

‘North East LGBT people in the media’

Date: Saturday 11th February 2012

Time: 2.00 pm – 4.00 pm

Venue:

**Bewick Hall, Newcastle Central Library,
33 New Bridge Street West
Newcastle upon Tyne
NE1 8AX**



Television programmes featuring lesbian, gay, bisexual and trans people are not so unusual these days. However, there was a time when the very idea of such programme content would be greeted with shock and screams of protest. As part of our programme of film events to mark LGBT History Month we are showing three television programmes which feature North East LGB people:

‘Check it Out’ was a TV series made by Tyne Tees Television between 1979 and 1982. The programme was aimed towards younger people and tackled various issues of social importance such as policing, homelessness and homosexuality. The episode we will see is one made in 1979 which focuses on homosexuality and features a day in the life of a young gay couple in Newcastle in the late 1970s.

‘Out on Tuesday’ – was a ground breaking series shown by Channel 4 in the late 1980s/early 1990s. This episode, from 1990 is of interest because as well as interviews with ‘Golden Girl’ Betty White on the popularity of ‘the Golden Girls’ amongst gay audiences the programme also features North East people talking about how women and men interact on the gay scene – including some very early interviews with people well known on the Newcastle scene (as you may never have seen them before).

‘Greta’s Party’ – A special programme shown by Tyne Tees in 2000 to celebrate the 50th birthday of one of Newcastle’s best known drag artistes – Greta La More. The programme shows preparations for the big party in the Courtyard pub (now the Yard) and features many well known people from the Newcastle scene of the late 90s/early 00s. Greta doesn’t ‘do’ politically correct and so this programme isn’t for the faint hearted - be prepared to be shocked!

Additional Information

- This event is free (but donations in the Northern Pride buckets would be much appreciated).
- Places are limited and can be reserved by e-mail to: lgbthistory@npride.org.uk
- Refreshments can be purchased from the library coffee shop
- The venue is fully accessible and is well served by bus and metro (Monument). The library doesn’t have its own parking however there is parking nearby at the Premier Inn and at MEA House

'Women Like Us'

Date: Wednesday 15th February 2012
Time: 6.30 pm – 9.00 pm
Venue:

**Stage 3,
Northern Stage,
Barras Bridge
Newcastle upon Tyne
NE1 7RH**



Although open to all, the programmes shown at this event will have most appeal to women.

'Women Like Us' (1990) is a programme from the Channel 4 series 'Out on Tuesday' and features life from the perspective of older lesbians talking about life experiences, coming out and relationships.

'Veronica 4 Rose' is a short film made in 1983 with young lesbians aged between 16 and 23 from Newcastle, Liverpool and London. This warm and engaging film explores the ups and down of being lesbian in a predominately heterosexual and homophobic society geared to wedding bells and boys. The young women interviewed speak openly about their experiences of coming out to friends and parents and how in many cases they were told it was only a 'phase' they would grow out of.

Additional Information

- This event is free (but donations in the Northern Pride buckets would be much appreciated).
- Places are limited and can be reserved by e-mail to: lgbthistory@npride.org.uk
- Refreshments can be purchased from the theatre coffee shop/bar
- The venue is fully accessible and is well served by bus and metro (Haymarket). Northern Stage doesn't have its own parking however there is parking nearby on Claremont Road.



'Diagnosing Difference'

Date: Thursday 23rd February
Time: 7.30pm
Venue:
Star and Shadow Cinema
Stepney Bank,
Newcastle,
NE1 2NP



Diagnosing Difference features interviews with 13 diverse scholars, activists, and artists who identify on the trans spectrum (transgender, transsexual, genderqueer, and gender variant) about the impact and implications of the Gender Identity Disorder (GID) on their lives and communities.

Diagnosing Difference is purposefully personal, seeking to expand the experience of the audience, provoke thought, and create as many questions as it answers.

This event is being organised independently of Northern Pride. Further details can be found at <http://www.starandshadow.org.uk/on/film/908>



'A Very British Sex Scandal' and panel discussion.

Date: Monday 27th February 2012

Time: 6.00 – 9.00

Venue:

**The Peter Sarah Theatre
Performance Academy
Newcastle College
Scotswood Road
Newcastle upon Tyne
NE4 7SA**



This event is open to all and will be of particular interest to anyone with an interest in LGBT History.

'A Very British Sex Scandal' - A film made in 2007 by Blast Films. In 1954 Lord Montagu and Peter Wildeblood of the Daily Mail were arrested for homosexual offences. They faced the establishment in a backlash against sexual liberalism. They were not alone. At a time when homosexual acts, even in private, could lead to lengthy jail sentences, gay men were persecuted by the police; hounded by the press and faced the threat of blackmail from unscrupulous sexual partners. Their arrest sowed the seeds of a devastating court case that would ultimately lead to the setting up of the Wolfenden Committee and a major change in the law for gay men.

The film will be followed by a short break and then a panel discussion featuring older members of the local LGBT communities reflecting on their lives, experiences and memories of years gone by.

- This event is free (but donations in the Northern Pride buckets would be much appreciated).
- Places are limited and can be reserved by e-mail to: lgbthistory@npride.org.uk
- Refreshments can be purchased from the theatre coffee shop
- The venue is fully accessible and is well served by bus and metro (Central Station). Newcastle College has parking facilities accessible from the Scotswood Road entrance.