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Safe Space for Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Women

Fundraising event being organised by the Women's Space committee.

There will be a disco, raffle, performers set at Chorlton Irish Centre on

Friday 15th February from 8pm.

Entrance is 4 pounds/3 pounds. Tickets are available in advance from the LCP or you can pay on the door. All women welcome! Come along and support this event and spread the word! All proceeds will go towards providing yet another fantastic Women's Space at Manchester Pride '08!

Calling All members...

LCP AGM

April 10th 6.15pm

Your Community Project needs you!
Not a member yet? it's free and gives you the chance to vote on key decisions- please contact Lisa for more information ...come along to the Drop In afterwards and be pampered!

Volunteers Wanted...

The LCP is looking to recruit volunteers to assist with various aspects of our work including: group support; administration; working with the lesbian asylum group; and other volunteering opportunities that arise, such as helping with mailouts and staffing stalls at networking events. Induction training and support are provided and out of pocket expenses are paid. If you are interested and would like more information, please contact Lisa at the LCP

Message from the Editor

We've pulled together talent from the lesbian community to bring you **Zhoosh**, the new look magazine replacing the LCP Newsletter.

There are now more ways to EngAge with the LCP; Drop-Ins, Discussion groups, E-Bulletins, Volunteering and of course our famous OWLS group!

We know that Community is important to Lesbians, you told us at Pride that you wanted more spaces to socialise, less emphasis on drinking, and the confidence to be yourself without conforming to lesbian 'stereotypes'. We are lucky to have a Gay Village- but do we need to accept that there is limited wheelchair access, accept that the marketing will be towards the 18-25 age group, accept that the cheap drinks are encouraging a binge drinking culture, and be glad that we have one Sunday in a whole year dedicated to women?... I think not!

The LCP board were amazed at the enthusiasm and passion young people put into the 'Save the Gay Centre' campaign, it is sometimes hard for us to relate to the younger LGBT community and vice versa. We do have common ground, a need for space, accessible services and the fight against homophobia whatever it's guise. 2008 is going to be a year of working better for you with other organisations. Read about the EngAge project on page 3, we hope to bring together the experience, wisdom, enthusiasm and passion to campaign as ONE community for better services for Lesbian and Bisexual women

Leila x
Tell us what you want...
email editor.zhoosh@btinternet.com with your ideas and suggestion for the magazine and LCP.



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The LCP website has been updated! visit www.manchesterlcp.org.uk to download the PDF version of this magazine or... www.glossyzoosh.co.uk for features

Calling all photographers!

This months cover photo was supplied by Scooby, if you think you have a photo that would work well on the front cover please let us know! Zhoosh magazine is a community magazine and we want to include as much creative talent from the community as we can

The magazine is published on the LCP website and www.glossyzoosh.co.uk. We will provide a link to your website and contact details if you want us to

Editor Leila-Jane Wilson
Features Amber Stevens, Lucy McAlister

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2008 Project Launch

ENGAGE is the 2008 Manchester Lesbian Community arts project

Exploring the positive and negative aspects of being a lesbian woman in the North West, it will be a visual Journey through adulthood and capture quotes, and words of women in their teens, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60's etc

The project has two key aims, it will...



ENGAGE women of all ages, breaking down the stereotype of 'Lesbian' through visual art and words

ENGAGE businesses, promoting better service provision for lesbian and bisexual women

Get involved!

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LCP Drop-In 28th February 7-9pm

OWLS Wednesday 19th March 2-4pm

Come and chart your journey, through words and pictures. LCP volunteers will be showcasing their creative talents and there will be an opportunity to try your hand at poetry, digital photography and much more!

What years are the best years of your life... and why? Come and chart your journey, or join in the discussionpop in for coffee cake and a chat! Don't forget older is self defined.

Get involved through the LGF!

Sugar & Spice returns...

The event, which will take place from 12pm-6pm March 1st, has the theme of 'Women Seen and Heard' and will offer the opportunity for women to come together to share, learn, explore, network and build partnership working. Join in at the EngAge workshop. For more information please visit www.lgf.org.uk



Timetable

January

Launch

February-July

Art events at the LCP to capture quotes and Journeys

August

ENGAGE Business Award

September-December

ENGAGE exhibition 'out and about' in the North West

Drop-In

Meets every 2nd and 4th Thursday at the LCP 7-9pm. Volunteers needed to make tea, coffee and women feel welcome- Travel expenses paid.

Lesbian Community! Where, Where?

What does the term lesbian community mean? is there really a lesbian community? and if so what exactly are the criteria for joining?

By Amber Stevens

Type 'lesbian community' into any search engine and you'll get a myriad of social events, nights out and in, sports for all levels of abilities and the promise of 'support (generally in a non-judgemental space)' but is that really the case? The LCP's hot topic for January's discussion group was this very issue – 'what does the term lesbian community mean? is there really a lesbian community? and if so what exactly are the criteria for joining?'

I vaguely remember attempting going to one of these such events in my late teens (not that long ago) in the hope of meeting 'like-minded people' (another favourite term of expression). What the leaflet forgot to mention amongst all this popular, politically correct jargon was that unless I drank pints, played footie and wore my jeans half way down my arse I just wasn't part of the 'lesbian community', which sometimes has all the exclusivity of a celebrity attended, michelin star restaurant in the capital (I know which I'd prefer)! At this event, others like it and a variety of gay venues there just didn't seem to be a lot of space for a young career-driven femme who just happened to have a weakness for both women and shopping. There seemed to be an assumption that we as lesbians and bisexual women are a homogenous group, this means they'll provide a range of activities that challenge society's assumptions about what women can and can't do but never under any circumstances challenge their own assumptions about what lesbians can and can't do. What the hell I shop better on my own anyway!

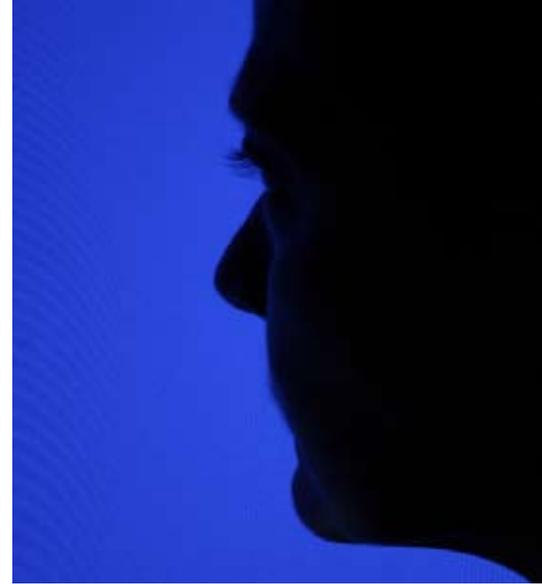
Throughout the discussion there was a general feeling that the lesbian 'community' and 'scene' are very different things and that the scene does in fact only provide for a homogenous group whereas the community recognises difference and diversity. In fact, nip down to the village any Friday or Saturday night and you'll see bouncers chucking out drunk young dykes about town by some of the quote, unquote 'best lesbian venues in the North West'. Ok, so if they're old enough to drink they should have a bit of self-control but even so did the older generation really risk their lives for us to be 'out and proud' so we could turf some poor kid out into cold to maybe get home alright, maybe get attacked, or maybe just pass out in a drunken mess. Meanwhile their so-called mates party on inside hoping to pull someone similar to their own reflection or kick off with someone they'll find themselves in a long-term relationship with two days later. Such community spirit! Is there any wonder there's such a high suicide attempt rate amongst LGBT youths? You come out and risk rejection from your family and friends, put up with ignorant comments or worse to turn to other lovely queers on the scene for support only for them to reject you for wearing the wrong trainers, or worse killer heels.

Our priority for 2008 is to engage women of all ages, celebrate youth and wisdom...

However that's not to say the 'lesbian community' is completely non-existent, the Lesbian Community Project is one of the few functions that really does provide 'a non-judgemental space', a chance to meet 'like-minded people' and 'be yourself'. The discussion group, as with all the groups at the LCP consisted of a range of women, of different ages, backgrounds and outlooks. We Manchester dykes have the LCP to act as 'the real alternative'.

Whether you agree, disagree with me or just want to voice your opinion come along to the LCP discussion group and have your say (dates as detailed in this magazine). We won't give you funny looks displaying a hint of individuality and not wearing the right labels, promise!

...challenging those lesbian stereotypes... challenging the 'Gay' scene to step up to the diversity that is lesbian!



Discussion Group Meets 3rd Wednesday of every month 7.00pm – 8.30pm



When launching EngAge I started to think about my own journey as a lesbian: the need I felt to be accepted and fit in, I identify as a femme, a career driven woman, a partner, a daughter... many things.

The positive aspect of my journey has been meeting so many different individual and wonderful people, the negative... Prejudice within a community that struggles for equality in a heterosexual dominated world.

In vogue or acceptable discrimination? Butch Femme & Transguys Leila Wilson

As a teenager in the 90's it never occurred to me that I was a lesbian, I fantasised about women, fancied women... but didn't see myself as a lesbian. Strange? Or social conditioning? I wanted to fit in, I had lots of friends and fortunately didn't have to worry about being accepted within my social circles... but would I have felt more alone if I'd embraced my sexuality earlier?

I came out by chance, it happened overnight.. I met someone, fell in love and hey presto! There I was identifying as a straight woman who loved another woman. Why? Because I didn't think that I fit the 'lesbian' stereotype. Maybe if I had looked a little deeper, past the gay media and promotions I would have seen more lesbians who were like me... in fact now, in my late 20's I see more diversity than ever before.

I stumbled upon the LCP by accident, looking for a writing workshop online- not long out of my first relationship I thought it would be a good opportunity to meet other lesbians- none of my friends were lesbians... some were up for a night in the Village as a laugh, but it didn't help me make friends. Within weeks of joining the LCP I had been introduced to a message board called Butch-Femme Transguy- at last! Somewhere I fit in, where I could embrace my femininity.

You might argue that The Butch Femme dynamic originated from lesbians who wanted to fit into society and not draw attention to themselves; post and during the war lots of Butch women passed for men. I think since the 80's it has been easier (but not that easy) to be more individual and almost old fashioned to be Butch-Femme.

Butch- Femme is a strong ID, but can still be stereotyped as apeing heterosexuality- surely there is more to it than that? Not every butch adopts a male role... and IDing femmes can be more at ease with a pair of pliers than oven gloves. It's about individuality and choice, whether you ID as queer, dyke, lesbian, woman, butch, femme... (I could go on but wouldn't have the space) I think we should be proud of the diversity out there.

I am a strong advocate of Lesbian Bisexual Transguy and Transgender Women spaces- excluding born males who ID as male. The continuing success of Women's Space at Pride demonstrates the need for a space away from the 'Gay Male' orientation of pride and one that is inclusive of all women, whatever their age or ID. I hope that in 10 years the need isn't there; that the lesbian community, and those with links to it, have a stronger voice and equality with gay men. There is a continuing debate within the lesbian community: should Transguys be accepted at lesbian and bisexual groups and events? I would argue that Transguys have links to the lesbian community, in fact some Transguys would not want to attend lesbian and bisexual orientated events- but as there is more than one way to ID a lesbian, there is more than one ID for Transguys- shouldn't the choice be theirs? Come along to our discussion group on February 20th to discuss.



www.butch-femme.co.uk

**Butch
Femme
Transguy**

What's happening with the LCP?

Last year we said goodbye to 2 fantastic staff due to funding cuts, without Lisa our Co-ordinator and volunteers we would not be here today.

This year sees the 3rd Anniversary of the Drop In- so to everyone who has participated, volunteered or provided funding for the Drop-In our heartfelt thanks!

We continue to receive a core grant from Manchester City Council which allows us to employ a Co-ordinator, run Drop In and Discussion groups, face to face and telephone signposting to lesbian services in Manchester. The LCP remain the leaseholder for the Sidney Street Gay Centre and we are working with Manchester City Council to improve the facilities and consultation of the groups who use the space.

How is it run?

The LCP is a registered charity and is managed by a board of 5 trustees, 3 are nearly at the end of 2 year terms, despite advertising we are still looking for more trustees to help with strategy, fundraising and decision making.

2008 AGM

Have your say!

At the AGM on April 10th we will ask members to vote on extending the term a Trustee can serve on the board- now more than ever we need to retain the experience and skills of the board until new trustees have been appointed and learnt the ropes

Not a member yet?

It's free and gives you the right to vote on key decisions contact Lisa for more information email mail@manchesterlcp.org.uk

Interested in becoming a trustee or an advisor on fundraising?

Lisa's role now incorporates administration, and we want to focus our efforts on securing a grant to employ a part time administrator to free up Lisa's time so she can do what she does best!

Please contact the Chair of Trustees

leilajaneWilson@btinternet.com

Contact the LCP

Call us on 0161 273 7128

email us at mail@manchesterlcp.org.uk

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Meets 3rd Wednesday of every month 7.00pm – 8.30pm

February 20th

Trans guys and the lesbian community

Challenging the myths, stereotypes and misunderstandings

March 19th

Religion and Sexuality:

Is there a conflict?

April 16th

Civil Partnerships:

What's the point?

May 21st

Gay Spaces:

Ghetto or Peer Support?

Celebrating 3 years of the LCP Drop In!

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February 14th

Open Mic Night

Singers, musicians, poets – we need you! And as it's Valentine's, bring your favourite "love food" to share!

February 28th

ENGAGE Arts Project

Come along and take part in this new community arts project aimed at breaking down lesbian stereotypes through visual art and words

March 13th

International Women's Week

Who do you most admire in the international women's community? Bring international food/drinks to share

March 27th

Belly Dancing or Line Dancing

To be confirmed

April 10th

Pamper Night

Back by popular demand. Come along for a facial; foot spa; eyebrow shaping; and much more!

April 24th

Pizza Night

Bring your own favourite pizza to share – vegetarian; vegan; meat feast; chocolate?!! Whatever takes your fancy!

Valentine's Day Menu 2008

We are proud to present...

Starters

Seared scallops with a black pudding mash & hollandaise sauce
Avocado & walnut salad with toasted poppy seeds & warm balsamic dressing
Pumpkin & cumin soup with coconut milk and herb crouton
Fig & goats' cheese tart served on dressed rocket

Main Courses

Char grilled swordfish steak with a lime & stem ginger sauce dressed on oven roasted red peppers
Golden duck breast with an apple mash with cranberry & black cherry gravy
Poached chicken breast served on a cushion of white rice, coated in fresh asparagus velouté
A filo basket stuffed with Moroccan vegetables, lightly spiced in a rich tinned tomato sauce, served with a minted Tunisian cous cous
Freshly carved prime Welsh sirloin with a red wine jus & Yorkshire pudding stuffed with creamed horseradish & honey glazed parsnips

Dessert

A trio of chilled melon with red grapes, kiwi fruit & kirsch



Sittings are 6.30 and 7pm, 9pm and 9.30pm

£25 PER HEAD -£5 deposit required
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Each issue we'll be publishing frequently asked questions

Q. Would you recommend that someone who is new to BTL (Buy To Let) start investing in property this year, or should they wait for current economic and housing market-related problems to settle down?

A. It's a great time to invest, not least because of a distressed marketplace - property is being made available at lower values than usual for a number of reasons including the general downturn in the market. Also an increasing number of people are exiting the owners market and taking up rental properties causing that industry to rise - a proven reason in itself to invest in "Buy to Let". Properties currently on the market from genuine vendors are open to offers, and with some new developments being accepted at up to 20% below the asking price, if you're an investor or a first time buyer - it's definitely the time to invest.

www.moneyandmortgages.org

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Valentines Quiz

What type of romantic are you?

Question One

Have you bought a valentines card yet?

- Yes, it's been left blank for your own message
- Yes, it's one of the over-size cards too big to fit through a letterbox
- Yes, you made it yourself
- No, Christmas is bad enough, but valentines cards are pointless

A

B

C

D

Question Two

Will you be buying a present this year?

- No, You don't need presents to show your love
- No, it's a secret crush, just a card
- Yes, you haven't spent much, just a little love token
- Yes, you have a BIG surprise planned

D

A

C

B

Question Three

What kind of card do you think you'll get?

- Yes, I'll be getting a card
- I know I'll be getting a card, well maybe even two- Royal Mail are on alert
- I don't think I'll get one this year
- No- I've instructed the postman to burn any that he finds for me

C

B

A

D

Question Four

How many cards have you sent in your lifetime?

- A few... but they've been anonymous
- Loads.. I send them to all of my friends, I like to provoke a reaction!
- A few.. mainly to my girlfriend or partner
- This is a trick question right? NONE.

A

B

C

D

Now count up your A,B,C & D's and turn over for your romantic type



Mostly A's

The shy romantic

The quiet romantic dreams of candlelit meals for two, rose petal baths and beating hearts. They spend hours looking at Valentines cards, picking out the perfect card for their current lust... the shy romantic may even pen a little poem for her valentine, the card will likely be signed with a kiss, or not sent at all.

The enthusing romantic

The loud romantic who tells everyone within earshot what they are doing for valentines, maybe they have hired a personal jet to whisk their lady to a far off island for an idyllic meal. You'll hear this romantic before you see them and if you are the 'lucky' woman/boi you'll also be showered with luxurious and expensive gifts.

Mostly B's



The thoughtful romantic

The eco romantic will have handmade your card, possibly out of recycled paper, bought you something inexpensive with great meaning or will be cooking you your favourite meal. They won't expect anything in return and will be blushing as they surprise you on Valentines Day.

Mostly C's



The romantic bypass

The bah-humbug of Valentines Day is on vacation, in a cold climate.

Mostly D's



Nosheel reviews Gastro's at www.canal-st.co.uk

Manchester's taste buds are tingling now Gastro's food hall & restaurant has opened! It is stacked with quality, local & international ingredients – organic where possible, always ethical. Set over two floors in a beautifully restored, brick and wood Victorian warehouse in the bohemian, bustling neighbourhood of Sackville St, (next to Tribeca), the aim of the business is to offer its customers an array of food shopping & dining options, from the raw ingredients - through freshly prepared meals - to a fantastic meal in a relaxed, friendly & professional manner. Just pop in to 46 Sackville St. and meet our dedicated team, or call us on 0161 923 6856 and share our passion for food with us. Become a friend of Gastro's at www.gastrofood.co.uk



Calling all Yazoo fans
Yazoo are playing 5 gigs this year including 5th
June Manchester
Tickets on sale now at www.alisonmoyet.com

Lucy is contemplating Parenting, Easter... and free reign Chocolate!

Lucy McAlister

Myson will be three next month. He's passionate about chocolate. From the moment he found a chocolate and managed to eat through the wrapper unnoticed at 11 months old he just hasn't been able to get enough of the stuff. A friend babysat for him once and using her daughter as a reference guide decided to give him a large Lindt bunny. Her daughter will eat 6 smarties and then go for a carrot stick. She was somewhat surprised when Jessy ate the entire rabbit leaving only the base, which defeated him because he fell asleep mid-munch.

So Easter is looming – socially sanctioned time of excess chocolate consumption. Last Easter, I was just entering a new phase of determination to let my child control his own food choices. I try to use trust in my child



So Easter is looming... time of excess and chocolate consumption.

as my basis for parenting; one of the areas in which this can be particularly challenging is the area of food choices. The principle is that given free choice and access to a wide variety of foods a child will eat exactly what his body needs. It seems Jessy needs chocolate. Last Easter, he needed an awful lot of chocolate. In fact, for a long time, he called all chocolate 'eggs' and seemed to believe it only manifested itself in this shape.

I'll be curious to see whether this Easter, the eggs will hold the same fascination. It's become an unwavering routine to stop and choose a small chocolate bar on the way home from my partner's house. Sometimes we to and fro a couple of times a day but nothing will deter him from his ritual! Often he insists that we take little chocolate gifts for my girlfriend's twins and older daughter too. Holding the little bundles of chocolate frogs makes my new combined family suddenly seem so much bigger! It warms my heart to see his little gestures of affection, and the way he automatically thinks of my partner and her children in these moments.

Despite his continued passion, the predicted outcomes of free reign food choices are happening. Jessy will often leave half a bar of chocolate when he's had enough, and will usually happily put it down to come and eat a healthy nutritious dinner. He's more likely to exclaim 'yummy!' over a bowl of rice and prawns than over a chocolate bar and has been more distressed by running out of salami than by having no chocolate in the house.

He'll still enjoy being treated on a special day though. My girlfriend invited me out for a lunch date the other day just as I was about to leave, so we bundled up all the kids against the cold and headed out to 'just around the corner', which is as far as you want to go with a two year old and three year old twins in tow!! It's wonderful how our kids are so instinctively open and happy about us. Through mouthfuls of chocolate cake, we had all three little ones playfully arguing over who was who's girlfriend. All of them seem to want to be our girlfriend as they can clearly see how happy we are whenever we say we are each other's girlfriends. I'm not sure our little local café was quite ready for their uncompromising happiness about their queer family, but it certainly made us proud! Hooray for happiness and free reign chocolate!

**Read Lucy's review of Pride 2007 at
www.glossyzoosh.co.uk**

Listings...

Spread the word!

Discussion Group Meets 3rd Wednesday of every month 7.00pm – 8.30pm

Celebrating 3 years of the LCP Drop In!
Meets 2nd and 4th Thursday of every month 7-9pm
See Page 6 for more information

Rosie Lugosi

2 March 2008, 08:00 PM - Fuel Bar
448, Wilmslow Road, Manchester, M20 4AN - £3
Rosie Lugosi reads at the Poetry party night... with bands and other visiting poets including Shelley from the Poetry Chicks!

The KAOS Dream

Thursday 28 February to Saturday 1 March 8pm
£10 / £6
Award-winning KAOS Theatre presents a fantastically lurid vision of Shakespeare's classic play, A Midsummer Night's Dream.
More details at www.contact-theatre.org

Rosie Lugosi

14 Feb 2008, 13:00
Manchester Central Library, St Peter's Square, Manchester,
Cost : free
A special lunchtime poetry reading by LGBT poets for Valentine's Day, including Rosie Lugosi. With tea and coffee provided! Contact Libby Tempest at Manchester Central Library on 0161 -234 -1981

Groups

Rainbow Families
A monthly group bringing together lesbian parents, co-parents, parents to be and their children. Next drop-in event taking place 9th September, 2-5pm www.rainbowfamilies.co.uk

LIKT
A young LB women's project who meet at 6.30pm one Monday a month at the Lesbian and Gay Centre, and usually have one social event a month on a Saturday. www.likt.org.uk

MORF
A monthly social group for transguys in the North West. They welcome female-born/raised individuals who identify as transgender, transsexual, intersexual, gender questioning etc. www.morf.org.uk

Jessie's Lesbian Walking Group
An inclusive self-organised group for LB women of all ages who enjoy walking and talking. Walks usually take place on the last Sunday of the month. manchesterjessies@yahoo.co.uk

SM Dykes – A group which aims to support LB SM-ers through meetings and play parties. The group meets on the 1st Sunday of the month at 7.30pm at the Lesbian and Gay Centre. www.smdykes.org.uk

Training Opportunity

Could the organisation you work for benefit from awareness training of the needs and issues affecting lesbian, gay and bisexual people?

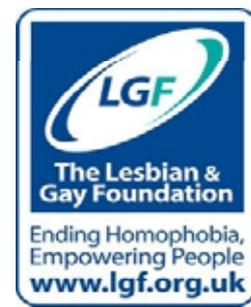
Does your organisation need to get up to date with the new Equalities Act 2007, outlawing discrimination based on sexual orientation when providing goods and services?

If yes then this may be of interest

Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Awareness Training Course

Provided by the Lesbian Service Providers Network in partnership with the Training House.

Tuesday 26th February 2008 9.30am-4.30pm at the Lesbian Community Project
Cost £55 per person including lunch
For more information or to reserve a place contact Lisa
0161 273 7128 mail@manchesterlcp.org.uk



To celebrate International Women's Day the Lesbian and Gay Foundation (LGF) is holding a second Sugar and Spice event on March 1st (12-6pm) for lesbian and bisexual women with the theme of 'Women Seen and Heard' - in your personal and professional relationships; in your community and in your society.

The event is open to all who wish to attend and is free of charge with complimentary food and refreshments.

Attendees are also being invited to attend a Cocktail party after the event from 6-8pm at Vanilla bar in Manchester's gay village with all cocktails two for £5.

Other highlights of the event include complimentary therapies including massages and reiki, a question and answer session and an optional 'Lesbians – past, present and future' discussion.

Please register your interest for the event with Annie Emery on 0161 235 8021 or email annie@lgf.org.uk for catering purposes.

The event will take place at the Lesbian and Gay Foundation building located in the heart of Manchester's gay village at Princess House, 105-107 Princess Street, Manchester, M1 6DD.