



GREENBOW'S MESSAGES

Happy New Year!

Greenbow is back from its Christmas break. Greenbow is planning several events for the coming months including: social evenings, Deafab Cafe specials, workshops, self-defence classes and a trip to Poland in 2010. Please keep an eye on our newsletters.

Greenbow's board wish to welcome, co-opted board member, Sarah Sheridan to the board.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Self-defence Classes

Greenbow will organise self-defence classes at Outhouse in February 2010. More details will be announced in our next newsletter. Please watch out for more information! The price will be €80 for 10 classes. If you are interest to join the self defence classes please contact Greenbow as soon as possible, as there are limited places!

Deaf LGBT Bicycle Monthly

Greenbow will organise a bicycle day for members at Phoenix Park in March. More information will be announced later in a poster.

SLIS Emergency Phone Number

The Sign Language Interpreters Services has announced that its emergency 24 hours service has been extended.

This service is for medical and legal emergencies outside of normal office hours **ONLY!**

EMERGENCY LINE: 087-6725179



**DEAFAB CAFÉ:
VALENTINE SPECIAL**

**Date: Saturday, 13th
February 2010**

**Venue: Outhouse Café,
105 Capel Street, Dublin 1**

Time: 2pm

DEAF LGBT CELEBRATIONS IN THE WORLD

Deaf Gay and Lesbian 20th anniversary in Frankfurt/Main, Germany on 12th to 14th March 2010
<http://www.facebook.com/profile.php?ref=profile&id=527421603#/event.php?eid=190664566874&index=1>

<http://gls-frankfurt-ev-90.beepworld.de/programme20jahre.htm>

Deaf Queer Men Only in San Francisco on 29 September to 3 October 2010

<http://www.dqmo.net/>

Deaf Triangle Club- 25th Anniversary on 29 to 30 May 2010

<http://www.facebook.com/profile.php?ref=profile&id=527421603#/event.php?eid=132177116833&index=1>

<http://www.deaftriangleclub.com/>

Deaf Lesbian Festival in New York July 2010

<http://www.deaflesbianfestival.org/>

BECOME A MEMBER OF GREENBOW

Please use the following details to contact us and we'll send you an application form:

Mobile Text: **086-3671375**

Email: deafgreenbowlgbt@yahoo.ie



World Gay News

Sex and the City Star Cynthia Nixon to Fight Gay Adoption Bans

Lesbian actress Cynthia Nixon will be kicking off a campaign to repeal Florida's ban on gays and lesbians adopting.

The Sex and the City star will kick off the American Civil Liberties Union's three-year campaign to end the ban this weekend at South Beach's Shore Club.

Nixon announced her engagement to long-term girlfriend Christine Marinoni last May and has been an active campaigner for gay rights.

Florida is the only US state to ban gays and lesbians from adopting children. Also in attendance will be three of South Florida's political leaders – Republican Ileana Ros-Lehtinen and Democrats Nan Rich and Mary Brandenburg.

The ACLU sued the state in 2008 on behalf of Martin Gill, a gay foster father who wanted to adopt the two children he has cared for since 2004. The children were allowed to remain with Gill, although a state appeal is pending.

A press release from the ACLU said it had been given a \$240,000 grant by the Tides Foundation's State Equality Fund to pay for a three-year LGBT public education and outreach campaign.

It added: "The ACLU's Campaign to End Florida's Adoption Ban is designed to support the ACLU's lawsuit challenging the adoption ban by educating Floridians about the adoption ban and the negative impact it has on Florida's children and families."

Malawi Gay Couples Were Arrested and Await Trial

A gay couple in Malawi who were jailed for holding a wedding ceremony have said they are being beaten in prison. Tiwonge Chimbalanga and Steven Monjeza had a traditional ceremony in the South African country on Saturday December 26th.

Malawi punishes homosexuality with up to 14 years in prison and the couple was arrested. They remain in custody and were denied bail. They deny three charges of unnatural practices between males and gross indecency.

They will face trial on 15th January 2010.

Portugal Votes to Legalise Gay Marriage

Portugal's parliament today voted to legalise marriage for gays and lesbians.

The Catholic country is now the sixth in Europe to grant same-sex couples the right to wed, although this will not include adoption rights.

Addressing lawmakers before the vote, Prime Minister Jose Socrates said the law "rights a wrong" and would end "pointless suffering".

But he added: "This issue of adoption is different as it does not just involve adults who are free to give their consent."

The law will remove any references to gender in the country's marriage laws. Although centre-right parties opposed the change, all left-wing parties supported it.

The law must be approved by President Anibal Cavaco Silva but parliament has the power to override a veto from him.

It is expected to come into force in April, a month before Pope Benedict XVI visits the country.

Five other European countries allow gay marriage: Spain, Belgium, the Netherlands, Norway and Sweden.

Obama Appoints Trans-woman to the Department of Commerce

US President Barack Obama has appointed a trans-woman to the role of senior technical advisor to the Department of Commerce.

Amanda Simpson is on the board of directors of the National Centre for Transgender Equality and has worked in the aerospace and defense industry for 30 years.

In a statement, she said: "I'm truly honored to have received this appointment and am eager and excited about this opportunity that is before me.

"And at the same time, as one of the first transgender presidential appointees to the federal government, I hope that I will soon be one of hundreds, and that this appointment opens future opportunities for many others."

Simpson holds degrees in physics, engineering and business administration along with an extensive flight background. She is a certified flight instructor and test pilot with 20 years of experience.

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