



NEWSLETTER

Welcome Back!

Hello,

Hope you all had a great Easter break and are now ready for the Summer Term.

Looking back on the Spring Term, it was so successful, packed with these amazing social, political and fundraising events. It was indeed a great term! Thank you all for coming and supporting the LGBT & Friends Society and we can't wait to see you again.

What do you have to look forward to this term? Amidst your hectic revision and essays, take some respite by joining us! We have plenty of events, ranging from The Big Raffle, an amazing quiz, film nights, a summer BBQ and so much more!

This term's GM is going to be exciting as ever, especially as the Annual General Meeting and NUS Conference approaches. Your vote and opinion is absolutely vital for us so do come and vote. Remember, you decide how the society will be run.

All in all, good luck with your revision and exams, and we hope to see you soon!

Rob Wayman
President



The Big Raffle & Quiz

This term we have the Big Raffle with some amazing prizes valuing up to 500 pounds up for grabs. Our focus is on raising money for the Colchester Gay Switchboard & The Outhouse. Furthermore, after the previous success of the Big Quiz where, thanks to you all, over a 100 pounds was raised, we decided to host it again. Do come along, have fun and raise money for the CGS at the same time, and remember, in both events, there are some amazing prizes to be



Blue Jeans Day

This month, on 28th April, The LGBT & Friends society is holding an event known as 'Blue Jeans Day'. Based upon the original Blue Jeans day held back in 1983 this event focuses around the idea that wearing a particular item of clothing symbolizes, on that day only, support for the LGBT community.

This event was first held when blue jeans were the most common item of clothing and almost everyone wore them. The society announced that on this certain day, if you were wearing blue jeans, then you were supporting gay rights. This forced anyone who was homophobic to single themselves out in order to not look like they were 'pro-gay'.

Now many years later, as a way of celebrating our LGBT society's 40th Anniversary, we are rerunning our own variation of this event. Jeans, Jeggings, Trousers and Trackies will be the focus now as blue jeans are less appropriate due to being less commonly worn.

With the LGBT & Friends society handing out stickers and selling raffle tickets from Square 3 throughout the day, and then ending it with the second round of their Big Quiz this looks set to be a great day. So grab your jeans, jeggings, trousers or trackies and show your support for everyone, regardless of their sexuality!

Freyja Copes

THURSDAY 28th APRIL

Jeans, Jeggings, Trousers and Trackies

day 2011

Any Shape | Any Style | Any Colour | Any Size

Wear them and show your support for LGBT Rights

Celebrating and recreating the Original "Blue Jeans Day" from 1983

find out more at: www.essexlgbt.co.uk
[facebook.com/EssexLGBT40th](https://www.facebook.com/EssexLGBT40th)

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Annual General Meeting

What happens in the Annual GM?

On the 5th May the Annual General Meeting of the LGBT & Friends Society takes place. The most important part of this meeting is the Elections. All of the 7 positions will be up for grabs for the next year. This year's committee members have put in hours of work in order to provide you with the BEST LGBT Society in the country and this is your chance to get involved and run!

Who is allowed to run for a Position?

Any current student who is a member can run. The roles are as follows:

1. The President
2. The Women's Officer
3. The Secretary
4. The Treasurer
5. The Social Secretary
6. The Media Officer
7. The Society Rep

If you want to find out what each role entails please find out more at <http://essexlgbt.co.uk/about/the-constitution> or speak to any of the people in the role currently.

I'd like to wish you all the best of luck and you will receive an email to tell you how to nominate yourself for role. If you do have any questions please get in touch at president@essexlgbt.co.uk



In addition to the elections, the important NUS Conference Open Meeting will also be held. Starting with an open meeting to make you aware of the debates that will be held at NUS LGBT Conference, here we will be able to get your views on how you want your delegates to vote. Remember, your opinion greatly matters to us so please do come!

This will be followed with an important meeting giving you the chance to tell us about how you feel your society is being run and what you would like to change or keep for the next year.

Furthermore, this is also a chance to say bye to this year's officers, some of whom are graduating and will not be returning for the next academic year of 2011-2012.

SO IF YOU WANT TO HELP RUN THE BEST LGBT SOCIETY IN COUNTRY get in touch with our secretary:

secretary@essexlgbt.co.uk

LGBT SUMMER TERM EVENTS

**Fundraising | All term until 7th June |
The BIG Raffle | £1 a Ticket**

**40th Campaign | Thursday 28th April | Jeans, Jeggings,
Trousers and Trackies Day 2011 | 12am to 12am | FREE**

**Fundraising | Thursday 28th April | THE BIG
QUIZ: ROUND 2 | 8pm | Topbar | £1 per person**

**Democracy | Thursday 5th May | Annual General Meeting and
NUS Conference Open Meeting | 6pm | LTB | FREE**

**Revision Escape | Monday 9th May | Film
Night | Bi: Eyes Wide Open | 6pm | LTB | FREE**

**Revision Escape | Tuesday 17th May | Film Night | Lesbian:
The Secret Diaries of Miss Anne Lister | 6pm | LTB | FREE**

**Revision Escape | Wednesday 25th May | Film Night |
Gay: Were the World Mine | 6pm | LTB | FREE**

**Revision Escape | Thursday 2nd June | Film Night
| Trans: Beautiful Boxer | 6pm | LTB | FREE**

**40th Campaign | Tuesday 7th June | Public Panel
Discussion: 40 years of Queer in Colchester | 7pm |
Colchester Town Hall | Free entry and refreshments**

**End of Year Fun | Thursday 9th June | The Big GAY
BBQ | Meet Sq 5 | 5pm | FREE FOOD. Bring your own
drink.**

For more information please
visit www.essexlgbt.co.uk

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Colchester Gay



About the CGS

"Since 1979 Colchester Gay Switchboard have worked throughout North Essex to meet the needs of gay, lesbian, bi-sexual and transgendered individuals and those affected by HIV and AIDS.

From our building in Colchester, The Outhouse, we provide a 5 nights a week 7-10pm Helpline. If you have something on your mind our trained volunteers are here to listen and help you talk through any issues you wish, totally confidential."

<http://www.theouthouse.org.uk/about-us.html>

Volunteer

"We are currently seeking new volunteers for our telephone help-line & social centre in Colchester.

Do you have a few hours to spare each month either in the evening or at the weekend?

Could you chat to new people over coffee, or on our telephone help-line? Can you remember how difficult it was coming out? Could you help others through the same?

Maybe you have skills you would like to share e.g. admin, decorating, maintenance, fundraising?

If so, we'd love to hear from you! We offer comprehensive training, ongoing support and a choice of volunteering options."

<http://www.theouthouse.org.uk/volunteers.html>



Volunteering!

We need your help...

The society does exist without our members and we want give you as much opportunities as possible,

One member has already joined the Colchester Gay Switchboard! Why don't you get involved? You can make a difference!

For more details please get in touch

Email: President@essexlgbt.co.uk

Job Swap....

Thinking of running in the elections?

This is the chance for you to see what running the society is really like! Fancy having a go? Get involved?

Just email president@essexlgbt.co.uk

You can pick any of the 6 roles!

NOT TOO LATE... STILL NEED A BUDDY?

NERVOUS ABOUT COMING ALONG TO AN LGBT EVENT? OR JUST NEED A CHAT? THE LGBT BUDDY SYSTEM IS HERE TO HELP!

IF YOU WANT TO MEET UP WITH ONE OF OUR SOCIETY MEMBERS BEFORE AN EVENT OR YOU NEED ADVICE ABOUT ALL THINGS LGBT AT ESSEX, THEN EMAIL THE BUDDY SYSTEM AT

BUDDY@ESSEXLGBT.CO.UK



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Website:

www.essexlgbt.co.uk

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www.essexstudent.co.uk/society/lgbt/**

