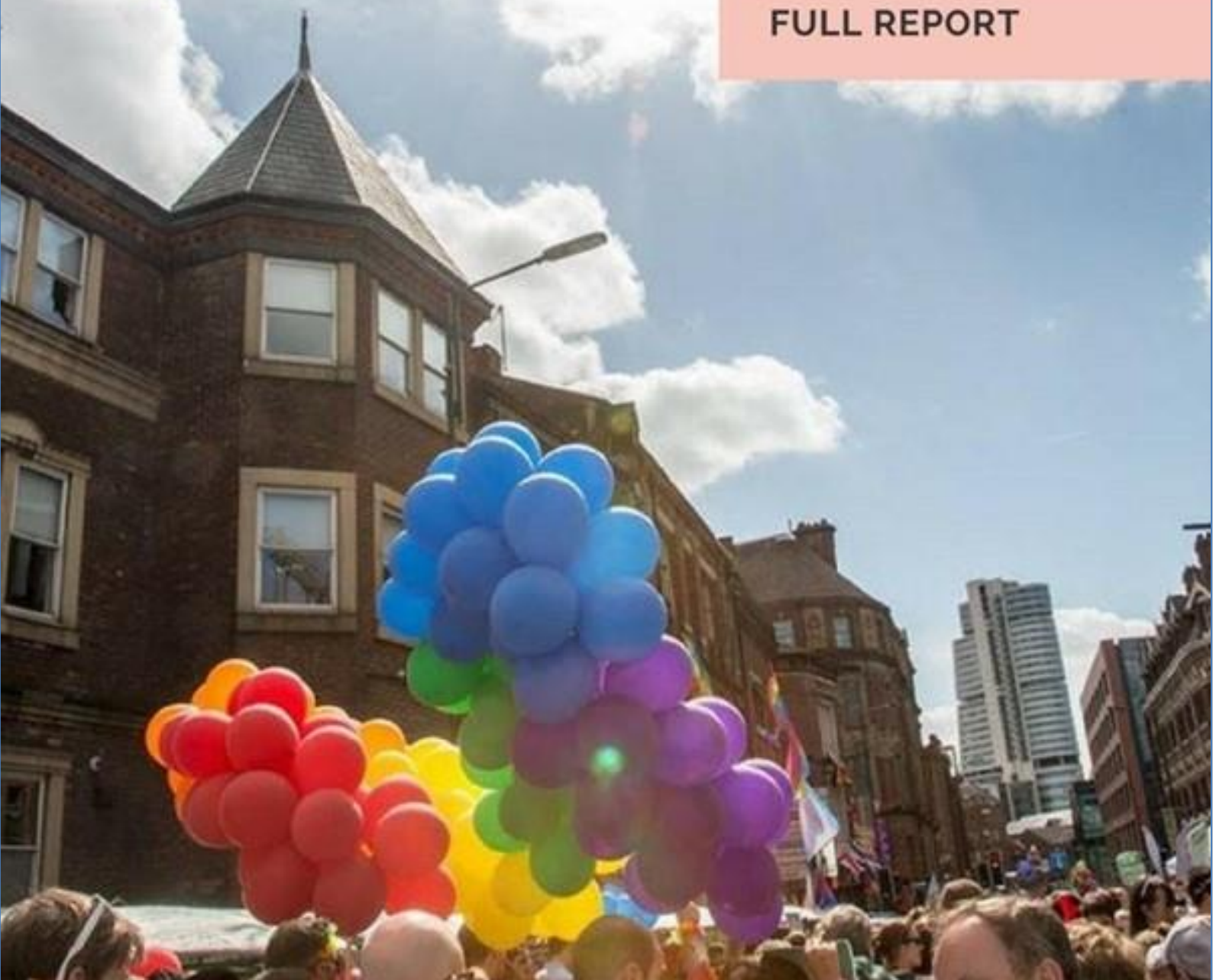


LEEDS LGBT+ MAPPING PROJECT

A SNAPSHOT OF LGBT+ ASSETS AND CHALLENGES IN LEEDS

FULL REPORT



Leeds LGBTQIA+ Mapping as of Oct 2021

A small group of LGBTQIA+ community connectors came together to update the following mapping exercise to the best of their knowledge. This mapping was carried out to give a snapshot of the LGBTQIA+ community sector in Leeds as of 01 Oct 2021 to aid funders and others to better support those groups. The following themes were noted during this exercise:

- The original issue identified in the mapping project of volunteer burnout and the resulting fragility of the groups is even more prevalent now due to Covid.
- A proportion of the provision relates to gay bars and arts venues, the majority of these venues and events weren't taking place during Covid times.
- LGBTQIA+ staff groups that are part of large employers are a prevalent part of the picture.
- There has been a significant increase in older people's LGBTQIA+ groups, which could in part be attributed to investment from LOPF/Time to Shine Funding.
- There has been little change in terms of infrastructure support from funders and others for the LGBTQIA+ sector.
- Trans and Bi groups are particularly vulnerable to closure.
- There is a need to provide support to small groups. Lack of capacity and forward planning is an issue.

This document is an update and adaptation of the 2017 [Leeds LGBT+ Mapping Project](#): 'A snapshot of LGBT+ Assets and Challenges in Leeds'.



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Action for Trans Health Leeds

Location: Nationwide

Trans men and women, intersex, agender and non-binary individuals of all ages

About: Action for Trans Health is a U.K based organisation which aims to improve trans access to healthcare through funding 'access to healthcare' grants and through engagement with trans communities and medical professionals. The Leeds group meets on the first Sunday of the month at Yorkshire MESMAC, from 3pm-5pm.

Activities: Advice, Campaigning, Trans health

Contact: leedsactionfortranshealth@gmail.com

Online: <http://actionfortranshealth.org.uk/>

African Rainbow Family*

Location: *Leeds / Nationwide*

About: African Rainbow Family is a lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersexual support group for Africans living in the UK. It was established in the wake of the toxic and draconian anti-gay laws, persecutions and environment which seek to criminalise #LGBTIs for the preference of whom they choose to love. ARF seeks to work with the growing African #LGBTI asylum seekers and refugees communities who face constant harassment, hate crimes and discrimination heaped on them by an ignorant society because of their sexuality or sexual preferences as well as trans phobia.

Contact us on info@africanrainbowfamily.org and/or 0771 1285567 if you need support or for someone else

Contact: 0771 1285567 (Monday to Friday, 9.30am to 5pm)

+44771 1285567 (from outside UK; Monday to Friday, 9.30am to 5pm UK time)

Email : info@africanrainbowfamily.org

Online: <https://africanrainbowfamily.org/>

and <https://www.facebook.com/AfricanRainbowFamily/>

Alison Lowe - West Yorkshire Deputy Mayor Police and Crime*

Location: *Leeds / Nationwide*

About: West Yorkshire Deputy Mayor Police and Crime @DeputyMayorPCWY, 'As the mother of 2 gay children I am passionate about the right of all young people to learn about #LGBTLove and #rainbowfamilies I support the @stonewalluk campaign #hopeforLGBTequality'.

Contact: @alison_4life

Online: @alison_4life

All Hallows Church

Location: All Hallows Church,
24 Regent Terrace,
Leeds
LS6 1NP

About: All Hallows Church is an inclusive and LGBT+ positive Christian church.

Activities: Spiritual, Community, Yoga, PAYF Cafe

Contact: 0113 242 2205 / 07595 261 389

Online: <http://allhallowsleeds.org>

The Asexuality Visibility and Education Network

Location: Online

About: AVEN is an online forum and network for asexual people. Members on AVEN meet have regular meetups across the world, including Leeds.

Activities: social, support, network

Online: <http://www.asexuality.org/en>

B

The Bad Mittens

Location: Leeds

About: This LGBT+ inclusive Badminton group launched on Wednesday 20th July 2016 and has seen considerable membership growth, with 850+ members currently registered with them.

The group meets twice weekly at Armley Leisure Centre: – Wednesday 8pm until 9pm and Sunday midday until 1pm, both limited to 18 players.

They also meet once a week at Morley Leisure Centre: – Thursday 7pm until 8pm, limited to 9 players.

Spaces are set based on court availability, so early booking is recommended as the sessions usually sell out a few days in advance.

The group is unable to accept 'walk-ins' so all places must be booked in advance via their website.

The group welcomes anyone from beginner to intermediate player levels, but ask you to note that the group focus is on fun & friendly play so if you're looking for competitive games then The Bad Mittens probably isn't the right group for you.

Whether you're looking to get fit, socialise or make friends they welcome all new members into the group - and you don't have to be the best player to participate.

The games played are usually mixed doubles, with players swapping around between each game so you don't have to worry if you're attending by yourself.

Activities: Badminton, social, sports

Contact: <https://www.meetup.com/The-Bad-Mittens/>

BE LGBTQ R'N'B With Edges

Location: Leeds

About: BE is a club night welcome to all, but with a focus on the LGBTQ community that would like to hear R'n'B (Rhythm and Blues) blended with Soul, Disco, House, Edgier Pop, Rap, Dance Hall & Dub/Broken Beat present & past. It is influenced by the New York's Club scene in particular Larry Levan's Paradise Garage in the 80s, Soul II Soul's Fairplay nights in the late 80s early 90s and most recently the eclectic London Shoreditch sound. BE has been hosted by a number of Leeds venues, including Wharf Chambers and Queens Court.

Activities: social, club night, music

Online: <https://www.facebook.com/BELGBTQ>

Barnardo's Positive Identities LGBT Services for schools

Location: Yorkshire

About: Barnardo's Positive Identities LGBT service for schools is a programme to tackle homophobic, biphobia, and transphobic bullying in schools.

Activities: anti bullying, LGBT awareness and equalities training, education, schools

Contact: Yasmeen.sharif@barnardos.org.uk

Online: <https://www.barnardos.org.uk/what-we-do/supporting-young-people/lgbtq>

Basis Yorkshire*

Location: Leeds

About: Basis Yorkshire works to end stigma, create safety and promote empowerment for:

- Sexworkers living and/or working in Leeds (female including trans, indoor or on the street)
- Women, young people (boys, girls, young women and young men) experiencing sexual abuse and exploitatio

Contact: 0113 243 0036

Online: <https://basisyorkshire.org.uk/>

Bookish Type*

Location: 58 Merrion Centre
Upstairs,
Leeds,
LS2 8NG

About: An independent queer bookshop in Leeds. Open Tues-Sat, 11-5

Contact: 07947 460692

Online: <https://thebookishtype.co.uk/>

C

Change People- Out Spoken* (supporting LGBTQI+ autistic people and those who have a learning disability)

Location: Unity Business Centre, 26 Roundhay Road
Leeds, LS7 1AB

About: Raise awareness of the barriers that make life harder for LGBTQI+ autistic people and those who have a learning disability. People who have experienced this will guide the project, helping us to create and deliver training and accessible resources.

The project will offer opportunities for support and socialising together through peer support activities. This will increase people's confidence so helping to strengthen their voices. We have already learnt that this will lead to people getting better services for themselves. Professionals, LGBTQI+ people and the wider community will also understand more about the barriers. This will all help to reduce the discrimination faced by LGBTQI+ autistic people and those who have a learning disability.

CHANGE and the Advonet group are leading this LGBTQI+ Inclusion project together with Yorkshire MESMAC.

Activities: Self advocacy, peer support, training, resources

Contact: 0113 2426619/ info@changepeople.org

Online: <https://www.changepeople.org/our-work/outspoken>

D

Deep C Divas

Location: Leeds, Yorkshire

About: The Deep C Divas is "a small but perfectly formed lesbian a capella singing group based in Yorkshire." The Divas do performances in Leeds.

Activities: singing, performances

Contact: <https://www.facebook.com/Deepcdivas>

Dial House (Leeds Survivor Led Crisis Service)

Location: Dial House,
12 Chapel Street,
Halton,
Leeds,
LS15 7SW

About: Dial House is a non-statutory crisis service providing sanctuary and support. Open 6pm to 2am Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Monday

Activities: mental health, peer support, crisis service

Contact: call 0113 260 9328, text 07922 249 452

Online: <http://www.lslcs.org.uk>

E

EQUALS society (formerly Leeds Beckett LGBT* Society)

Location: Leeds

About: The EQUALS Society at Leeds Beckett is an LGBTQ* community for Leeds Beckett students, established to promote the wellbeing and happiness of its members.

Activities: social, community, member's society

Contact: equalsociety@gmail.com

Online: <https://www.facebook.com/EqualsSociety>

F

Flamingos Coffee House*

Location: Central Arcade,
Leeds,
LS1 6DX

About: Leeds's only late night LGBT+ friendly Coffee House

Having opened in late 2018, situated in Central Arcade in Leeds City Centre, Flamingos is Leeds's only dry, late night LGBT+ friendly Coffee House, open 7 days a week.

Activities: Social, food,

Contact: james@flamingoscoffeehouse.co.uk / Tel: 0113 244 8699

Online: <https://flamingoscoffeehouse.co.uk/>

Freedom Quarter

Location: Leeds/Online

About: The Freedom Quarter was born from rebranding the outdated Gay Leeds identity back in 2017 with an increased focus on sharing good news stories, social opportunities and promoting queer businesses in and around the Leeds Freedom Quarter area. With a physical focus on Lower Briggate and Call Lane and virtual coverage for the Leeds district and beyond.

Tag or message their accounts to amplify your communications to the community.

Facebook & Twitter @FreedomQuarter

Activities: promoting LGBT news, events, blogs

Online: <https://www.facebook.com/FreedomQuarter/>

Friends of Dorothy*

Location: Leeds, Yorkshire

About: Friends of Dorothy is a charity that champions social inclusion for older LGBTQ+ people by hosting regular activities and events. We are a welcoming inclusive group that supports our members to keep well, have fun and stay connected.

Activities: Social activities for the older LGBTQ+ community

Contact: 0333 344 9017 / welcome@friendsofdorothy.org.uk

Online: <https://friendsofdorothy.org.uk>

G

Gay Abandon

Location: Leeds

About: Gay Abandon is a LGBT choir, performing classical and camp classics since 1997.

Activities: social, singing, performances

Contact: info@gayabandon.org.uk

Online: <https://gayabandon.org.uk/>

Gender Identity Service Leeds

Location: Leeds Gender Identity Service
Management Suite
1st Floor
The Newsam Centre
Seacroft Hospital
York Road
Leeds

About: Leeds Gender Identity service offers assessment and support to people aged 18 and above with Gender Dysphoria. The service provides assessment which allows the team, in conjunction with the individual, to consider the diagnosis of gender dysphoria and readiness to move forward. The team completes a holistic assessment which includes looking at mental, social and physical health. Once the assessment stages have been completed including the confirmation of a diagnosis, and the service user is ready to move forward with treatment; the care pathway can then be considered. The care pathway includes a prescribing clinic that can initiate hormone treatment, voice workshops where we are able to refer individuals for treatments, surgical opinions and gender reassignment surgery as appropriate.

The service is commissioned by NHS England and accepts referrals from across England.

Contact: 0113 855 6346

Online: http://www.leedspft.nhs.uk/our_services/gender_identity/

Gendered Intelligence

Location: Leeds

About: Gendered Intelligence, established in 2008, is a registered charity that works to increase understandings of gender diversity and improve the lives of trans people. Our vision is of a world where diverse gender expressions are visible and valued and where trans, non-binary, gender diverse and gender questioning people live healthy, safe and fulfilled lives.

We are a trans-led and trans-involving grass roots organisation with a wealth of lived experience, community connections of many kinds, and a depth and breadth of trans community knowledge that is second to none. The team has a variety of professional and academic specialisms and qualifications including training and facilitation, youth work, policy, the arts, and doctorates in trans related studies.

We aim to be thought leaders in this field, bringing positivity, passion and professionalism to everything we do, which, with our open and non-judgmental approach, enable nuanced discussion.

Activities: trans support, youth work, families, carers

Online: <http://genderedintelligence.co.uk/>

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Inkwell Arts

Location: Inkwell Arts
31 Potternewton Lane,
Chapel Allerton,
Leeds
LS7 3LW

About: Inkwell Arts is a Leeds Mind project, based on developing creative skills whatever an individual's background or ability, as part of the journey towards recovery from mental

health issues. Inkwell Arts has premises in Chapel Allerton with a cafe, running events, performances and exhibitions as well as art classes and mindfulness.

Activities: community mental health and wellbeing, arts, music, poetry, cafe, craft

Contact: Tel: 0113 3070108

Online: <https://www.leedsmind.org.uk/services/inkwell-arts/> /

<https://artstogetherleeds.co.uk/venue/inkwell-arts/>

L

Lavender Cafe Orchestra

Location: Yorkshire

About: Lavender Cafe Orchestra formed to play live dance music (Latin, Ballroom and sequence) at lesbian, gay, bi-sexual, transgendered and queer community events. The orchestra formed in the early 90s and has recently revived.

Activities: music performances, community events

Contact: wendy@thelavcaf.co.uk

Online: <http://thelavcaf.co.uk/home.html>

Leeds Beckett Rainbow Roses

Location: Leeds

About: Rainbow Roses is a forum for Leeds Beckett staff and students. Rainbow Rose received the Highly Commended Network Group Award 2015.

Activities: staff and student network, forum

Online: <https://twitter.com/RainbowRose2014>

Leeds Centre for Sexual Health

Location: The Centre for Sexual Health
Merrion Centre -1st Floor
50 Merrion Way
Leeds
LS2 8NG

About: The Sexual Health Clinic in the Merrion Centre is open Monday – Thursday 08:00 until 20:00 (last admission at 19:30); Friday 08:00 until 17:00 (last admission at 16:30); and Saturday 11:00 – 15:00 (last admission at 14:30). Working with partners at Yorkshire MESMAC and Leeds Community Healthcare NHS Trust, the Sexual Health Team at LHT are now part of Leeds Sexual Health and will be working as part of an integrated team to provide services.

Activities: public health, sexual health, Emergency Contraception, Pregnancy Testing, Chlamydia Testing, Support and Advice, STI Testing, Contraception, HIV Testing, PePSE (HIV treatment), Condoms (over 25s), Drop-in Clinic-C- Card Registration (free condoms for under 25s), C-Card Pick Up (free condoms for under 25s)

Contact: 0113 3926762

Online: <http://leedssexualhealth.com/services/merrion-centre>

Leeds City College LGBTQ+ Society *

Location: Leeds

About: Leeds City College LGBTQ+ Society is dedicated to providing a safe space for those who identify as LGBTQ+. We also welcome straight allies, so don't be afraid to come along to one of our events, whoever you might happen to be!

The LGBTQ+ society aims to provide a space where you can completely be yourself without fear of judgment, criticism or discrimination. We encourage you to come along and meet new people, the more people that come regularly, the better it'll be for you!

LGBTQ+ students to meet and socialise in an inclusive and welcoming space. We host weekly socials, and other events throughout the year.

We meet online between 4-5pm on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

To join the sessions join the LGBTQ+ Society Hangout Group via the LCCSU website.

If you have any questions about the society please email – joanna.lee@leedscitycollege.ac.uk

Contact: support@lccsu.org

Online: <https://www.facebook.com/LCCSU1> or <https://www.lccsu.co.uk/groups/lgbtq-society-2e22>

Leeds City Council LGBTQ+ Champion*

Location: Leeds

About: Hannah Bihell is Councillor for Kirkstall Ward, Inner West Community Committee Chair, Leeds City Council LGBTQ+ Champion, Obesity Champion, teacher and guide leader.

Contact: <https://twitter.com/hanbithell?lang=en> @hanbithell

Online: <https://twitter.com/hanbithell?lang=en> @hanbithell

Leeds City Council LGBT* Staff Network*

Location: Leeds

About: Leeds City Council LGBT* Staff Network for employees of Leeds City Council

Activities: Staff network, forum, social

Leeds Fetishmen*

Location: Leeds

About: Leeds' friendly and open fetish social group for men.

Activities: Social

Contact: <https://www.facebook.com/leedsfetishmen/>

Online: <https://www.facebook.com/leedsfetishmen/>

Leeds First Friday (LFF)

Location: Leeds

About: Leeds First Friday is a large monthly social gather for trans women and their friends in Leeds, every first Friday of the month. The gathering takes place across a number of bars and clubs in the Freedom Quarter (Lower Briggate).

Activities: Social, trans women

Online: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/120300948002457/>

Leeds Frontrunners

Location: Leeds

About: Leeds Frontrunners is an inclusive running club for LGBT+ and gay-friendly people who love running. Leeds Frontrunners encourages those of all abilities to join them.

Activities: Sport, social

Online: <https://leedsfrontrunners.wordpress.com/>

Leeds Mental Health Services - LGBTQI+ Mental Health Drop In*

Location: Wharfe Chambers,
23-25 Wharfe Street, Leeds

About: Come and talk to Leeds Mental Wellbeing Service about mental health. Find out what they can offer and how to get support accessing talking therapies. Every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month in a private space. 3-5PM FREE

Activities: Support

Contact: Drop In

Online: <https://www.leedscommunityhealthcare.nhs.uk/>

Leeds Gay Community

Location: Leeds
Gay and bisexual men

About: This is a member's social group for Gay and Bisexual men of all ages; their aim is to provide a space where Gay people can meet and be themselves. It is mainly non-scene, has discussions, presentations, social outings etc. They meet regularly on Friday evenings, usually at a venue in Leeds city centre. LGC (Leeds Gay Community) was founded in September 1982 and is the direct descendant of gay groups which had been meeting since 1971. The group welcomes men of all ages, though most of LGC members are 50+.

Activities: Social, outings, discussion

Contact: 0113 255 9973 or on LGC mobile 07986 615 912.

Online: <https://www.mesmac.co.uk/our-services/leeds/support-social-groups/leeds-gay-community>

Leeds Gay Men

Location: Leeds
Gay and bisexual men

About: This is a group for gay and bisexual men in Leeds. They organise social events and provide an additional option to the commercial scene. Leeds Gay Men aim to create an environment in which gay and bisexual men can meet, relax and make friends while having a great time together. Any member of the group can propose a meetup.

Activities: Social, Outings and meetups, Discussion

Contact: <http://www.meetup.com/LGMGroup/>

Online: <http://www.facebook.com/LeedsGayMen>

Leeds Jewish LGBT

Location: Leeds

About: Leeds Jewish LGBT is a new social group in Leeds.

Activities: community, social, events, faith

Online: <http://ljrc.org/portfolio-posts/jewish-lgbt/>

Leeds LGBT* Community Hub (Leeds City Council)

Location: Leeds

About: As part of Leeds City Council's commitment to Making Leeds an LGBT* friendly city Leeds LGBT* Community Hub is a public forum bringing together public sector, private sector and community members to give feedback on LGBT+ issues to Leeds City Council. A sample of projects currently under development within this Hub include: Sports inclusion, LGB&T* BME, Leeds 2023, Hate Crime, Domestic Violence, bullying, housing services, mental health alongside various awareness dates and campaigns. The Hub meets quarterly at Cosmopolitan Hotel in the heart of Leeds' Gay Quarter.

Activities: Community forum

Contact: LeedsLGBT@Leeds.gov.uk

Online (scroll down): <http://www.leeds.gov.uk/council/Pages/Equality-Assembly.aspx>

Leeds LGBT Books and Lit Fest*

Location: Leeds

About: Leeds LGBT+ Book Club meets 6-6.45pm on the 1st Wednesday of each month in the Gott Room, 2nd floor of Leeds Central Library (temporarily meeting virtually via Zoom - email for more details).

Each month we read and discuss a pre-set book with LGBT+ themes, both fiction and non-fiction with a range of poetry, prose, memoirs, graphic novels and more. The books are chosen by the book club's committee and members. Suggestions are always welcome.

LIT FEST: Leeds Virtual LGBT+ Lit Fest
5-11 July 2021

This virtual, weeklong event will be a celebration of LGBTQIA+ literature and activism.

See website for current information.

Contact: leedslgbtbookclub@gmail.com
Online: <https://www.leedslgbtbooks.com/lgbtlitfest>

Leeds LGBT+ Community Consortium*

Location: Leeds

About: Leeds LGBT+ Community Consortium is working with partners to reduce social isolation amongst older, unwell, disabled or otherwise restricted members of the LGBT+ communities. We aim to improve health and wellbeing by providing inter-generational activities, events and information to enable LGBT+ people to develop new interests and become more connected. Latest events: <https://leedslgbtqcc.co.uk/events/>

Contact: <https://www.facebook.com/leeds.lgbt.cc/>

Online: <https://leedslgbtqcc.co.uk/>

Leeds MIND

Location: Clarence House
11 Clarence Road
Horsforth
Leeds
LS18 4LB

About: Leeds MIND is an independent mental health charity that promotes positive mental health and wellbeing, and offer help and support to those who need it. Leeds MIND are currently developing mental health group support for LGBT+ people in Leeds.

Activities: counselling, group therapy, social support, peer support, self-directed support, social prescribing, housing support, employment support, suicide bereavement support, mental health training.

Leeds Mind has launched Prism this year, a mental health peer support project specifically for LGBT+ people.

Contact: info@leedsmind.org.uk , 0113 305 5800

Online: <http://www.leedsmind.org.uk/>

Leeds LGBT Women's Space*

Location: Various, Leeds

About: A safe place for older women. Join us in a warm and welcoming space for older (40+) LGBT+ women to socialise, discuss and laugh together. We meet via zoom on the 2nd Monday of every month between 2pm-4pm and the last Wednesday of the month at 2.30pm. Please email for more information.

Activities: Social

Contact: lgbtwomensspace@gmail.com

Online: <https://womenfriendlyleeds.org/event/lgbt-womens-space/2021-06-30/>

Leeds Pride

Location: Leeds

About: Running since 2006 and is now the largest Pride in the UK to still be a completely free event with over 40,000 people attending over the weekend. Leeds Pride is run by volunteers with close links to local Leeds LGB&T community and the event is funded through community fundraising, grant funding and sponsorship agreements with national brands such as First Direct, Sainsbury's and ASDA.

Activities: community, event

Contact: <https://twitter.com/LeedsPride>

Online: <http://www.leedspride.com/>

Leeds Queer Film Festival

Location: Leeds

About: Leeds Queer Film Festival, which began in 2005, is a non for profit, volunteer run and led community film festival which aims to create space to showcase queer cinema with a focus on independent and DIY films.

Activities: community, film festival, workshops, discussions

Contact: leedsqueerfilmfestival@gmail.com

Online: <https://www.leedsqueerfilmfestival.co.uk/>

Leeds Queer Wrestling*

Location: Leeds

About: Pro wrestling classes by and for queer, trans and non binary people in Leeds

Activities: social, hobbies, sport

Online: <https://www.instagram.com/leedsqueerwrestling/>

Leeds SkyLine (BHA)

Location: Leeds Skyline
131 The Headrow,
Leeds
LS1 5RD
All genders, over 50+

About: BHA Leeds Skyline provides prevention and support services for anyone at risk of, living with or affected by HIV in Leeds

Activities: HIV support outreach, community health, HIV testing

Contact: 0113 244 9767

Online: <https://leedssexualhealth.com/services/leeds-skyline>

Leeds Survivor Led Crisis Service (LGBT and Trans Group)

Location: Leeds Survivor Led Crisis Service
Dial House
12 Chapel Street
Halton
Leeds
LS15 7RW

About: Leeds Survivor Led Crisis Service offers person centred, radical and innovative services to people experiencing mental health crisis. LSLCS offer an LGBT Group and a Trans Group.

Activities: crisis support, group support, peer led, mental health and wellbeing

Contact: 0113 260 9328, patrick.gatewood@slcs.org.uk

Online: <http://www.slcs.org.uk/>

Leeds University LGBT Staff Network

Location: Leeds

About: The University of Leeds LGBT Staff Network exists to ensure that the views and concerns of LGBT staff are represented and considered at organisational level, and that their interests continue to form a part of the University's wider equality and diversity agenda. It provides a safe, welcoming space and group for LGBT identifying staff – and colleagues, whatever their orientation, with an interest in LGBT equality to meet, socialise, and/or benefit from mutual support.

Activities: Staff network, forum, social

Contact: LGBT@leeds.ac.uk

Online: <http://www.facebook.com/LeedsLGBTcommunity>

Leeds University Union LGBT Society

Location: Leeds
Leeds University Students

About: The LGBT Society for LGBT+ students that put on social events. LUU LGBT Society holds Coffee Hours Monday-Friday, 12-2pm on the second floor of Leeds University Union. They host a regular LGBT club night at Leeds Students' Union called Curious.

Activities: students' union society, social

Online: <https://www.facebook.com/luu.lgbt.soc/>

Lesbian Socials

Location: Leeds, Yorkshire
Lesbian and bisexual women

About: Lesbian Socials is a group for lesbians, with a social hub in York and in Leeds. The group holds meetups across the city, and Yorkshire.

Activities: social, meetups, community

Contact: <https://www.meetup.com/lesbiansocialsinleeds>

Online: <http://lesbiansocials.in/>

LGBT Parents

Location: Online/UK, Leeds

About: LGBT parents is a network of LGBT* parents & those thinking about becoming parents.

Activities: community network, peer support, online forum, meet-ups

Contact: <https://www.facebook.com/LGBTparentsUNITE/>

Live Art Bistro

Location: Live Arts Bistro
1, 2 Regent S
Leeds
LS2 7QA

About: Live Art Bistro is an artist led venue and curatorial team based in Leeds. Live Art Bistro aims to support the growth of Live Art practices in the region by providing space and opportunities to local artists, whilst also encouraging artists from further afield to present work in the city. Live Art Bistro is voluntarily run and relies heavily on the support given by the local artistic community. Live Art Bistro often showcases LGBTQ performances.

Activities: Theatre, live art, festivals, comedy, performance

Contact: liveartbistro@gmail.com

Online: <http://www.liveartleeds.com/>

Love Muscle

Location: Leeds

About: Love Muscle is a 'pumping gay disco' night which plays a mix of funk, soul, techno and disco. They describe themselves as a 'real LGBT alternative for the more discerning nightlife enthusiast.' Love Muscle is held regularly at Wharf Chambers Cooperative.

Activities: dance, disco, party

Online: <https://www.facebook.com/lov3muscl3/>

M

Marching Out Together*

Location: Leeds

About: Marching Out Together was founded in 2017 by Andrew Tilly and Drew Harrison, with the support of Leeds United Football Club, as a means of providing a safe space for LGBT+ Supporters, their friends, family and allies to support the club, feel valued and included. As of 2021, the group now has over 300 members, and a steadily growing presence on social media. In addition to providing a safe place for our LGBT+ fans and allies, we also do regular pre-match meet-ups, hold competitions, and take part in events aimed at raising LGBT+ acceptance and tolerance levels in football.

Activities: Football, raising awareness, tackling discrimination

Contact: marchingouttogether@gmail.com

Online: <https://www.marchingouttogether.co.uk/>

Mermaids

Location: Mermaids
Suite 5,
High Street House,
2 the High Street,
Yeadon,
Leeds,
LS19 7PP

About: Mermaids is a charity which supports children and young people up to 19 years old suffering from gender identity issues, and their families, and professionals involved in their

care. It also provides resources and training to services working with young people and their families.

Activities: helpline and email support, training and education, campaigning

Contact: info@mermaidsuk.org.uk, 0844 334 0550

Online: <http://www.mermaidsuk.org.uk>

Mill Hill Chapel

Location: Mill Hill Unitarian Chapel,
City Square,
Leeds,
LS1 5EB

About: Mill Hill Chapel is a progressive, inclusive community which seeks to approach the sacred in participation and worship. It is an LGBT+ friendly Chapel and performs same sex marriage ceremonies and hosts the Monthly Dry LGBT Drop In and hosts regular LGBT+ events with the Angels of Freedom Leeds

Mill Hill Chapel is a Unitarian Chapel

Activities: faith, social, community events

Contact: 08701 220 114

Online: <https://www.facebook.com/millhillchapel/> / <http://www.millhillchapel.org/>

N

Non-Binary Leeds

Location: Leeds
Trans, Non-binary, genderqueer, questioning*

About: A space for Trans* Non-Binary Queer people in Leeds to share stories, experiences & support each other. Non-Binary Leeds group meeting/gathering takes place every month at Yorkshire MESMAC. This is an opportunity for non-binary people in Leeds and surrounding areas to gather together as a community.

Activities: social, support, community

Contact: <https://www.facebook.com/nonbinaryleeds/>

Online: <https://www.nonbinaryleeds.org.uk/>

O

Out 2 18

Location: Leeds
Young people, LGBT 13 – 18

About: The group is a LGBTQ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans* and Questioning) group for young people aged 13 to 18 that is run through the Leeds City Council, Youth Offer Improvement Team. to support the young people with issues with homophobia, housing,

scene life, sexual health and is also somewhere to meet in a safe environment and not feel threatened. Out 2 18 meets weekly on Thursdays at a city centre location (6.30pm – 8.30pm).

Activities: Social group and support group, young people

Online: <https://www.mesmac.co.uk/our-services/leeds/support-social-groups/out-2-18>

Out in Leeds Group, People in Action*

Location: The Old Fire Station,
Gipton Approach, Leeds, LS9 6NL

About: Social and support group for LGBTQI+ autistic people and those who have a learning disability. OUT in Leeds, LGBTQ+ Group meets weekly in the city centre. The group is a support and friendship group for people who have a learning disability and autistic people. The group runs sessions to explore LGBTQ+ topics as well as enjoying social activities to build a peer support network.

The group and activities are supported by People In Action staff and volunteers. People In Action is a Leeds based charity supporting people with learning disabilities and people who are autistic. We have been around since 1982. We work to support happy, healthy and independent lives and offer lots of different services including One-to-one support, social groups and health and wellbeing programmes.

If you have any questions about the group or would like to refer to yourself or someone else, please call the office 0113 2443729 and speak to one of our friendly teams.

Activities: Social group and peer support

Contact: 0113 2443729 / danielle.martin@peopleinaction.org.uk

Online: <https://peopleinaction.org.uk/>

The Owlies LGBT Awards

Location: Leeds

About: The Owlie Awards is a longstanding annual awards event, celebrating individuals and groups who have made outstanding contributions to the Leeds LGBT community. The Owlie winners are voted for by the public. The categories include Best Social Group, Best Volunteer, Best Venue, Best Doorperson, and Best Drag Act.

Activities: community awards, social

Contact: info@theowlies.co.uk

Online: <https://www.facebook.com/TheOwlies/>

P

Pedallers' Arms Bike Coop

Location: Pedallers' Arms

About: The Pedallers' Arms is a place to come and learn how to repair your bike in a friendly atmosphere. They are a co-operative of people, all volunteers, who want to help people fix up their own bikes. The Pedallers' Arms is LGBT+ inclusive and friendly

Activities: Bike mechanics, Drop in, volunteering

Contact: 01132457274

Online: <https://pedallers-arms.org/>

Pink Pals

Location: Leeds

About: Pink Pals is Touchstone's (a charity that provides health and wellbeing services across Leeds communities) staff LGBT allies programme.

Activities: Events, awareness and equalities trainings

Contact: 0113 271 8277

Online: <http://www.touchstonesupport.org.uk/about-us/pink-pals/>

Plastic Ivy Sauna

Location: Plastic Ivy,
33 Leeds Road,
Dewsbury,
South Leeds,
WF12 7BB

About: Sauna, steam and spa facility for gay and bisexual men. 18+

Activities: Social, Spa, Sauna

Contact: 01924 455 600

Online: <http://www.plasticivy.co.uk/>

Pride of Place Leeds*

Location: Leeds

About: An LGBT+ community-led organisation, Pride of Place Leeds is comprised of two projects that will share premises and services:

1. Pride of Place *Living*: a [Housing](#) project that aims to construct 70 high quality, fully accessible, flexible and affordable homes in central Leeds.
2. Pride of Place *Cultural Community Space*: the creation of a [Cultural and Community Space](#) for the LGBTQ+ community in Leeds.

Volunteers Welcome.

Activities: Housing, co-housing, community, social enterprise

Contact: prideofplaceleeds@gmail.com.

Online: <https://prideofplaceleeds.org.uk/project/housing/> and <https://prideofplaceleeds.org.uk/project/community/>

Proud 'n' Diverse

Location: Leeds
All genders, 18 – 25

About: Proud 'n' Diverse is a group for LGBTQI people between 18-25 years old. The group meets every 2nd and 4th Monday of the month at Yorkshire MESMAC.

Activities: social and support group

Contact: proudndiverse@outlook.com

Online: <https://www.facebook.com/Proudndiverse/>

Q

Queens Court

Location: Queens Court,
167-168 Lower Briggate,
Leeds,
West Yorkshire,
LS1 6LY

About: Queens Court is a bar and club in the heart of Leeds' gay quarter, putting on regular weekly drag nights and club nights.

Activities: Bar, drag, club nights, food

Contact: email: enquiries@queenscourtleeds.com Tel: 0113 2459449

Online: <http://www.queenscourtleeds.com/>

Queer Alternative

Location: Online/Leeds

About: Queer Alternative is a small charitable organisation that originated in London, which exists to serve alternative LGBT+ subcultures (including goth, cyberpunk, heavy metal, cosplay). Queer Alternative has Northern Division active in Leeds', which holds events and meet-ups.

Activities: social, events, meetups

Online: <https://www.facebook.com/TQAUK/>

Queer Church Leeds

Location: Online/Leeds

About: Queer Church Leeds is a Facebook group which actively celebrates LGBTQ+ people and aims to create a safe and open space for both fellowship and discussion.

Activities: discussion, faith forum

Contact: <https://www.facebook.com/QueerChurchLeeds/>

Queer and Now Leeds

Location: Online/Leeds

About: Queer and Now is group Leeds organising around LGBTQ issues. Queer and Now put on Cafe Queero event at Wharf Chambers.

Activities: social, events, political, organising, DIY

Contact: <https://www.facebook.com/Queer-and-Now-1418812015075304/>

R

S

Sacred Wing

Location: Leeds

About: An LGB inclusive choir singing religious chorus since 1999. The Sacred Wing is active during the Christmas period.

Activities: faith, choir, performances, chorus

Contact: info@sacredwing.org.uk

Online: <https://thesacredwing.wordpress.com/>

Sage

Location: Yorkshire MESMAC,
22/23 Blayds Yard,
Leeds,
LS1 4AD
All genders, over 50+

About: Sage is a project managed by MESMAC Leeds and AGE UK helping to support older adults in the LGBTQ+ community who are 50+ years old and living anywhere in Yorkshire, though the majority of members are from the Leeds area. Since its inception six years ago Sage has undertaken advocacy and networking on behalf of the older LGBTQ+ community, organised a variety of events to help combat loneliness and isolation for its members, provided opportunities to give back to the community through volunteering with Sage and for personal growth through focused training opportunities.

Activities: social, support

Online: <http://www.mesmac.co.uk/projects/sage>

SARBAT*

Location: Leeds

About: Sarbat is a volunteer led group addressing LGBT issues from a Sikh perspective. We empower our members to encourage discussions, tackle homophobia/biphobia/transphobia and build bridges within and beyond their communities.

Activities: Events, peer support, raise awareness

Online: <https://www.mesmac.co.uk/our-services/leeds/support-social-groups/sarbat-yorkshire>

Silver Pride*

Location: Leeds

About: A celebration, support and promotion of all things older LGBT+ community. A social group page in celebration of the Decriminalisation of Homosexuality Act of 1967. A movement and project as an enabler to assist and support other older lgbt+ groups achieve traction and engagement.

Silver Pride is a national celebration of all things older in the LGBTQ+ community.

Activities: Social, Raise Awareness

Contact: 07831 225334 / craig.burton@me.com

Online: <https://www.facebook.com/SilverprideUK/>

STOP HATE UK*

Location: Leeds

About: Stop Hate UK offer independent and confidential information, advice and support to anybody affected by LGBTQI+ Hate Crime.

Whether you have been directly affected (as a victim) or you have witnessed something you believe to be a LGBTQI+ Hate Crime incident, the Stop LGBTQI+ Hate Crime helpline is available in the following areas or to all students and staff of our Universities Reporting Page.

Activities: Reporting Hate Crime, Training, Resources, Advice

Contact: 0800 138 1625

Online: <https://www.stophateuk.org/leeds/> and <https://www.facebook.com/Stop.Hate.UK>

Strike Back- LGBT Kickboxing and Self-Defence

Location: British Military Martial Arts,
2 Grant Avenue,
Leeds,
LS7 1RQ

About: An LGBT kickboxing group which wants to challenge the homophobic views while developing self-defence and kickboxing skills.

Classes are every Tuesday at 7:30pm at British Military Martial Arts, 2 Grant Avenue, Leeds, LS7 1RQ.

Activities: sport, martial arts, classes

Contact: Steve 07932033512, email strike.back.kickboxing@gmail.com

Online: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/904473859642830/>

T

Tavistock and Portman NHS Foundation Trust - The Gender Identity Development Service

Location: 8 Park Square
Leeds
LS1 2LH

About: The Gender Identity Development Service (GIDS), established in 1989, is a highly specialised clinic for young people presenting with difficulties with their gender identity. GIDS are commissioned by NHS England who set the service specifications for how we work.

Activities: children's' service, NHS, health, trans health care

Contact: email gids@tavi-port.nhs.uk , Tel: 0113 247 1955

Online: <http://gids.nhs.uk/>

Technicolour Socials

Location: Leeds

About: A twice-monthly social group for LGBT people experiencing mental health difficulties. The 2nd Thursday of the month: The group meets in the evening at Yorkshire MESMAC for tea, coffee, chats and board games or films in a safe and supportive space 4th Thursday of the month: Out and about to do activities chosen by the group, such as going for meals, bowling, visiting museums, playing pool, and much more. There is usually some funding to help subsidise these trips. This is a partnership between Community Links, Yorkshire MESMAC and Leeds Mind.

Activities: Social, support, mental health

Contact: 0113 305 5803 or peersupport@leedsmind.org.uk

Online: <https://www.mesmac.co.uk/our-services/leeds/support-social-groups/technicolour-social>

The Bayard Project

Location: Leeds/Online

About: The Bayard Project is a social and support based in Leeds interested in the issues of BME (Black, Minority and Ethnic) LGBT communities. The Bayard Project is interested in creating a fun safe and inclusive space and provides support for those who may feel alienated from the LGBT or BME communities. The Bayard Project has meetups in Leeds as well as a Facebook group.

Activities: social, support, community, discussion

Contact: bayardproject@outlook.com

Online: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/ethniclgbtyorkshire/>

The Hills have Gays

Location: Leeds, Yorkshire

About: LGBT friendly walking/adventure and social activity group. This is open to all, Gay, Straight, Bi, A-sexual, Trans. Dogs are welcome on walks. The Hills have Gays organise through their Facebook group

Activities: walking group, social, community

Online: [The Hills have Gays](#)

The Leeds Hunters RUFC

Location: Leeds
Men

About: The Leeds Hunters launched in November 2016 as the new inclusive Rugby Union team for Yorkshire, based in Leeds. Please contact Leeds Hunters RUFC for further details.

Activities: sport, rugby

Online: <https://www.facebook.com/TheLeedsHunters/>

The Market Place

Location: The Market Place
8-18 New Market Street,
Leeds,
LS1 6DG
All genders age 13-25

About: The Market Place is a charitable organisation that offers health and wellbeing support and services to young people.

Activities: group support, drop in, counselling
Contact: 0113 2461659, admin@themarketplaceleeds.org.uk
Online: <http://www.themarketplaceleeds.org.uk/>

The New Penny

Location: The New Penny
57/59 Call Lane
Leeds
LS1 7BT

About: The New Penny is the oldest Gay bar in Leeds (since 1953), located in the Gay Quarter of Leeds, it was awarded a Blue Heritage Plaque in 2016.

Activities: bar, music
Contact: 0113 243 8055
Online: <https://www.facebook.com/TheNewPennyLeeds/>

The Purple List Theatre*

Location: Various, see website

About: "The Purple List"a gay dementia venture, which is being used to raise awareness and train social care and health staff across England.

Activities: Play / Raising Awareness / Training
Contact: +447906089395
Online: <https://www.purplelisttheatre.co.uk/>

The Roots Project*

Location: Various, see website

About: The Roots Project is a queer led community project based in Leeds. The project fundraises for various migrant and refugee community organisations and projects, through events and online activities. All events and projects used for fundraising are focused on elevating queer joy and environmental justice in the process

Activities: Community, fundraising, environmental
Online: https://www.facebook.com/therootsprojectuk/?ref=page_internal

Trans Leeds

Location: Leeds
Trans

About: Trans Leeds runs a monthly support group and online community for the trans people of Leeds. Trans Leeds aim to provide practical help with learning to live in a new gender role, whether it's full or part-time. TransLeeds meet in Leeds on the first Monday of the month from 6.00pm to 8.00pm. It is a great opportunity to meet up with other Trans people and to make friends at a secure location in the City Centre.

Activities: social, support, community

Contact: Transleedscontact@gmail.com

Online: <https://www.facebook.com/TransLeeds/>

Trans Mission

Location: Bradford, West Yorkshire
Trans

About: Trans Mission is a Trans and gender variant Information and Support group based in Bradford, but active in West Yorkshire. Trans Mission hosts social and support group holds weekly meeting for anyone on the trans spectrum and their allies in Bradford, and have a monthly Trans Masculine only space, a mental health support project and peer mentoring. Trans Mission also offer trans awareness training.

Activities: social, support, community, health and wellbeing, awareness training

Contact: 07946 072565

Online: <https://www.facebook.com/UKTransMission/>

Transtastic

Location: Leeds
Trans, age 13- 18

About: Transtastic is a Trans* youth group for people who identify as Trans* aged 13 to 18 years old that is run through the Leeds City Council Youth Services. It aims to support Trans* people with a wide range of activities and mutual peer support. A wide range of group work on issues affecting young people, trips out, residential weekends with other LGBTQ friendly groups from around the country, Social activities like Art based activities such as DJ workshops, dance, photography, self-defence, graffiti art, film nights, bowling, and much more. Transtastic meets every other Thursday from 6.30pm till 8.30pm in a central Leeds location.

Activities: youth group, social, support, community, health and wellbeing

Contact: 07712 214421 or email Samantha.Horsfield@leeds.gov.uk

Online: <https://www.mesmac.co.uk/our-services/leeds/support-social-groups/transtastic>

Unison Yorkshire and Humberside LGBT Group

Location: Leeds
Unison members

About: Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender members' Self Organised Group in Yorkshire & Humberside, part of UNISON, the public sector union

Activities: union, organising, member's network, forum

Contact: UnisonYHLGBT@outlook.com

Online: <https://www.facebook.com/unisonYHLGBT/>

Unite NEYH LGBT

Location: Leeds
Unite members

About: Unite the union in the North East, Yorkshire and Humber region are actively involved in campaigning to further LGBT issues and to protect their members from discrimination and harassment based on sexual orientation and gender identity. They have a regional LGBT committee that holds regular committee meetings.

Activities: union, organising, member's network, forum

Contact: sue.pollard@unitetheunion.org

Online: <http://www.unitetheunion.org/how-we-help/listofregions/northeastyorkshirehumberside/neyh-equality/neyh-lgbt/>

V

Viaduct Showbar

Location: The Viaduct Show Bar
Lower Briggate
Leeds
LS1 6ER
18+

About: Viaduct Showbar is a bar and club in Leeds' Gay Quarter.

Activities: bar, cabaret, live entertainment, drag shows, music

Contact: 0113 344 9552

Online: <http://www.viaductleeds.com/>

W

West Yorkshire Police - LGBT*

Location: West Yorkshire

About: The aim of the page is primarily to address myths around hate crime reporting - we want you to feel comfortable reporting them all so we know how big the problem is and then we will know how best to deal with them. We will also be raising awareness of areas of our work that have a LGBT angle that people may not be aware of.

We will also work with partner groups in the voluntary and community centre, and you may find adverts for other community groups or events around the county.

The page is run by LGBT members of staff and police officers. This isn't a crime reporting service, please ring 999 in an emergency or 101 in a non-emergency. You can message this page for general information

Activities: Support, Raise Awareness

Online: https://www.facebook.com/WYPLGBT/about/?ref=page_internal

West Yorkshire Queer Stories

Location: Leeds

About: The WYQS project ended in May 2020 but you'll still find our large story archive on this website, and there's information about our other aims and achievements on the 'About' page.

Activities: arts and heritage, social history, education

Online: <https://wyqs.co.uk/about/>

Wharf Chambers

Location: Wharf Chambers
23-25 Wharf St,
Leeds
LS2 7EQ

About: Wharf Chambers is a bar and multi-use venue in the centre of Leeds run by a workers' co-op in partnership with a members' club. Wharf Chambers hosts regular LGBT+ club nights and live music, such as Love Muscle, and Queer We Go.

Activities: Bar, club nights, DIY scene

Contact: info@wharfchambers.org

Online: <http://www.wharfchambers.org/>

Women's Counselling and Therapy Service (WCTS)

Location: Women's Counselling and Therapy Service
Oxford Chambers,
Oxford Pl,
Leeds
LS1 3AX
Women

About: WCTS offers a free or low cost accessible counselling and psychotherapy service for Leeds women on low incomes. Venues are in the city centre and in communities around Leeds. They are a member of the LGBT Consortium and welcome LGBT clients.

Activities: counselling, psychotherapy, group support

Contact: 0113 2455725

Online: <http://www.womenstherapyleeds.org.uk/>

Y

Yorkshire Ambulance LGBT+ Network*

Location: Leeds

About: The LGBT+ Network in Yorkshire Ambulance Service was first set up in 2011, and successfully completed the Stonewall Health Champions Programme in 2012. In 2020, the Network was renamed as PRIDE@YAS.

We welcome all members of Yorkshire Ambulance Service to attend the Network, and we offer support, guidance and advice to all LGBT+ staff members. We also work to signpost staff members to allyship programmes, relevant campaigns and support services.

Every year PRIDE@YAS attends at least one local Pride event, usually York Pride but we also visit Leeds Pride too. Get in touch with our Network committee members (contact details above) and come along to a meeting today!

Contact: ryan.lee2@nhs.net

Online: PRIDE@YAS / <https://www.ambulancelgbt.org/networks/yorkshire-ambulance-service/>

Yorkshire O.P.E.N (Open Relationship, Polyamorous, Ethical Non Monogamy)

Location: Leeds

About: Yorkshire O.P.E.N (Open relationships, Polyamory & Ethical Non-monogamy) is a monthly discussion, support and social group for people in or curious about non-monogamous relationships. Their meetups are on the first Thursday of every month, in a pub in central Leeds.

Activities: social, community, discussion,

Online: <https://www.meetup.com/y-open/>

Yorkshire Bears

Location: Leeds
Gay and bisexual men

About: The Yorkshire Bears social group was formed back in 2012 by former Mr Bear UK winner Geoff Widdop, with the aim of providing an opportunity for likeminded guys to get together and socialise both on & off the gay scene venues across the area. Although

coined with the title 'Bears', the group openly welcomes guys of all states and statures, bears & cubs, twink & twonks, otters & ewoks, chubs & chasers – and the majority of people who just like to be known as a 'person'. The Yorkshire Bears is all about providing a fun and supportive environment for gay men to socialise and for friendships to grow.

Activities: social, community, events

Contact: admin@yorkshirebears.co.uk

Online: <http://www.yorkshirebears.co.uk>

Yorkshire MESMAC

Location: Yorkshire MESMAC Leeds office:
22-23 Blayds Yard
Leeds
LS1 4AD

About: Yorkshire MESMAC is one of the oldest and largest sexual health organisations in the country. We offer services to various communities including men who have sex with men, BME people, people misusing drugs, sex workers and LGB&T* young people and adults.

Activities: sexual health, community health, outreach, community development, counselling, HIV testing

Contact: 0113 244 4209

Online: <http://www.mesmac.co.uk/>

Yorkshire Riders - Deaf Lesbian Gay Bisexual & Trans

Location: Yorkshire, Leeds
LGBT+ Deaf people

About: Yorkshire Riders is a Deaf Gay community based in Leeds. They meet every three months, with the purpose of socialising and meeting new people. Yorkshire Riders has a Facebook Group for people to join to find out more about their activities.

Activities: meetups, social, community

Online: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/79966107131/>

Yorkshire Terriers

Location: Leeds

About: Yorkshire Terriers were one of the first gay-friendly football teams to be founded in the UK, in 1997 and were a founder member of the GFSN National League at the start of the 2002/3 season. The Yorkshire Terriers train most Thursday evenings and Sunday afternoons.

Activities: Sport, football

Online: <http://www.terriersfc.co.uk/>
