

The Source

Health Information for Gay & Bi Men



Upcoming 24s dates

October 2005

- 1st Birdcage
- 6th W5
- 14th Larkin Inn
- 21st Windsor Castle
- 24th Ted's

November 2005

- 1st Birdcage
- 4th The George
- 10th W5
- 12th Club Exilio
- 15th Ted's
- 18th Club Kali
- 20th The Birdcage
- 25th Windsor Castle

December 2005

- 1st Birdcage
- 3rd W5
- 10th Windsor Castle
- 12th Ted's
- 15th W5

Welcome to the third issue of **The Source**, a health information resource from the EHH Gay Men's Project.

In this issue we bring you news of two launches. Ajamu reports on the launch of the Anti Homophobic/ Transphobic Crime Campaign. Karen tells us about the opening of the West 6 Clinic. Rui gives you a list of venues we work at monthly.

The Source is here to help you and as such we would love to hear your feedback on any of the issues we have covered or on what you would like to see in future issues. Please call us on 0800 587 8302 or email your comments to: thesource@dial.pipex.com.

Finally, the Outreach Team bids a sad farewell to Andrew and Michael. We wish you all the best for the future, guys! On a brighter note, the next issue will see the new full time editor take over. Watch this space...

Ibrahim - Editor

New Anti- Hate Campaign Packs a Punch

In July, the Birdcage in Chiswick, played host to the launch of a new powerful campaign which highlights issues of hate crimes and homophobia within and beyond the Borough.



The models and speakers

While the evening was well attended and very informal, the large posters packed a serious punch, and the messages from a range of speakers made it crystal clear that hate crime is no longer acceptable in any form. It's a crime.

The visually stunning colour images portrayed a mixed selection of ordinary people from diverse backgrounds reflecting that hate crime is not acceptable in any community, while at the same time the campaign encourages men and women from the gay community to be proud of who and what they are.

The campaign and its message is also a challenge to individuals not to succumb to the negative stereotypes of hate crime and homophobia.



Left -Right: Andy Stovold, Simon Mitchell and Sgt. Mike Sunman.

George Leonard, Community Outreach Officer from the Ealing, Hammersmith and Hounslow Gay Men's Project Outreach Team states simply and clearly: *"The campaign aims to encourage the reporting of hate crimes against members of the gay community. We are sending out a strong message that such behaviour is completely unacceptable and against the law"*

The campaign materials will be initially distributed through a range of agencies within and beyond Ealing, Hammersmith and Hounslow. The venues will include schools, police stations, local government and NHS buildings such as GP Surgeries and clinics. Over the next few months the organisers hope to roll out the campaign in more public places such as public transport.

The Campaign material is available in 3 formats – A3 and A4 posters, and A6 postcards. To find out more about the campaign or to order a selection of the posters/cards, call Karen Randall on 020 8583 2476 or email karen.randall@hounslow.gov.uk

The EHH Gay Men's Project Team working that night.



Local Contacts

Sexual Health Clinics

Ealing Hospital - Level 8 Clinic, Pasteur Suite

020 8967 5555 (reception) no appointment necessary

West London Centre for Sexual Health (Hammersmith)

020 8846 1567 / 1577 (reception) - appointments only

West 6 Gay Men's Clinic — Tuesdays 5.30 - 7.30pm

West Middlesex Hospital Sexual Health Clinic (Hounslow)

020 8321 5718 (reception) no appointment necessary

IF YOU HAVE SYMPTOMS OF AN STI,
PLEASE GO TO A CLINIC IMMEDIATELY

THEY WILL SEE YOU AS AN EMERGENCY PATIENT

Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Youth Groups

I-identity (Hounslow)

08000 854 036 www.identityuk.com

Out On Thursday (Hammersmith)

0800 169 4318 www.outonthursday.org.uk

YourZone (Ealing)

07985 12 64 42 yourzone@ealing.gov.uk

Local Police Community Safety Units

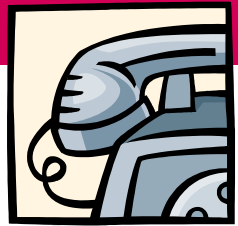
Ealing 020 8246 9617

Hammersmith 020 8246 2436

Hounslow 020 8577 1212

IN AN EMERGENCY ALWAYS **dial 999**

Crimestoppers 0800 555 111



Local Support Services

Living Well

Self Management Programme and support for people living with HIV

020 8746 2274 www.livingwellhiv.com

Naz Project London

Provides a variety of services for Spanish or Portuguese speaking men, Muslim, Somali, Ethiopian and Asian men

020 8741 1879 www.naz.org.uk

The River House

Drop-in centre for people living with, and those affected by HIV.

020 8753 5190 www.riverhousetrust.org.uk.

Other useful numbers / sources of information

NHS Helpline

0845 46 47 www.nhsdirect.nhs.uk

National HIV/AIDS/STI Helpline

0800 567 123

THT Direct

0845 12 21 200

London's sexual health directory for gay men on the web
www.metromate.org.uk

London Lesbian & Gay Switchboard

020 7837 7324

Go West!

A gay man's life can be very hectic! On other occasions it may also be quite boring. In any case, we've got the solution for you. If you fancy going down the pub, having a nice meal or giving it some on the dance floor, but don't know where to go, here's a list of the best places in West London. And - what a coincidence - they just happen to be the places where the EHH Gay Men's Project goes for outreach work! So remember to pick up your 24s refills when you see us or become a member if you are not one already. And if you ever get caught short, the venues all have Freedoms available. You can find information provided by the EHH GMP in all these venues in West London.

The Birdcage

122 Chiswick High Road, London W4
Tel: 020 8995 4392



The Windsor Castle

152 Bath Road
Hounslow
Tel: 020 8577 6590

The George Music Bar

114 Twickenham Road
Isleworth
Tel: 020 8560 1456

www.georgemusicbar.co.uk



West 5

Popes Lane, Ealing W5
Tel: 020 8579 3266

Larkin Inn

66 Boston Road, Hanwell W7.
Tel: 020 8579 6964

Ted's Place - Member's Only Club

305a North End Rd, London W14
Tel: 020 7385 9359

YourZone Drama Project

Calling all drama queens!

It's time to inject some drama into your life. YourZone youth drama course has just started its third season. Following the success of the previous two courses we decided to run the group again. It's a great chance to meet new people and have some fun in a safe environment.



Nineteen young people took part last year. It was great fun and all the members gained something from taking part.

Quotes from a few of the previous participants:

"I expected it to be more formal but I'm glad it wasn't."

"I enjoyed it and had fun, it's been good."

"I have become more confident and made new friends."

"It's non-threatening and a place for sharing your sexuality as well as sharing things and ideas. It sets you free."

Starting on 7th September and running on Wednesday nights, from 7.30pm till 9.30pm in Acton, the course covers everything from improvisation to drag workshops.

Each week we will address different issues. Starting with fun and relaxing team building exercises, the course will develop to suit the groups needs. It could be just working together for the fun of it or gearing up towards a performance. The group will make that decision. For more information or to book a place, call 020 8896 3673 or email yourzone@ealing.gov.uk

Who needs Big Brother to make you famous?

Join us and become a star!

WEST 6

Sexual Health Clinic for Men who have sex with Men



*Left to Right:
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Nurse Lead for Sexual
Health), Karen Randall
(Resources Manager,
EHH Gay Men's Pro-
ject), Dr Ken McLean
(Consultant),
Simon Paragreen
(Health Adviser).*

Contact Details:

For an appointment call
020 8846 1567 and ask
for the West 6 Clinic.

Clinic Hours:

Tuesday evenings,
5.30pm to 7.30pm

On 7th June, West 6 Clinic opened its doors to its first clients. Based at the West London Centre for Sexual Health, in the Charing Cross Hospital in Hammersmith, the clinic is exclusively for men who have sex with men. The clinic was set up in response to surveys carried out by the EHH Gay Men's Project amongst gay and bisexual men in Ealing, Hammersmith & Fulham and Hounslow which clearly showed a demand for an early evening clinic.

West 6 runs on an appointment system, but there is a limited walk-in service available for emergencies, and offers the usual services such as sexual health screening and treatment, hepatitis A and B vaccinations, as well as 1 hour HIV testing. You can also pick up 24s condoms lubricant bags from the EHH Gay Men's Project staff member who is there every Tuesday. You don't need an appointment - just drop in, register with reception, and collect your 24s from us.