Bodycon and Nite Dykes feature a significant portion of trans people, in addition to the overtly trans and non-binary focussed night FemmiErrect. The promoters of these nights, whether cis or trans, are constantly making an effort to include the trans community that has emerged, and that they've played a part in the emergence of, in the last 18 months.

For Chiyo Gomes, Drag Prinx and "Afrolantinx body attempting to fuck shit up," inclusion at the organising level is crucial to inclusion generally. Harpies, Europe's first LGBTQI+ strip club where Chiyo dances, exemplifies this for them, as they have "trans people in the production team, and you can feel it." They pointed out to me how effortless the inclusion is as a result, and how it never feels like tokenism, which, as a trans performer, is very important to them.

Trans punk performer Frankie Tuffragette has similar views on

Bent Fest, a queer punk festival that happens at DIY Space for London. It's a 'fiercely trans embracing space' with trans people both on stage and in the crowd, which, for Frankie is a result of a lot of trans people "understanding their complex trans genders and queer sexualities through punk and counter culture." When promoters put trans people on stage the effect on inclusion for trans people is palpable — Frankie knows this as a performer and a spectator, stating

with no hesitation that "when you give us a big queertrans punk space we come the fuck out and make it our own."

Frankie's own punk night, Dyke in the Pit, according to Cel, a non-binary musician, "organised with trans people at the centre." The main pay-off in this regard for Cel is that "it feels safe enough to just chill without being constantly on guard," with the added benefit of "seeing some fucking great bands."

In a more niche area of nightlife, Frankie also raved about Butch Please as a lesbian "space that celebrates butches explicitly," and is also trans inclusive. It's an area that she sees as needing more work: "more explicit embracing of lesbian women of trans experience would be nice, but it's doing pretty well." And with Female Trouble and Nite Dykes pushing for trans inclusivity in Dalston, it seems like it's going in the right direction.

Pussy Palace have been leading the way in inclusive, accessible, POC led nightlife for the past four years: speaking to Elijah Che, a trans model and spoken word performer who has been a regular at their nights for two years, she highlighted how "amazing it is to be surrounded by your community at one event." For her it's an event that's "for queer women, trans, non-binary, and intersex POC" and she's "never gone and not felt welcomed." This is a glowing

other; space to collaborate, work together and create. Nightlife for trans people is so much more than fun, it is, for the most part, where our community exists.

This, however, is not a coincidence. Trans communities, much like queer communities generally, have historically existed at night. It's an environment that's counterintuitively safer for us — darkness and drunkenness might seem dangerous but they are often the difference between aggressive, violent transphobia and some light and comparatively harmless misogyny for trans people.

As trans communities have grown in nightlife, the increased spaces in which we can organise and meet each other has reached a kind of fever pitch. The energy and community that has been built in spaces after dark is spilling out into daylight. It doesn't seem to be a coincidence that with this many trans inclusive spaces, some of which are long standing, but a lot of which are appeared in the last year or so, we are now at the point of trans people hosting the first ever London Trans+ Pride March. The march is in honour of the trans women who were central to the Stonewall riots and the birth of pride, and a continuation of the work that they began towards the trans rights that we're still striving towards today. For the first time in history, London's streets will be filled with visible proud trans people: the visibility achieved through marching in the streets of major cities offers the trans community a chance to dispel stereotypes, display our diversity and raise conversations about healthcare, transphobia, discrimination and other issues in the trans community. The work done in nightlife has built the confidence and the feeling of a need for change to a point where it cannot be suppressed any longer. We need this moment — we are too strong and too many to continue existing in the dark.

London Trans+ Pride March will meet at Wellington Arch, Hyde Park Corner, 1pm, Saturday 14th September 2019



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Alternative Grad Show 2020

WORDS by Kai-Isaiah Jamal



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Reclaiming and redefining the monumental graduation process, in order to both prioritise and celebrate queer black artists but also providing a space that freely encourages all narratives, mediums and artists experience without the pressure to succumb to the expectations of what 'queer black art should look like' is a central point in this years BBZ Alternative Graduate Show. >



Images by Bernice Mvunga

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< Held for a second year at Peckham's Copeland Gallery, BBZ (Bold Brazen Zami's or Babes) a curatorial collective celebrating the experiences of Queer Women, Trans and NonBinary POC, brings a graduate experience like no other.



On entrance, you are reminded of who this space serves, why it exists and the poignancy of this space - gallery turned haven curated this year by guest curator, Deborah Joyce-Holman.

Every artist gives us something both beautiful and filling, not only a feast on your eyes but summin to feed your soul. The Class of 2019 are the following incredible artists, Danielle Brathwaite-Shirley, Favour J, Rene Matic, Enorê, Kengy, Davina-Ann Robinson, Linda Nwachukwu, Ebum Sodipo, Miranda Forrester and Kumbirai Makumbe.



The space captures the authenticity and vastness of the narratives that the artists share through their mediums. From the

“Every artist gives us something both beautiful and filling, not only a feast on your eyes but summin to feed your soul.”

echo's of experiences and realities of survival of black trans lives to the beauty that can be captured through a black womxn photographing the nude body. A visual we rarely see without the fetishising gaze that turns body into token.

Poetic yet scattered across huge white walls that actually speaks to you, in a tongue you feel familiar with. Symbols including braided hair, reimagined caskets, movement of the body that



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belongs to us. The exhibition moves like fluidity, engaging your varying senses and finding new ways to experience art from those who are black and queer. From beautiful poetry, to sensual paintings that act as a mirror to the relationships we exist in. From the endurance of dancing with the critique of the white gaze to beautiful poetry across the huge walls. There is something that talks to you in every corner.



When we think about the industry, survival is key even more so for those of us that's identities fall in marginalised intersections, in a world that wishes smallness and silence from us, this graduate show serves as a reminder of our power. Centre sculptures acts as a visual representative of that. The 8 foot steel and copper female figure that stands with leopard at her feet empowers you and leaves you in awe. The room itself, a prompt and clarification that black queer art will not be reduced to one thing in this exhibition.

BBZ Alternative Graduate is rewriting itself into history forever. So make sure you get to witness it, because these spaces -

They belong to us.



One thing is clear, other than the sheer talent and hard work put into creating this show - but that these spaces should not only be a luxury to gush in but a creative field that does exist, not as a utopia but as a reality. That the BBZ Alternative Graduate is rewriting itself into history forever. So make sure you get to witness it, because these spaces -



Class of 2019:

- Favour J
- Rene Matic
- Enorê
- Kengy
- Ebun Sodipo
- Miranda Forrester
- Linda Nwachukwu
- Kumbirai Makumbe
- Davina-Ann Robinson
- Danielle Brathwaite-Shirley



They belong to us.

BBZ Alternative Grad Show is up @ Copeland Gallery Peckham SE15 3SN until Sat 31st August



MISS *please report* POPE

Emily Pope >>>

Alex Margo Arden is an artist working within the realms of multi layered performances, installations, and smells.

<<< *Emily Pope interviews the best in artistic talent*



Alex Margo Arden is an artist working within the realms of multi layered performances, installations, and smells. She is one of my best friends (it should be common knowledge by now that the lesbian and the trans woman are very compatible in this department) and is currently writing a play in collaboration with Caspar Heinemann about gay and trans histories, mediumship, the 'end' of the 'world', theatre, binary oppositions, cults, authority, illusion, and fate, which will be presented at Cell Project Space at the end of November. I caught up with Alex in her studio, where I found her blowing a mini bone whistle, and playing the accordion badly.



Did you go to Pride this year?

Yes - I went to Margate Pride. The only Pride I've been to as an adult and I went as purely a spectator.

What was your favourite role that you played as a child star?

I've played almost every role a child can play on the west end, in the early 2000's. No favourites.

Which part of your current research is the most fun... or the most gay?

I have been travelling around seaside towns in the UK, specifically ones which have wooden roller coasters.

Do you think Dolly Parton is gay?

Obviously the answer is 100 percent yes, and so is Liza Minnelli.

What's your favourite musical?

Anything with murderesses, aging showgirls, speaking plants, and bit of tap dancing is always fun, maybe even a costume malfunction or two.

Did you really win a Blue Peter Badge?

Yes.

What for?

I did a large scale painting of the inside of Judy Garland's mouth, and sent it in.

Where can we find you on a Tuesday night?

At Halfway to Heaven watching the old drag, glass of Pino Grigio in hand, with you Emily Pope!

ALEX: @olddrag → @emily_pope90

Emily Pope is an artist and writer who lives in London. Alex Margo Arden and Caspar Heinemann will present their new play at Cell Projects, 258 Cambridge Heath Road, in November 2019.



Lavinia Cooper

Katayoun Jalili knows good sex*



*(and isn't afraid to ask)

@katyjalili

I love sex toys. I've had one of the most committed relationships with them; from my first ever rampant rabbit (terrible sex toy, don't let Sex and The City fool you) which I bought as soon as I received my first batch of student loan when I started uni, to breaking one of my most favourite magic wand which I'm still mourning over.

I really feel that sex toys are a big part of mine and many other queer people's sexuality, but we don't talk about them enough, specially as they can be very confusing sometimes. I've found myself to be the person who has a lot of knowledge on what's good, and at times gives advice (sometimes unsolicited) to those who might have questions. I've tried so many different toys that I feel like my knowledge needs to be shared with the world. So I'm going to talk about my favourite toy which has changed my sex life for the best.

No1 The Doxy- Extra Powerful Massage Wand

Doxy is a wand aka massager. You might have heard of the classic Hitachi wand which is not available on sale in the UK, Doxy is more powerful than the Hitachi wand. It is one of the most powerful toys I've ever tried. If you're the type of person who needs a while to get in the mood and sometimes find it hard to find the right spot because of its big surface head. It has 7 low-high settings, which are all consistent vibration, so it doesn't throw you off if you accidentally changed settings. It also plugs in and has a long cable, which is a lot better than battery operated or chargeable

toys! (chargeable versions exist too) It is a really big toy, so not great for travelling if you're packing light, but the fact that it's quite large in size actually makes it a lot easier to share between two people at the same time (or more?).

The thing I like most about it is that it can be used on any genitals, anyone who enjoys vibrations on their privates can enjoy this toy. For me as a non-binary person, the fact that it doesn't look like a gendered toy and is for everyone really helps.

And honestly if you're a person who spends most of your time on your laptop, then this massager can definitely give you a great shoulder massage.

*Top tips, always use water based lube, and if sharing use a condom.

No2 Glass butt plugs

Another type of toy I've been enjoying a lot recently is glass dildo or butt plugs. What I like a lot about these toys is that they are made of glass, so you can use them at various temperatures, I really like running them under hot water to warm them up, or you might be into using them really cold. I quite like a butt plug size, because it's small and round and feels really good to use vaginally! But obviously it can be used for any hole. Glass toys also come in a lot of different phallic shapes, and you can find ones that are not made to look like human genitals if that's what you prefer. They're also super easier to clean compared to silicone based toys.

No 3 Keagle balls

Keagle balls are mainly used for kegel exercises, but why not also use them for a bit more fun? I also like using them as a sex toy, as a low maintenance version to anal beads (but again works for any hole!).

And even at 24 I've found myself several times accidentally peeing when I've been laughing too hard or sometimes sneeze, so it's good to do some kegel practice every now and then.

Where to buy: We recommend Sh! an independent sex toy shop (and the first ever women's sex toy shop in the UK) based in Hoxton and available online: sh-womenstore.com



@ggggrimes

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BUTCH, PLEASE!

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Camille Kumar (aka Door Femme)

Butch, Please! is a club night for butches, lesbians, non-binary and trans people - which celebrates butch, through music, art and performance.

Tabz started the night because she felt that there weren't any nights in London where she felt at home. Now in it's fourth year - *Butch, Please!* is the club night she'd always wanted to go to.

"We attract a really diverse group of dykes, trans and non-binary people, which is in part because I've pushed hard to book a diverse selection of acts and DJs. We also have a really broad age range of people come too, which again is something I've actively tried to foster. For me, intergenerational connection is a really important part of being butch."

The nights are part film screening, skillshare, performance and DJ's. The interactive skillshare section started as a way of getting butches to share celebrate their unique skills on stage and has included a K.D Lang lip sync competition, self-defence class, safe sex talk and talks from the head of Dykes on Bikes UK and Gendered Intelligence.

Some of my favourite moments have been when Tabz rode a Harley Davidson into the Vauxhall Tavern, insta chats with K.D Lang and the very first *Butch, Please!* - where the energy was intense!

Tabz, also a composer and singer-songwriter, is set to release a new EP on 27 September - one that tells her story of being a butch lesbian in a hostile world.

"*Butch, Please!* really gave me the confidence to tell my story - and to know that I wasn't alone." - Tabz

Butch, Please! is every other month at the Royal Vauxhall Tavern
Next one 26 September!

www.butchplease.co.uk

Photos: Kaleido Shoots
kaleidoshoots.com



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From LDN to BTN:

QTIPOC EVENTS

YOU MUST KNOW ABOUT
w/ Méfi Sushy



It can be challenging to find QTIPOC events in sunny but also really white Brighton. By QTIPOC events I mean events led by and for Queer Trans and Intersex People Of Colour, not some night out organised by a bunch of white hippies pretending to be inclusive while perpetuating cultural appropriation.

So white hippies joke aside, have you ever heard about the film Rafiki?

Rafiki is a romance story between two young Kenyan women, I am sure you've heard about that movie because it was banned in its original country due to its homosexual nature. In fact the Kenyan constitution criminalise same sex relationship, 'doing such' is considered as a felony by the state and is punishable from 7 to 20 years of imprisonment.

I feel the need to emphasize the movie theme: BLACK QUEER LOVE! As a queer person of colour being able to relate to movie characters is challenge nowadays, as a matter of fact TV/ movie casts are most likely to be white dominant and heterosexual.

Finding a screening for Rafiki in Brighton has been mission impossible until this September 2019 and I still cannot believe it is really happening...On 2nd September at 6pm, rendez-vous at La Chozza for a tasty mexican dinner followed by a screening of the film Rafiki at 8pm at The Old Market in Hove. This event is organised by Radical Rhizomes who is covering the cost of the

diner AND cinema!! What a treat!

Radical Rhizomes exists to foster social spaces and opportunities for QTIPOC of Brighton & Hove. I already got my ticket and literally cannot wait for september 2nd to arrive!

If you cannot go to Radical Rhizomes event, don't worry we've got something else for you.

Fancy a little boogie while mumbling 'sick tunes' lyrics?

If you are in London then this event is definitely for you.

Initially launched in Brighton, Gal Pals have made its way to the

Fancy a little boogie while mumbling 'sick tunes' lyrics?

capital. On 27th September Gal Pals is taking over Junction House so if you never had a chance to dance on one of DJ Jumeau's set...you should go!!

I just have so many nice memories from going to Gal Pals, great music,

positives vibes, good people. Attending this event is spending your money wisely, I vow for it because I am sure that if you go won't regret it.

Méfi Sushy is a queer intersectional feminist POC activist based in Brighton. She founded the #nomorewhiteignorance movement and makes vagina and pussy art under the Insntagram handle @clit.a.dit

Find Méfi on Instagram at @pleasetellmama and follow the #nomorewhiteignorance campaign at @nomorewhiteignorance

@nomorewhiteignorance #nomorewhiteignorance

Bernice

Events Listings - organised chronologically X x x

EVENTS

August / September 2019

Kiss My Genders Exhibition

Category: Exhibition
southbankcentre.co.uk

12 Jun - 8 Sep

11am - 7pm every day except Tuesdays when the gallery is closed. Late night opening on Thursdays until 9pm

Southbank Centre, 337-338 Belvedere Rd, Lambeth, London SE1 8XX

General admission £15.50
Concessions available

Kiss My Genders is a group exhibition celebrating more than 30 international artists whose work explores and engages with gender identity. Spanning the past 50 years, Kiss My Genders brings together over 100 artworks by artists from around the world who employ a wide range of approaches to articulate and engage with gender fluidity, as well as with non-binary, trans and intersex identities.

Age restriction: Children below the age of 13 must be accompanied by an adult as some parts of the exhibition contain images of an explicit nature.

Access information: All ticket offices, toilets, performance and exhibition spaces at Southbank Centre are accessible to all, as are the cafes, bars and restaurants across the site. We have excellent public transport links with step-free access. For gallery, foyer, cafe and shop, use JCB Glass Lift (Blue Side Foyers, Level 2, Royal Festival Hall) plus exit onto Riverside Terrace and use main entrance into Hayward Gallery.

BBZ Alternative Graduate Show

Category: Exhibition
@bbz_london

Thu 22nd - Sat 31st Aug

Mon - Fri = 12pm to 7pm

Sat - Sun = 10am to 7pm

Copeland Gallery Unit 9I, Copeland Park, 133, Copeland Rd, London SE15 3SN

Suggested donation £5

A yearly show open to the public for submissions and held at Copeland Gallery in Peckham. Giving Queer Black artists the opportunity and platform to have their work seen and critiqued by a panel of highly respected artists, press and influential galleries. Co-curated by Deborah Joyce-Holman.

Appropriate for all ages

Access information: Shutter-door access and male, female and disabled toilets.

Lesley Magazine Launch Exhibition

Category: Exhibition

Fri 30 Aug - Sat 14 Sept

12-6pm Mon - Sat

Horse Hospital Gallery, Colonnade, Bloomsbury, London WC1N 1JD

Suggested Donation £3

Join us in celebrating the official launch of Lesley magazine issue #01! with a group art exhibition at Horse Hospital Gallery!

Groups involved in Lesley include: RebelDykes, BBZ, Pissy Palace, Polyester Zine, GRRRL ZINE FAIR, Fruit Cake Zine, Transmissions, Femmi-Erect, Fémme Fraiche, It's Female Trouble, Butch, Please, Fommetopia, FEM ZINE, CUNTemporary (Arts Feminism Queer), LGSM, Voices4 London, and more!

Exhibiting artists include: Danielle Brathwaite-shirley, Bernice Mulenga, Ashton Attz, Katayoun Jalli, Emily Pope, Holly Revell, Cherry Au, Yasmine Akim, India Jaggon-Barrett, Lu Williams, Kat Hudson, Meg Lavender, Jender Anomie, Shadi Al-Atallah, Elouiza Mae France, Ruth Jones, Rosa Johan Uddoh, Madeline Plodge, Padma Rajendran, GIRLFORUM, Rachel Fallon, Wednesday Painter, Anshika 'Ash' Khuller, Joy Miessi, Gabriella Grimes, and REBEL DYKES archival material donated by Karen Flisch

Transmissions meet-up

Category: Group
@wearetransmissions

Every Monday

8pm - 11pm

VFD, 66 Stoke Newington Rd, Hackney Downs, London N16 7XB

Weekly meet-ups for Trans+ people
'A safe space for us to celebrate each other, cry about our struggles, fight for justice, love, embrace and evolve together.'

Bar Wotever

Category: Live Music, Cabaret, Drag, Performance Art, Burlesque and Spoken Word, we mix it all, expect the Unexpected!
@barwot

Every Tuesday

7pm - midnight

Royal Vauxhall Tavern, 372 Kennington Ln, Lambeth, London SE11 5HY

Full Price £7 / Concession £5

Presenting the best LGBT+ & Queer Performers both nationally and internationally on the RVT stage along with encouraging new talent weekly via our Open Mic slots. We champion a big group of Residential Performers who are invited to perform time after time, plus many of London's leading Drag Kings, Drag Queens and Drag Performers. Many have started at Bar Wotever. Every Tuesday we also host the Community News for and with our London LGBT & Queer Community.

Retro Bar Quiz

Category: Pub Quiz
@the_retro_bar
retrobarlondon.co.uk

Every Tuesday

8pm - 10pm

Retro Bar, 2 George Court, London, WC2N 6HH

£2

Co-er missus! Join us each Tuesday for CARRY ON QUIZZING, the most hilarious Quiz night in town hosted by Princess Julia.

Access information: Please call to check if the quiz will be hosted upstairs or downstairs. The upstairs bar is up approximately 14 steps and has a single cubicle toilet on the same level. The ground floor bar has one step up to the front door, but toilets are unfortunately only accessible via stairs.

Ruby Tuesdays/ Mx. at Ku Bar

Category: Nightlife
rubytuesdays.co.uk

Every Tuesday

10pm - 3pm

Ku Bar, 30 Lisle Street, London WC2H 7BA

£5 on the door

The original party night in the West End featuring queer DJs and performers every Tuesday. Always busy and full of friendly, queer patrons.

This is an 18+ event. (Photo ID Required)

Access information: Klub is held in Ku Bars basement, unfortunately this is not wheelchair accessible

Lesbian Discussion Group

Category: Group
lesbiandiscussiongroup.com

Every Wednesday

8pm - 9pm

Gay's The Word Bookshop, 66 Marchmont St, Saint Pancras, London WC1N 1AB

Free

The Lesbian Discussion Group at Gay's The Word is a great place for all women who enjoy debating or listening to discussions about current affairs, sexuality, politics, lifestyle and Lesbian-specific topics.

Access information: One stop towards the lower section of the bookstore, small door lip upon entry.

Spoken Word London

Category: Spoken Word

Every other Wednesday

Wed 4 & 18 Sept

7.30-8pm

VFD, 66 Stoke Newington Road, London, N16 7XB

Free

Spoken Word London is an open-mic poetry and performance night for anyone to come and join in, whether to speak or listen. Everyone who wants to speak gets five minutes, but no one gets more than five minutes. Speak in whichever format you want, sharing your own or others' work.

Doors open 7.30pm, sign up for a slot 7.30-8pm, readings begin at 8pm.

There are twenty 5 minute slots available on the door (5 slots for each of our four rounds), on a first come first serve basis. Anyone else who arrives before 8pm can have their name put on the reserve list. One or two names will be called at random from this list at the end of each round.

Sing Karaoke at She Bar

Category: Nightlife
she-soho.com

Every Wednesday

8pm - 11:30pm

She Soho, 23a Old Compton St, Soho, London W1D 5JL

Free entry and participation

SING Karaoke is now every Wednesday, join hosts, Adam All & Apple Derrieres for a better of an evening at SHE Soho. Anyone can participate and each singer gets a free shot at the bar!

This is an 18+ event. (Photo ID Required)

Access information: We regret that SHE is not wheelchair accessible.

Drag Brunch

Category: Food and Drag
facebook.com/dragbrunchdalstonsuperstore

Every Saturday and Sunday

12pm - 4pm

Dalston Superstore, 117 Kingsland High St, E8 2PB

Every Saturday and Sunday afternoon Dalston Superstore presents Drag Brunch to lull you out of your hangover stupor! Expect all flavours of drag nonsense, gorgeous breakfast cocktails and brunch specials all day. Hosts include Power Brunch, Shayshay, Just May, A Man To Pet, Showtunes Brunch and Female Trouble's Dyke Brunch.

Princess Julia LOVES

Category: Drag
@hrhprincessjulia

Every Sunday

7pm - 11pm

The Glory, 281 Kingsland Rd, London, E2 8AS

Free

Join Julia's SUNDAY salon featuring music she LOVES, guests she LOVES and some drinks she LOVES. Expect drag magic, fashion royalty, boozy blokey end-of-

Our launch exhibition! up until Sept 14th @ The Horse Hospital

Events Listings

weekend BOYS and butch divas, AND all your favourite faces in London's best gay bar. It's FREE, it's PRINCESS JULIA... what's not to LOVE?

Pxssy Palace presents Neon Drip

Category: *Nightlife*
@pxssypalace

Sat 31 Aug

11pm - 4am

The Garage, 20-22 Highbury Cres, London N5 1RD

Sliding scale £10 - £20

Club night centring Queer womxn, Trans, NB & Intersex POC. This month's theme is Neon Drip, however as always themes are far from compulsory so dress in whatever makes you feel best!

This is an 18+ event. (Photo ID Required)

Access information: There is an access ramp at the front entrance of the building. There are 3 steps into the mezzanine area of the downstairs auditorium. The upstairs room is only accessible via steps (approximately 12 steps); unfortunately, there is no lift to upstairs room. There is one fully accessible bar and one accessible toilet in the downstairs area of the auditorium.

Lez Party

Category: *Nightlife*
@lezevents_

Sat 31 Aug

7pm - 2am

Simmons Bar, Fitzrovia, 28 Maple Street, London, W1T 6HP

£15 general admission

End of summer party in the West End for queer women, intersex and non binary/gender fluid people. Set over two floors with a dance-floor, disco cave seating and an heated & covered outside area. £2.50 drinks from 7pm - 9pm. DJ's playing a selection of hip hop, R&B and trap. Hot wax act by Blanca Lynette and vocal performance by singer/songwriter Ronnie Martine Hall.

This is an 18+ event. (Photo ID Required)

Access information: Unfortunately Simmons Bar Fitzrovia is situated across two floors connected by a staircase, the toilets are not accessible to those using a wheelchair.

Lèse Majesté - Sober Kingdom!

Category: *Sober Party*

Hosted by Friends of the Joiners Arms

Sat 31 Aug

3pm-9pm

Outside Project, Clerkenwell Fire Station, 40 Rosebery Ave, Farringdon, London EC1R 4RX

Calling all kings, queens and in-betweens! We are throwing a super special daytime sober edition of LÈSE MAJESTÉ - with special guest star... YOU!

With performances from outstanding Kings and Queens, there will then be free DRAG WORKSHOPS where you will be taught the basics of make up - and then given a chance to dance, sing, lip-sync or just get down in the crowd while the music plays. There will also be seating, and a quiet area available. Participation is not mandatory! Introverts, extroverts and all the -verts we are here for you.

If the weather is good, there will be space outside to shake your thing or join in a Kings vs Queens game of 5-a-side!

Please note: This is a sober space - no alcohol will be served, and alcohol and drugs are not permitted in this space. Non-alcoholic drinks will be available, and a snack buffet to power you through the afternoon will be provided.

Grrri x Lesley Zine Fair

Category: *Zine Fair*

Sun 1 Sept

12pm-6pm

Lesley
Event

Horse Hospital Gallery, Colonnade, Bloomsbury, London WC1N 1JD

Suggested donation is £3

As part of our Lesley mag launch exhibition at Horse Hospital we're teaming up with Grrri Zine Fair to host a zine fair filled with all our favourite queer zine makers!

Access information: Accessible areas - Most areas, Non-Accessible areas - Toilets, Floor surfaces - Cobble stones, very uneven, Limited Mobility, Location of seating - In the main gallery.

Type of seating - Removable padded chairs, Capacity - 75 seated, 120 standing. Staff will assist - Yes, 'they were extremely friendly, and eager to help'

Gender London Project

Category: *Exhibition*

Sep 3 at 7 PM - Sep 4 at 11 PM

Studio 9294 92-94 Wallis Road, London, E9 5LN

£5 Advance £7 OTD

GENDER is a social photography project that began as a collection of 100 candid semi-nude portraits. The photos were captured during a cathartic encounter where subject and photographer met to share their own gendered experiences. The project is an exercise in mark-making for artist and subjects alike. Together, they explore the root of the word "gender" in categories and "kinds" and define a space in which to tap into our vulnerability and encounter others IN KINDNESS. As art activism, GENDER emphasises that social memory, in a palpable sense, is dependent upon our proactive and continuous intervention. GENDER LONDON is a solo show by Veronique Charlotte, curated by Michelle Cook.

MY Comedy with Rosie Jones

Category: *Comedy*

Thurs 5 Sept

8pm - 10.30pm

Retro Bar, 2 George Court, London, WC2N 6HH

£10

Enjoy the comedy stylings of Rosie Jones ('Genuinely masterful' - The Skinny) making her debut at MY Comedy alongside Funny Women - Regional Finalist Fatima El-Ghorr, Jenan Younis ('Sharp, got smart comedian - not to be missed' - The List) and up and coming comedian Miztli Rose. Hosting the evening will be resident MC, Maureen Younger ('one of the best MCs in the country' - Jo Enright).

Access information: The upstairs bar is up approximately 14 steps and has a single cubicle toilet on the same level. The ground floor bar has one step up to the front door, but toilets are unfortunately only accessible via stairs. MY Comedy is hosted upstairs.

Word of Muff Comedy Night

Category: *Nightlife*

Wed 4 Sept

8pm - 10pm

The Miller, 96 Snowfields Road, London, SE1 3SS

£4 iadvance £5 OTD

Word of Muff was created by 20% Less to steal back stage time from the straight white male and will regularly bring you an all female line up of comedians. Performers will regale you with improvised comedy, sketch and character comedy and stand up, as well as live music on occasion. Past editions included Kemah Bob, Grainne McGuire, Bisha K. Ali, Sophie Duker, Athena Kugblenu, Shelf, Jodie Mitchell, Fathia Al-Ghorr, among many others. Comedy made by women for everyone!

This is an 18+ event. (Photo ID Required)

Access information: Fine getting in the front door as there is a ramp. Wheelchairs will struggle with the garden doors though as there are lips and steps to contend with. I'm afraid we don't have a lift to access the venue but the stairs aren't steep and there are handrails all along. Regrettably there are no accessible toilets at this venue.

PRINCESS JULIA HOSTS...

Every Tuesday 8pm
THE RETRO BAR
2 George Court WC2N 6HH
£2 per player Max 4 to a team

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Sissy Scum Salon

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TICKETS £10
www.bunkertheatre.com
0207 324 0486
53a Southwark St, London, SE1 1RY

A new queer, break-up play about what happens when the person we love doesn't play the part we expect.

September 2019

EVENTS

Sissy Scvm Salon

Category: Performance
@_rodent_

Thurs 5 Sept

7pm - 10pm

The Karaoke Hole 95 Kingsland High Street,
E8 2PB

£5 tickets available via Outsavvy

Bubbling up from the sewers of East London, your darling transdimensional goblin, RODENT, brings a new evening of spoken word and performance to The Karaoke Hole. Featuring a stellar line-up of queer, trans talent, The Sissy Scvm Salon is your new literary punk hang-out.

Radical Possibilities with Jemma Freeman. (and the CS). Breakup Haircut +1 tbc

Category: Live Music

Thurs 5 Sept

8pm - 11pm

VFD, 66 Stoke Newington Rd, Hackney
Downs, London N16 7XB

Radical Possibilities: Where you can. North London's monthly queer punk party held at the glorious VFD.

Time we've got the super Jemma Freeman and her Cosmic Something, who play beautiful upbeat pop with a personal slant, as well as one of First Timers' offspring BreakUp Haircut, who are not only contenders for best band name ever, but will entertain you with their oh so danceable ditties. One more to be confirmed too...what a night, what a line up!

As ever, there will be a cheap drinks deal if you ask at the bar nicely, (usually a double of something yummy with mixer) and vegan cupcakes on bar, on a pay what you can basis.

Never been to a punk gig? Worried you won't fit in? Litching to see live music but don't know where to start? Here's the place for you. A supportive, friendly crowd for kind people from all walks of life. Drop us a line, come along!

Have some extra stuff you need support with? Could do with a chair to sit on, need a pal if things get too much? We can help...just drop us a line and tell us how to spot you. We've got you, honey.

Access information: The main space is accessed by a single staircase with 12 stairs that has a single bannister along the entire length. There are no steps or stairs once you are in the basement.

There are two toilets in the basement space, each are gender neutral and have no steps to them.

There is a smoking area downstairs that closes at 11pm, however if you have access needs, please tell staff and you are welcome to use the basement level smoking area throughout the night.

There are benches along the space if you need to sit down.

Screening of Codependent Lesbian Space Alien Seeks Same

Category: Film

@rawlabs_

facebook.com/royalalbertwharfabi

Friday 6th September

7pm-9pm

Norton Quays, Royal Albert Wharf, London
E16 2QP

A free screening of the hilarious cult film Codependent Lesbian Space Alien Seeks Same, followed by a short discussion, hosted by the artist Katy Jallil.

Age restriction: 12+

Access information: RAW Labs has step-free access from the street to the ground level of the building, including to the accessible toilet, and is service animal friendly. There is no step-free access to the mezzanine level. This venue does not have a hearing loop system.

There is permit parking directly outside RAW Labs, but please call ahead to request a permit. If you have any questions regarding accessibility at this venue or event, would like to make us aware of any access requirements that you have in advance of visiting, or would like this information in an alternate format including Easy Read, please email rawlabs@bowarts.com or call 07806 733 914

Fast & Bi-Furious

Category: Nightlife

Fri 6 Sept

9pm-3am

Dalston Superstore, 117 Kingsland High St,
E8 2PB

£5/£7 OTD

No furious bi people turned away for lack of funds, dm if you need xxx

We're bi-furious that it's taken us this long to host a bi night at Dalston Superstore, but finally it's happening!

Bringing you the best of East London's greedy DJs and the brightest of our slutty hosts, come get fast and bi-furious. Bring your lovers, your friends, your aunty karen...

Upstairs:

DISCO//POP//RNB//AFROBEATS//SEXY GOGO PEOPLE

Downstairs:

HARDCORE//TECHNO//JUNGLE//SWEATY//LASERS

Full line up TBA.

Cramps

Category: Performance

Friday 6 Sept

6pm - 1am

The Chateau 29-33 Camberwell Church
Street, London, SE5 8TR

£5 advance £7 OTD

Free pre-show with donations

CRAMPS is a Performance Happening celebrating queer creative expression, artistic development, and autonomy where autonomy is continually denied. September 6th we REOPEN The Chateau with all the buzz after the venue's August hiatus.

Hosted by: Shakona Fire

Performances from: Cyro, Kamari, Jason Kwan, Jasmine Lee, Tom Cassani, Sam Reynolds

Access information: The main space is entered from the street, with one step up from the pavement to the small lobby. To get to the bar there is a single staircase with 10 steps that has bannisters on either side. After 6 steps there is a level platform, and door, leading to the venue, then, four more steps to get you into The Chateau. There are no steps or stairs once you are in the basement. The smoking area is outside the main entrance, back on street level, managed by SIA security staff. There are two toilet bays in the basement space, each are gender neutral and have no steps to them.

Girl Power

Category: Nightlife/Drag
workersplaytime.net

Fri 6 Sept

9pm - 2am

Bethnal Green Working Men's Club, 42-44
Pollard Row, London E2 6NB

£4 - £7 in advance

£10 on the door

The best female & LGBTQ line ups playing tracks from the queens of R'n'B, Pop, and Hip-Hop. DJs: J-Low, Miffy Coleman & special guests. Shows from: Bourgeoisie & Special Guests

This is an 18+ event. (Photo ID Required)

Access information: Bethnal Green Working Men's Club unfortunately is not wheelchair accessible

Duckie Loves Fanny

Category: Nightlife

Fri 6 Sept

9pm - 2am

Walthamstow Assembly Hall Forest Rd,
London, E17 3

£15, £12 concession

Bent London trifemakers Duckie head to the Far East to celebrate the legacy of Leytonstone's formidable homegal Fanny Cradock as post-war pop culture, style, food, gender politics and aspiration combine in this quite queer celebration of a real British icon.

A summer highlight of London Borough of Culture, it's a grand show unt disco for 1,000 Fans of Fanny, designed by Laura Hopkins, choreographed by Lea Anderson, with vintage chanteuse Alison David and militant culinarian Tracey Smith.

Duckie proudly presents 25 identical Fanny Cradock dragsters of all genders in a spectacular production.

Collect your luncheon vouchers and taste the fabulously retro 10 bites on offer, served by a fleet of fannytastic trolly dollys. The menu is designed and produced by top class chefs Matthew Scully and Club Lola - veggie and vegan options are available.

DJ and MC Amy Lamé transmits the femme musical soundtrack from Fanny's fame years from 1956 to 1976 - from Alma Cogan to Kathy Kirby, Tina Charles to Baccara.

Rebel Dykes Gathering

Category: Dyke Gathering

@rebeldykes

rebeldykes1980s.com

Sat 7 Sept

6pm - 11pm

DIY Space For London, 96-108 Ormside
Street, SE15 1T

Tickets are £4 to £8, all funds going towards the archive and the film. Do donate extra if you can afford, and we won't turn anyone away for lack of funds either. The DIY Space Cafe will be open from 7pm - 9pm serving Vegan Meal. Cost of meal = donation of £5-£8 (£8 includes something sweet).

This is an all-generations, all-genders get together of the REBEL DYKES family - EVERYBODY WELCOME! We'll be discussing the progress of the film and the archive and sharing it with you all, including some original material. We'll be filming some extra footage we need to complete the film. The Rebel Dykes family will be sharing their songs and words and talent with us all. There'll be poems and cabaret and DJs.

Access information: DIY Space for London is on a single floor level, with access ramps, widened doors, an accessible toilet and plenty of space for maneuvering and getting away from crowds. There is plenty of seating available and the toilets are gender neutral and accessible. The bar, performance space, meeting room, practice space and smoking area are all step free. The bar has a lowered section on the left-hand side for accessible ordering of drinks.

Bi Pride

Category: Pride
biprideuk.org

Sat 7 Sep

2pm - 10pm

Round Chapel, 1D Glenam Rd, Clapton,
London E5 0LY

Free

To celebrate the UK's first ever Bi Pride, on our Entertainment Stage you can see some of the hottest UK Bi and wider LGBTQ+ community performers. On our I Am Proud Stage join us for Panels, Activism and Spoken Word, where we will be exploring a wide variety of issues you'll love to get involved in. Not only have we got two incredible stages jam packed with entertainment, we will also have our Community Village located in the Old School Rooms, where you can take it easy, browse our stalls and relax.

Appropriate for all ages!

Access information: Bi Pride will have BSL interpreters for both of our stages, accessible mobiloo branded toilets and a calming sensory space.

We want everyone to feel safe with us at our Pride, so we will also have gender neutral toilets with sanitary facilities and a trans changing area.

Annabelszki's Open Mic Night #3

Category: Comedy

Thurs 12 Sept

7.30pm - 10.30pm

Retro Bar, 2 George Court, London, WC2N
6HH

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£8 OTD

LGBT+ acts performing 5-10 min sets. Everyone welcome in the audience.

A safe and supportive space to relax, be entertained, meet new people.
Comedy, spoken word, music, drag, burlesque, Improv

Access information: The upstairs bar is up approximately 14 steps and has a single cubicle toilet on the same level. The ground floor bar has one step up to the front door, but toilets are unfortunately only accessible via stairs. Annabelszk's Open Mic Night is hosted upstairs.

Stamping out transphobia one strut at a time!

Category: Fashion Show

Fri 13 Sept

5pm - 9pm

City Hall, The Queen's Walk, London, SE1 2AA

Free

Mzz Kimberley invites you to LIFE, stamping out transphobia one strut at a time. Join her in celebrating the beauty and power of trans models and performers as they slay on the catwalk and showcase their amazing talents.

There will be a raffle with exciting prizes to enter on the day (more details to be shared soon)

This fashion show will amplify the work ClniQ does and raise money for them to continue their life saving work. ClniQ is the first Trans organisation led by Trans people & for Trans people. Delivering sexual health and holistic well-being services.

18+

London Trans+ Pride

Category: Pride/Demonstration
@londontranspride

Sat 14 Sept

1pm onwards

Assemble at Wellington Arch, Hyde Park Corner, W1J7JZ the march will end at Soho Square.

Free

Thousands of trans+ people and allies will close main roads in the UK's capital to march fearlessly and unapologetically in London's first Trans+ pride.

Access information: The route of the march is designed to be accessible. The talks and performances will be accessible to BSL users. Safeguarding procedures will be in place to protect queer marchers, particularly POC attendees.

ShayShay's Gender Jumble Sale

Category: Jumble Sale

Sat 14 Sept

12pm-4pm

Dalston Superstore, 117 Kingsland High Street, London, E8 2PB

Free

In honour of the very first London Trans+ Intersex Pride (LT+IP), ShayShay is hosting a jumble sale for any and all genders!

Come down to Dalston Superstore before LT+IP, have some brunch a do a little gender jumbling! Get yourself a whole new look featuring second-hand pre-loved cast-offs of some of East London's kookiest queer performers.

From high fashion looks to custom costume pieces, everything will be pay-as-you-can! All proceeds will go to Mermaids UK*, who work with trans* youth and their families

London Trans+ Pride: Official Afterparty Ft. Brooke Candy

Category: Nightlife

Sat 14 Sept

11pm - 4am

The Garage Islington, 20-22 Highbury Corner, Highbury East, London N5 1RD

£15 - £20

It's here!

The official afterparty for the FIRST EVER London Trans+ Pride! Join us to celebrate this momentous day in trans history as we party and spread messages of love and acceptance!

We are releasing more big named performers and DJ's in the next week (as well as official and extremely fierce artwork) so keep your eyes peeled and get your tickets now to avoid disappointment!

Loud Women Fest 4

Category: Nightlife / Other

@loudwomen

www.loudwomen.org

Sat 14 Sept

1pm - Midnight

The Dome, Tufnell Park, 2a Dartmouth Park Hill, NW5 1HL London

£18 in advance. All profits go to the artists, and any additional funds raised go to charities that help women, usually Women's Aid.

The 4th annual LOUD WOMEN Fest will be held on 14 September 2019, back at The Dome and the Boston Music Room. As ever, the Fest will showcase the very best alternative music powered womxn and non-binary musicians. Plus afterparty DJs, food, zines, records, and all manner of fun things.

Age restriction: All live music events at the Dome are 14+, under 16s accompanied by an adult, proof of age on request

Access information: We currently do not have access for non-ambulatory persons to The Dome due to the fact that we cannot reasonably adapt the premises. We offer a free ticket for a personal assistant of registered disabled customers that we can safely admit to the premises. If you require a seat, please contact us in advance of the show you're attending.

A Generous Lover

Category: Theatre

Thu 19 - Sat 21 Sep

9pm

Camden People's Theatre, 58-60 Hampstead Rd, Kings Cross, London NW1 2PY

£12/£10 concession

Presented by La John Joseph

This is the true, and very queer tale, of one soul's journey through the wasteland of mental illness, to deliver their lost love.

Roundly applauded by critics and audiences alike for its unflinching honesty and its deft storytelling, the show was an unqualified highlight of the Edinburgh Fringe 2018. Brimming with psychedelic proletarian prose, and trenchant wit, it recounts the pandemonium of navigating mental health services on behalf of a loved one, whilst being gender queer, and occasionally being mistaken for a patient. Drawing on epic poetry, classical mythology, and queer modernist literature, A Generous Lover fuses psychology, euphonic prose, and song, to create an intimate and beguiling world. Somewhere between a séance and a recital, it delves into psychosis with compassion, hoping to find catharsis.

Age rating: 16+.

This production contains shocking and sensitive mental health content.

London Queer Fashion Show

Category: Fashion Show

@londonqueerfashionshow

Londonqueerfashionshow.com

Fri 20 Sep

6:30pm - 1am

V&A Museum of Childhood, Cambridge Heath Road, E2 9PA

£10.50 - £78.00 (VIP)

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www.toma-art.com

@theotherma

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London Queer Fashion Show is a place for London's leading LGBTQ+ designers and queer community to showcase identity and expression in all its forms. Over 120 models walk the stage and 1000 people attend to show the world- this is where we belong.

Access information: The Museum is wheelchair accessible and wheelchairs are available from the Information Desk. Accessible toilets (including one fitted with a Radar lock) are located at the front and rear of the Museum, on the Lower Ground Floor. The rear lift can be accessed via the car park at the back of the Museum by prior arrangement. There is a mobile hoist which may be used by our visitors.

Cookie Jar at Bethnal Green Working Mens Club

Category: *Nightlife*
workersplaytime.net

Fri 20 Sep

9pm - 2am

Bethnal Green Working Men's Club, 42-44 Pollard Row, London E2 6NB

£6 in advance

£8 on the door

London's most delicious queer party, is back! COOKIE JAR's twisted candyland merges pop and punk, cabaret and club, bringing the freakiest and the finest female, NB and trans artists to stages across London.

This is an 18+ event. (Photo ID Required)

Access information: Bethnal Green Working Men's Club unfortunately is not wheelchair accessible

Dandy Crush - FMAS (Female Masculinity Appreciation Society)

Category: *Nightlife*

outsavvy.com/event/3200/dandy-crush-fmas-tickets

Sat 21 Sept

8pm - 1am

The Apple Tree, 45 Mount Pleasant WC1X 0AE London, United Kingdom

£8 in advance £10 on the door

A very special FMAS cocktail party event, for and by all who like to Dress UP and Be Entertained! Upstairs is made for secrets, gossip and intimate tête-à-têtes plus our photo studio, DJs, GoGo dancers and Light entertainment Music, Mingle and a Relaxed Friendly Saturday Night for our Community and Guests.

This is an 18+ event. (Photo ID Required)

Access information: Two Floors, Groundfloor with bar, Dance Floor and restrooms is Accessible. Plus seating indoors (and outdoors if weather permitting).

Drag Queen Story Time

Category: *Drag*

dragqueenstorytime.com

Sat 21 Sept

2pm - 3pm

Jacksons Lane, 269A Archway Road, N6 5AA London, United Kingdom

Drag Queen Story Time readings are events in which kids are able to see people who defy rigid gender restrictions, and allows children to imagine the world in which people can present as they wish. Where dress up is real. This event has a capacity of 50, stories will be read by drag king Adam All and performer Apple Derriores at this session.

Age restriction: This event is aimed at young children and parents.

Access information: Jacksons Lane's theatre is fully accessible and recognised as part of the Shape Access scheme. All the spaces downstairs are also fully accessible. Access is available via ramps to the ground floor, the theatre has a hearing induction loop system set up and guide dogs are welcome into the building. Drag Queen Story Time is based in Studio 2.

Butch Please Leather Night

Category: *Nightlife*

@butchplease
butchplease.co.uk

Thu 26 Sep

8pm - 1am

Royal Vauxhall Tavern, 372 Kennington Ln, Lambeth, London SE11 5HY

£6 on the door

A club night for all degrees of butch. A night for lesbians and their friends of all genders and sexualities. Dyke centred. For Butch Mothers and Baby Dykes alike - bring the love, the respect and the power. Live music & performances.

This is an 18+ event. (Photo ID Required)

Access information: The RVT has an accessible main door and is flat throughout the main space, accommodating wheelchairs. There are toilet cubicles that can be accessed without steps, but are not wheelchair accessible. The nearest accessible toilet is by Vauxhall Bus Station.

Big Dyke Energy

Category: *Nightlife*

@bigdykeenergyldn

Fri 27 Sep

10pm - 5am

Venue MOT Unit 18, Orion Business Centre, Surrey Canal Rd, London SE14 5RT

£5 - £9 in advance,

£12 on the door

Warehouse Rave for queer womxn and non-binary, trans+ genderqueer+ and female identifying people. With Michelle Manetti Club Fitness, Angel D'Lite, Elliott and Meach.

This is an 18+ event. (Photo ID Required)

Access information: Toilets are gender-neutral and Venue MOT Unit 18 is fully wheel-chair accessible.

Gal Pals

Category: *Nightlife*

@galpals_club
galpals.club

Fri 27 Sep

London

#Queer Dance Party for #womxn #trans & #nonbinary folks
We play music exclusively by womxn

More info TBA - please check Instagram and website

Hotline Wax Wings. Kasey Riot.

Leigh Taurean. TWANG

Category: *Nightlife*

bit.ly/hotlinerave

Sat 27 Sept

The Yard Theatre, London E9 5EN

10PM-3AM

Hotline is a rave that started in Vancouver 4 years ago supporting + showcasing queers and women in the underground scene.

We're bringing the sub pulsing hedonistic rave to London for the first time with a sickening line-up. Get connected.

18+ Event

Access information: fully accessible + accessible toilet

DIY Art Market

Category: *Art*

diyartmarket.com
@diyartmarket

Sat 28th Sept

11am-6pm

Unit 8, Copeland Park, 133 Copeland Rd, Peckham, London SE15 3SN

£1 Entry

The D.I.Y. Art Market is a celebration of London's independent publishers, and emerging/established artists, championing original/unique items, an art market for lovers of all that is D.I.Y. and self published.

Access information: Map for accessible entrances is on their website: <https://www.copelandpark.com/hiring-space/venues/feature/disabled-access/>

Mint's 13th Birthday

Category: *Nightlife*

@minteventsldn

<http://www.mintevents.london/>

Sat 28 Sep

8pm - 2am

Secret Location, Westminster

£10 - £15 in advance

This is an 18+ event. (Photo ID Required)

Popular womens parties that take place in members clubs and other lively venues. Whole LGBTQ+ spectrum welcome but this party will be 95% female identifying people. Usually brings a crowd of between 400 to 600 women of various ages.

Cheer Up Love Zine Fair

Category: *Art/Zine Fair*

<https://cheeruplove.co.uk/>

Sun 29 Sept

11am - 6pm

Earth (Evolutionary Arts Hackney) 11-17 Stoke Newington Road London, England United Kingdom

Free Entry

Access information: Earth is undergoing refurbishment work to provide level access to both venues. Until this work is completed we will not be able to promise level access to the upper venue (the Theatre). If you require level access to attend please contact us before purchasing tickets so we can advise you of where the works have got to.

LGBTQ+ Tour of The V&A Museum

Category: *Art*

vam.ac.uk

Sat 28 Sep

(every 4 weeks on the last Saturday of each month)

4pm - 5pm Meeting point, Grand Entrance V&A Museum, Cromwell Rd, Knightsbridge, London SW7 2RL

Free

Join the V&A's fascinating free, monthly volunteer-led tour that explores gender and sexual identities through a selection of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer related objects in the V&A's rich collections. Each tour guide offers a different tour, so each time you come you could get a different experience

Access information: Neck loops and radio receivers for use on talks and tours are available from the information desk in the Grand Entrance. The V&A has 13 accessible toilets on site, wheelchairs and walking frames are available at the information desk in the Grand Entrance. All assistance dogs registered with Assistance Dogs UK are welcome.

King of Clubs

Category: *Drag*

Wed 2 Oct

7pm - midnight

Royal Vauxhall Tavern, 372 Kennington Ln, Lambeth, London SE11 5HY

Tickets advance £6, on the door £8.50

South London's dedicated Drag King Night Kings of Clubs returns featuring more luminaries of the ground breaking Drag King scene.

At the helm is Vauxhall's own local royal Drag King; King Frankle Sinatra the compe of Kings of Clubs also featuring: Don Juan, International Vampiric Sensation all the way from

- FinlandBlut Vendemann, Star of Drag World and founder of Phantasmaglorious: Oodipussi Rex, the talented and funny Mallin Perry as Mal Contort, plus Jack Knife and Raymond.

Plus Stav B as Vinyl DJ

Access information: The RVT has an accessible main door and is flat throughout the main space, accommodating wheelchairs. There are toilet cubicles that can be accessed without steps, but are not wheelchair accessible. The nearest accessible toilet is by Vauxhall Bus Station.

Femmi-Errect

Category: Nightlife
@femmierrrect

Fri 11 Oct

9pm-3am

Dalston Superstore, 117 KINGSLAND HIGH ST, E8 2PB

£7 after 11pm * Our parties are free for queers who receive benefits, asylum seekers, and job seekers, for free entry please email: Femmierrect@gmail.com

Femmi-Errect

A night run by femmes for femmes

At Femmi-Errect we celebrate the whole femme spectrum and

We say a big fuck you to femmophobia

Femme and women centred music on both floors brought to you by the most fabulous queer DJs + Performers

This is an 18+ event. (Photo ID Required)

Access information: Dalston Superstore is not fully accessible, We do have a ramp up the front steps but the toilet does not have wheelchair access. The event takes place both upstairs and downstairs. Upstairs has seats and wheelchair accessible except toilets, we do however have access to the toilet at Rio Cinema, which is open until about midnight. There is a flight of stairs to the downstairs dance floor and unfortunately there is not wheelchair access. *We have a zero tolerance policy, to find out more find us on Instagram.

Unsilently Drag

Category: Nightlife/ Theatre
bloomsburyfestival.org.uk

Fri 18 Oct

7:30pm - 9:30pm

Chapel Playhouse, 308 Gray's Inn Road, Kings Cross, London, WC1X 8DP

Tickets are £8 or £6 with concession

Quiplash and Extant theatre present... Unsilently Drag! Come watch blind and visually impaired people from across the LGBTQIA spectrum take small steps and giant leaps into gender bending fabulousness. We'll give you King's, Queens, and drag that defies definition all in one beautifully accessible performance.

This is an 16+ event.

Access information: Venue is step free with accessible toilets. The show will be relaxed. The show will be BSL interpreted and will have integrated audio description. Support to and from the venue from nearby tube/train stations is available as is general support in the venue for orientation. We can provide an info sheet noting any content warnings, moments of loud noises and flashing lights prior to the show.

Crack Up Comedy Cabaret

Category: Comedy
charliegeorgecomedy.com

Tue 29 Oct

7pm - 8pm

The Glory, 281 Kingsland Rd E2 8AS

Free but must be booked through eventbrite to reserve a place

Charlie George, Pride's Got Talent finalist and winner of the LGBTQ+ New Comedian of Year is comic and writer. Come watch her do 45 minutes of her stand up for an exclusive live taping for Next Up Comedy.

This is an 18+ event. (Photo ID Required)

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29 September
2-5pm



Tickets/info: ArtModelCollective.com

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instagram: @hightideclub

a queer disco in an art gallery (by the sea)

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Twenty One Gallery
Southend-on-Sea
8.30pm-1am, £5 entry

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SHE/HER/BABYGIRL

Scrappy trans-femme witch ISO in trans community + intimate pol-yam cuddle puddle. let's build a cis-exclusionary commune and get really cute about it. libra sun // babyspice moon

@born.again.princess
South East London

SOFT QUEER FAT BABE

Seeks pals and potential romance in the north. 31, white, ISFJ; leo sun, gemini rising, sagittarius moon. will write awkward poems about you on public transport probably. You: kind, funny; firm of hand, bright of eye. let's hold hands at a gig, sit too close at the theatre, attempt wild swimming.

@shelikeswaves
Manchester

CATS, NAPS AND SNACKS

Me: Tattooed cat lady, 31, Lesbian, Femme. Liberal. Feminist with a kind heart. Into good coffee, great food and even better booze. Aspiring seamstress. Yorkshire lass living in Manchester looking for my own Anne Lister.

You: Soft butch/masc/andro who can debate politics and binge watch trash TV. Independent but emotionally available. Ambitious but realistic.

Looking for mates, dates and maybe more.

@daisydoll_x
Manchester

STOP COLLABORATE AND LISTEN

Colourful. Tattooed. Traveller. Typical Cancerian, get past my hard shell for my soft side. Into Trainers, Gigs and questionable music choices.

Looking for a partner in crime for night time adventures and binge watching all the shows.

"Your character is the greatest thing about you and needs to be known" Friend. A. "Help me" WhatsApp (2019)

@_gapster_
London

MESS TRYING HIS BEST

19 year old boy(ish). Loves books, poetry, and old music. If I message back same day you're probably important. Broke but will try and take you on dates. Looking

for someone to be weird and talk about conspiracy theories with. The more pets the better. Will send letters with wax seals if you're special.

@kye.is.saturn.bound
Lincolnshire

FEMME WITH BIG DYKE ENERGY

24/white/fat femme

I'm a tall glass of water with curves of a coke bottle, and then some. I'm a creative introverted extrovert, more so extroverted, queer woman who's looking for someone to compliment my hectic city lifestyle and stop with me for a moment in busy environments to enjoy the little things in life.

If you're a cute femme presenting person and you find me cute, say hello!

@katiebrandwood
Watford & North London

JUST LIKE 'BLOWN AWAY'

Me: Makes books and blows glass. Loves dogs, studio time and chatting in the bath. You: prioritise joy, a reader and a goof, exhibition goer, (also fan of chatting in the bath?) Here for lovers, friends and skills trading (ceramicists/welders where are you?)

@phoebestubbsstudio
London

PASSIONATE SLEEPER SEEKS SAME

University lecturer, feminist sci-fi aficionado, yoga enthusiast (w/o the om), collector of fine textiles and religious kitsch, w, monog, seeks independent, driven partner (30+). Recent transplant. Let's explore London's parks with my spry senior dog and eat street food in our favorite South American cities. Se habla español.

@luciernagan5
London

ANTI-WHOLESAME DYKE SLUT

Queer brown partnered poly lesbian i'm cute on the outside, mildly cute on the inside and slutty all the way through. interests: sex education, languages, aggressively refusing twee/tender culture.

planet is dying and I want to date and fuck the pain away. 3somes? yes! play parties? yes! recreate *that* sex scene from season 1 of Vida? yes! are you masc or hard

femme? are you sure of yourself? do you know what you want? then let's fucking go <3

@queerdystopianovel
London/Malmö

LESBIAN SEEKS LIQUID LOVE OK

Just another hopelessly romantic lesbian of london seeks queers to canoe in the moonlight along the river lea with, smoking it up and using body heat for warmth. Looking for some liquid loving: lets swim in open water, walk along rivers, and float in dreamy states... 24, white, cis, gardener and boat dweller, outdoorsy and never quite fit the femme/butch labels. ISO flings and long term lovers, girlfriends/themfriends... Note to non swimmers: I can meet on land too...

@stillafloat_ithink
London

FLUID FARM SOFTY SEEKING

Nature lover, creative soul, seeking tenderness, one on one, I'm fluid, dutchie, painting & going for experiences, living the dream outside,

You, are you, like to join?
Lets go with the wind!!

@totboerinnetje
Groningen

100% TRANS FAT SNACK

Big fat white boi (they/he) seeks dorky, compassionate queer to fall for, fast. Silly, caring, kinky, loyal to a fault. Big heart, bigger thighs. The softest chest to lay your head on while I stroke your hair. All I want in life is to open a giant animal sanctuary, to fill with all of the unlovable. Reckon we all deserve a chance. You want in? Come get me. I am your dream cloud.

@alltransfats
Hull

BOOK-TOTING SORTA-TOMBOY-FEMME

Me: white bi cis woman, fringe & curly red-brown hair, blue eyes, late 20s. Into books (particularly fiction), theory, theatre, dancing, politics, cooking and eating. Face-tious/earnest blend always. Pride myself on my smarts, which ain't that smart. Work with LGBT+ young people, have a new idea for

a PhD every two months.

You: open, friendly, into 'the arts and politics,' smart/quick, keen for a laff. Like challenging n being challenged. Up for going to galleries/theatre. Probs short haired and 'androgynous' (hOrriBLE wOrD) presenting.

Here for m8s and d8s. Queer pals of all stripes a welcome addition to my life.

[O god YEUGH @ this whole self-exposing dance.]

@sandsgrapes
Manchester

ARTSY FEMME SEEKS ZELDA SPELLMAN

Me: an almost 30, silver streaked vixen. Soon to be graduate student and lover of Greek mythology. Very happily independent but would love a rad companion to share new experiences with. You: creative and shares my love of classic punk. Let's read in bed, debate art, think deeply, travel and walk in nature. You should contact me if you like cold brew, red wine and Pre-Raphaelite artworks.

@a_violentfemme
London/Essex

DELICATE INTROVERTED LEO

She/they, sub bottom, ultra fem, 24, melancholic and absolute fantasist. Love my kitty cat - all my future cuddles partially reserved. Hardworking, passionate PhD student who researches Japanese video games. Tendency to day-dream 80% of the day, but will sing for you on demand. Has been through hell and back in previous "relationships" - you: patient, loving, extraverted, self-assured & looking for a life partner.

@lorelieie
Manchester

NO OUTDOORSY TYPES

Me: 31, non-binary, homebody, very capricorn (but not one of those astrology queers). You: communicative, got yr shit together, lowish sex drive, maybe a little butch. Us: crosswords in bed, watching bad movies, making out, cooking, playing with my cats.

@la_rain_
London

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@rachellov_k
Rachel Hodgson



Shadi Al-Atallah
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SEND ART YOU LOVE...

Non-binary, brown, sober, neurodiverse bee in search of long term queer loving. Poly / Kinky / Smash Capitalism. 24 y/o. I have my life - you have urs - we'll slowly learn about each other. Let's pick fruit, nap and then go dancing.

@yasmyn
Birmingham

L IS FOR...?

Me: 19, white, fem baby gay art lesbian trying to learn the higher art of queer confidence. ISO the teen romance I never had +/- or queer pals in a new city. Wanna make art/amarettos/awful(good) spotify playlists, hit up the local gallery n maybe make out?
You: 19-23, will nurture ur niche interests if u nurture mine ;)

@lilyorset
London -> Leeds from Sept

MAKE ME CRY LAUGHING

22, she/her, mostly femme baby gay seeking romantic connections and community. I'm witty and warm, seeking mutually stimulating conversation with the butch leaning person of my dreams. Teach me about your passions and please let's lose it over cute dogs in the street together.

@johannascarvalho
Hackney, London

CREATIVE HARD FEMME SEEKS SIMILAR

Me: 27, musician and dj who runs a weirdo lesbian night in east London. Catch me painting protest signs, writing music or finding somewhere to get my next halloumi fix in my downtime. Loves techno and is currently learning tarot.

You: Like surreal memes, probably do something creative (though not necessarily) and live life pas-

sionately. We both have haircuts our parents don't understand, but that's okay: we get it, and it means we're able to help each other trim places we can't do ourselves. Oh, and we're both tops.

@celesteguinness
London

BUTCH4BUTCH

26yo vers butch ISO romance & an apprenticeship in butch cock sucking. Pref w someone older & wiser (or at least able to act the part). Me: shy w a sharp wit, a bit jaded but a secret goof. You: grounded, earthy, good at boundaries & banter. Us: hellbent on surviving the end times. Ps. ACAB x

@cruisingdystopia
London

NON-BINARY COWBOY 4 U
double denim trans dreamboat seeking ultra-gendered babes.

white. switch. t4t. femme4femme. birth charts b4 nudes. alpha rising, beta moon. here for pen pals, platonic intimacy, nature dates, hot make outs, & people who love trans bodies. oh, i also work at a perfumery. let's talk scent.

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Typical Cancerian, get past my hard shell for my softer side. Into gigs, trainers and questionable music choices. Looking for a partner in crime for night time adventures and binge watching all the shows. "Your character is the greatest thing about you and needs to be known". Friend.A. "Help me" WhatsApp (2019)

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Anti-Lesley

Dear Lesley,
I'm finding it hard to meet gay women. I'm 49 and been out of a long term relationship 3y. So ready for new thrills. I'm in south London, looking about - online, bars, odd meet-up group, but no luck! Help!

Hi there,
It's tricky sometimes finding the right group but check our listings and see if there's something that sounds like your kind of thing! We recommend the Lesbian Discussion Group at Gays The Word Bookshop. There are also a couple of good groups that meet occasionally at the Retro Bar - try searching for 'London International Lesbians' meet up.

Butch Please! At the RVT is a club night that caters to a really wide variety of ages and is a great place to meet new people.

It's also sometimes good to just go to a few things you like the idea of without focusing specifically on meeting someone, try going to a few LGBT-ish things and see what happens! Art shows and activist groups are great for meeting new people as well as sports like roller derby if you're feeling a little more adventurous! x

Dear Lesley,
I haven't yet had sex with a woman because a combo of trauma and OCD makes most sex really uncomfortable for me. When I found out about 'service' and 'stone' tops, I thought "Great, that's sounds like something I could manage!". I feel like this is something I should tell potential partners about pretty early on (in case they aren't into it, or they make assumptions and cross my boundaries). But I also worry that I shouldn't advertise myself as a 'giver' specifically, when I have no experience of giving... How do I broach the subject and learn to top but avoid disappointing girls?



"Try not to put too much pressure on yourself, preferences and experience in the bedroom are rarely deal breakers when you're really into someone. Just go with it and communicate as and when you feel ready. x"

Hello!
Thanks for reaching out about this. Problems like this are way more common than you might think!

The best thing to do is to always communicate with your partner, but you don't have to go into too much detail straight away. You can always start off by saying something vague but to the point like, 'btw I just want to say it's really important to me to communicate about physical stuff' if the person your dating is worth perusing then they'll be respectful of this without trying to pry.

If they do ask and you're not ready to share, you can always say something like 'I don't really want to talk about it right now but maybe in future.' Anyone worth dating will be respectful of your boundaries.

Try not to put too much pressure on yourself, preferences and experience in the bedroom are rarely deal breakers when you're really into someone. Just go with it and communicate as and when you feel ready. x

Ps. Also! Masturbation can be a great way to practice, if it feels good when you do it to yourself then likelihood is that someone else will enjoy you doing it with them.

Dear Lesley,
Me and my boy best mate have fallen out and i want to be friends with him again but I don't know how.

Hey!
If you really care about someone you've fallen out with it's important to reach out and tell them how much they mean to you. It's difficult without knowing any details, but try to see whatever happened from their point of view and communicate that with them. If you reach out to them but they don't reciprocate then it's probably best to leave them be for the time being, they may not be ready to be friends again and it's important to respect people's boundaries. Best of luck with your friend. x

If you or someone you care about is in need of professional counselling in London we recommend contacting ELOP (East London Out Project) find out more at: elop.org phone: 020 8509 3898 email: info@elop.org

If you need help with anything/just want to talk to someone here are some helpful numbers you can call:

LGBT+ Switchboard: 0300 330 0630

Samaritans: 116 123



HERBS FOR QUEER HEALING

by ~~AY~~SHA TANJONES

Why do i believe the gays need herbs? herbal healing allows you to take your own healing into your own hands, you can forage for your painkillers, boil up your anxiety reducing potions or burn your home made prophetic incenses. the whole act of herbalism is radical in the sense that it diverts our coin from the capitalist pharmaceutical economy. it is a queer way to heal.

back in the 1450s-1750s, the witch crazes spread like wildfire across Europe. It was the ones who resisted the new capitalist regime, the ones in touch with the earth, it's remedies and its powers, who were accused of witchcraft. it was the sexually liberated women, queers, and wise hags, who were branded as devil worshippers. In some parts of the world, witch hunting still exists today, which makes me question how far we have come? and in our 'developed' west, these witch hunts exist in new forms, under new guises, as terfs, swerfs and homophobic attacks are still present in our society. Herbs can help us not only internally on a medical level, but also help protect us on a magical level.

All herbs I am sharing with you grow in the UK and you can forage them yourself!

ROSEMARY



Ruling Planet : Sun

Rosemary allows the blood to carry more oxygen to the brain, which increases mental clarity, aiding memory function, eases headaches, exhaustion and fatigue. It is ruled by the sun, the heart of our solar system, so can be used as a great heart tonic, increasing vigour, strength, courage. Rosemary can be used in protective and purifying rituals, and sleeping with a sprig under your pillow could protect against bad dreams.

Rosemary can be brewed in a tea, or used as an essential oil in aromatherapy. Pick and dry the herb and as incense for smoke cleansing, a great celtic alternative to white sage or palo santo. Rosemary grows abundantly all around the city. My local rosemary bush is behind the retail park next to the rail way tracks in Tottenham Hale! Hunt down your local bush, and remember to ask the spirits of the plant before cutting, and take only what you need.



LAVENDER ♀

Ruling planet : Mercury

Good for calming and soothing the mind, inducing peaceful sleep. A mild anti-depressive, Lavender strengthens the nerves and eases stress while sharpening the mind. This aromatic herb can be used in love, protection, purification and healing rituals, and can increase the duration of a spell. A great meditation aid, it stabilises emotions and with its ruling planet, Mercury, the planet of communication, stabilises emotions, allowing for clearer communication with your inner self. Similar to Rosemary, you may find Lavender growing in unusually random places, but most likely in your neighbours front garden.

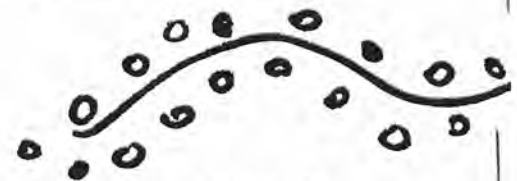
Teas, essential oils or pillows can be made from Lavender. I like to sew a pouch and stuff it with lavender buds to hang above my bed at night to aid my sleep, which also keeps moths away.

NETTLE ♂

Ruling planet: Mars

Nettles may have a bad rep as those itchy bastards, but once you get past the sting, they have a wealth of abundance to offer! They are packed full of vitamins and minerals, especially high in iron and calcium! It is high in antioxidants, and contains pigments found in carrots too, which are great for eye health. Internally it can be used to ease arthritis, due to it's anti-inflammatory properties, but i know many people who claim that stinging their arthritis points with nettles also sends heat to the spot and eases the pain. Treating arthritis with nettles dates back to the ancient Egyptians, and its roman troops whipped their legs and bodies with nettles to keep warm, strong Martian energy.

Nettles are best picked in the spring when they are tender, or later in the season, but before they have flowered. They can be brewed in teas, or blended to make delicious soups or pesto.



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