

The National



LGB&T Partnership

Giving a Voice to Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Trans People

The National LGB&T Partnership is a new England-wide group of LGB&T voluntary and community organisations who are committed to reducing health inequalities and challenging homophobia and transphobia within public services.

The Partnership will ensure that health inequalities experienced by LGB&T people are kept high on the Government's agenda and that best use is made of the experience and expertise found within the LGB&T voluntary and community sector. The Partnership works to ensure the sustainability of the LGB&T sector and enable it to engage with Government and statutory bodies, such as the Department of Health, at a strategic level to improve service delivery.

The Partnership is establishing a National Stakeholder Group and you are invited to join. Membership is free and is open to all interested groups, organisations, service providers and individuals.

Benefits will in time include:

- Networking opportunities across the LGB&T voluntary and community sector.
- Engagement in developing local and national policies.
- Information on training and development opportunities.
- Information on funding and tendering opportunities.
- Promotion of members' events, conferences and training.

If you would like to join, please register your details at:
www.lgf.org.uk/nationallgbtpartnership



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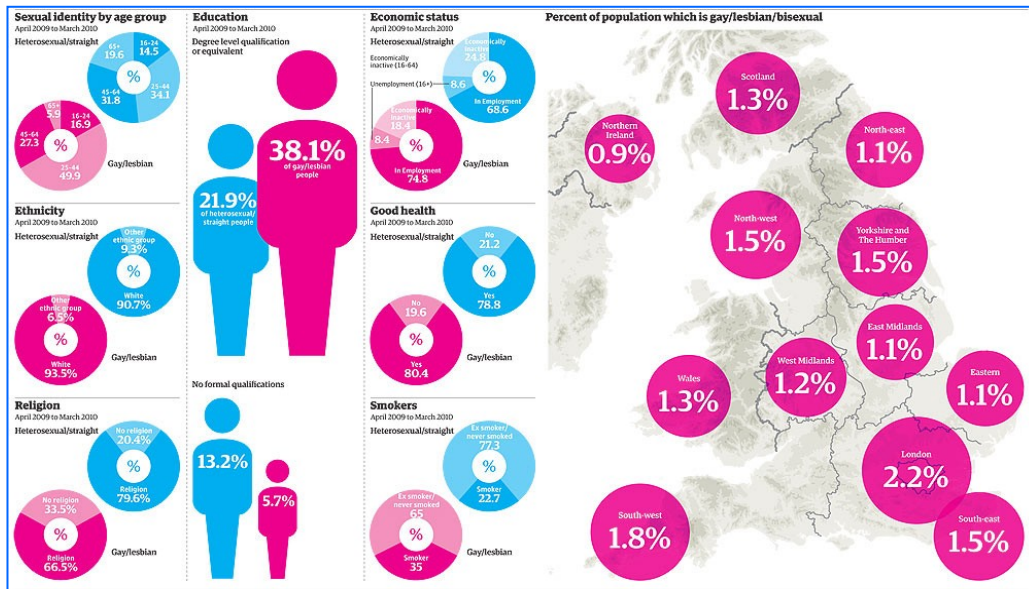
PLEASE NOTE

GADD's membership fee is now £2 a year. The increase is to help cover the cost of the production of newsletter's, mail shots & teas & coffee's. Etc.

In memory of Neil Bright

Gay Advice Darlington/Durham is sad to announce the death of a friend and colleague, Neil Bright. Who sadly passed away on the 1st of September. Neil has been a part of GADD for many years, as a volunteer, trustee and up until his death the chair of the organisation. Neil was always there to talk to, with his many years of experience he was always a man to go to for advice on many things, he would only be too happy to help. A lot of work that GADD does now was inspired by Neil, and he always told us how proud of us he was. At the age of 51 Neil left us, and now there is an empty space which he used to fill, a space that could never be filled by anyone but Neil. His hard work over the years, have contributed to LGBT community in ways many would not know. Those who have been around the last 10 years will remember Neil as the life and soul of the party, back in the days of Berlins, and Atlantic. We know Neil was proud and extremely happy as the gay scene grew in Darlington, from one venue once a month, into 10 venues every week. We remember Neil for his happy bubbly personality and remember all the work that he done for us. Thank you Neil... we hope we can carry on with the work you started and continue to make you proud.

For those who are interested, the Men's Group are hosting a "celebration of Neil's life". This will be a gathering of Neil's friends from GADD. A selection of nibbles and non-alcoholic drinks will be provided. The date for this will be Friday 12th November @ 7pm-10pm.



ONS Survey Says Only 1.5% of Population is Gay?

A recent piece of research by the Office of National Statistics showed that 1.5% of the population are Gay, bisexual or Lesbian. At first glance this is quite scary as the figure used by government departments is between 6 and 8%. These figures dictate how services are delivered and what money is allocated to services for the Gay community.

If the government take on these numbers then it will really affect what the likes of GADD do and how we can deliver services for and on behalf of the LGBT community. The reality is when you really look at the figures is that the 200,000 plus interviews were people stopped on the street or at home and asked various question about self identity and lifestyle.

I ask you ,would you be prepared to tell a perfect stranger about how you self identify in terms of sexual orientation. No matter how 'out ' you are there would be elements of doubt on how you answer. No one under the age of 16 was questioned.

GADD is part of a national campaign for meaningful monitoring of sexual orientation, as it feels that it is important that organisation know that they have Gay employees and clients and provides services appropriate for the LGBT people of the country.

Having looked long and hard at the number here is what we think. On average 1.5% of the population over the age of 16 are happy to out themselves to a complete stranger. If this work was done 10 years ago I suspect that the figure would probably have been far less. The reality is that it will take a long time before can have a real picture of how many people fit the massive spectrum that makes up the LGBT communities of this country and the world.



World AIDS Day

Big Party 29th Nov 2010

@

Golden Cock
Quays
Rendezvous
Joes Bar
Harvey's

Retro
Cantina
Avalon
Inside Out
Seen



Do you want to make a difference to the LGBT community?

Do you have any skills that would benefit an LGBT charity?

If so, why not become a Trustee for GADD?

If you are interested all you need to do is, become a member of GADD and be nominated by another member.

If required; during the A.G.M, there may be the need for an election for the new board of Trustees.

For more information please contact the staff or the existing members of the board of Trustees @ GADD who will be more than happy to answer any questions you may have.

GADD A.G.M FINANCIAL YEAR 09/10

ITS THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN FOR GADD'S ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. THIS WILL BE HAPPENING IN NOVEMBER 2010, THE EXACT DATE HAS NOT BEEN SET AS OF YET.

A CALLING NOTICE WILL BE SENT OUT IN DUE COURSE.

GADD are looking to recruit some more Volunteers to join our existing team.

The GADD staff have redesigned the Volunteer Training course, the course will be delivered over 2 Full Sundays in January 2011, along with update training at every monthly volunteer meeting.

For more details contact:

Ryan Ford, Volunteer Lead.

World AIDS Day Awareness Event.

Golden Cock
1st December 2010

