

Greenbow Messages:

Deaf Awareness Training (DAT)

Nine hearing people from different LGBT organisations attended the Deaf Awareness Training at Outhouse on Friday, 1st April. The training was funded by the Dublin Bus Community Programme. The training was given to help hearing LGBT organisations become more aware of providing access for deaf people to their/public services and the LGBT community. The feedback from the training was very good and the attendees felt we should organise another deaf awareness session for the LGBT general public.

Information Meeting

The information meeting was held at Outhouse last Saturday and a good number of people attended. We provided information on many subjects including: P.A.Y.E., Saorview (Ireland's new free digital TV service), TV licences, etc. The next information meeting will be in autumn.

Greenbow Pool Table Competition

A good number of people attended the pool table competition, which was held at the Camden Deluxe Hotel last Saturday. Dominic McGreal won the competition. John Fennell came second. They both received trophies. After the competition there was a ticket raffle draw. Greenbow will organise another pool table competition next year.

Greenbow Social Night

Greenbow will have a social night at the Front Lounge on Saturday, 14th May at 9pm.



Cycling at Phoenix Park @ 2pm

Sunday, 8th May 2011
Sunday, 12th June 2011
Sunday, 14th August 2011

Meet where: Phoenix Park bike
at Phoenix Park Main Gate.



Bike Hire at the main gate of
Phoenix Park
Cost: €7 for 2 hours
Or
€10 all day

**WEATHER
PERMITTING**

Greenbow Deaf Lesbian, Gay, Bixsexual
& Transgender Society of Ireland
c/o Outhouse, 105 Capel Street, Dublin 1
Greenbow's email: info_greenbow@yahoo.ie
or text 086 3671375



Greenbow Social Night

Date: Saturday, 14th May 2011
Venue: Front Lounge, Parliament Street, D 2
Time: 9pm

MAY

Cycling at Phoenix Park: Sunday, 8 May
Greenbow Social Night: Saturday, 14 May

JUNE

Cycling at Phoenix Park: Sunday, 12 June
Deaf Lesbian Festival: 22-26 June
Dublin Gay Pride Week: 17-26 June

JULY

Deafab Cafe:
Sports Day at Phoenix Park: Saturday, 2 July
Greenbow Social Night: Saturday, 23 July

AUGUST

Activities Weekend: Friday, 26 to Sunday, 28 August

GREENBOW POOL COMPETITION- SATURDAY, 16TH APRIL



Greenbow would like to thank all sponsors who gave donations for the raffle ticket draw at the pool table competition last Saturday:

Cadbury's, Cineworld, Abbey Theatre, Irish Deaf Society, Tracey Treanor and Eddie Redmond

Gay Engagement!



The Board of Greenbow would like to congratulate, our member, Colm O'Sullivan, and his partner, Ian McLean, on their recent engagement. We wish them a very happy future!



ACTIVITIES WEEKEND

Greenbow Activities Weekend: Friday, 26 August to Sunday, 28 August 2011. Please put this date in your diary! We hope to see everyone there joining in the fun activities. Please watch out for more details in our newsletters, Facebook and the Greenbow website soon.

FIRST PUBLIC CIVIL PARTNERSHIP IN IRELAND TODAY



On Tuesday, 5 April at the Dublin Civil Registration Office two couples underwent the first public Irish civil partnership ceremonies.

Barry Dignam and Hugh Walsh (pictured) were the first couple at 3:30p.m., followed by Nicholas Nelson and Thomas Cahalane.

"The first public civil partnership ceremonies in Ireland mark another great milestone for Ireland and for lesbian and gay people" said Kieran Rose, Chair of GLEN. "It is a great day for the two couples, their families and friends, and we wish them much luck and happiness".

"Lesbian and gay couples have been waiting for years to have their relationships recognised and protected by the State. For the two couples today and all those who will enter civil partnerships over the coming months, this is a very significant advance" said Kieran Rose.

A small number of couples have already had a civil partnership in Ireland, the first on 7 February, by getting court exemptions to the statutory three month notice period. Today's two civil partnerships were the first to have given their notice in January as soon as the Civil Partnership Act came into force. A wide range of foreign same-sex marriages and civil partnerships were recognised as Irish civil partnerships from January 13th this year.

Source from GLEN website: www.glen.ie

GAY WORLD NEWS



TURKEY and MONTENEGRO

LGBT Rights Are Part of EU Accession Conditions, say European Parliamentarians. The European Parliament adopted two resolutions on Turkey and Montenegro's progress towards joining the European Union. The Parliament said that more steps are required to bring the two countries in line with EU standards in the field of non-discrimination.

LITHUANIA

Lithuania Ignores European Court Decision and Proposes to Ban Gender Reassignment. Lithuanian conservative parliamentarians, led by the chairman of the Committee on Health Affairs, registered a proposal yesterday to amend the Civil Code with a prohibition of gender reassignment surgery.

EUROPEAN UNION

Welcome New EU Proposals for Recognition of Gay Couples. There was good news this week for gay couples in the European Union who are married or in some other form of legal 'civil partnership'. On Wednesday, the European Commission published [proposals for new EU regulations](#), simplifying property rights procedures for international couples. The proposed rules will facilitate legal and administrative procedures in the field of property rights (real estate, banking, other possessions) for all international couples, whether married or in a civil partnership. The proposed legislation comprises of one regulation for marriages, and one regulation for civil partnerships. The Council of the European Union and the European Parliament will now examine the two proposals.

EUROPEAN UNION

MEPs Welcome New Gender Change Law in Portugal but Are Concerned About Developments in Lithuania.

Members of the European Parliament have welcomed a new law in Portugal for transgender persons, but have expressed concern over a proposal to outlaw gender reassignment surgery in Lithuania. On March 16, the new law establishing procedures for change of name and sex in the civil register came into force in Portugal. This new law does not require divorce, sterilisation, hormonal treatment or surgery to officially change gender, while a medical diagnosis will remain necessary. The new law is fully in line with the Yogyakarta Principles, a set of authoritative guidelines for the application of internal human rights standards in the field of gender identity and sexual orientation.

The above news stories were sourced from: www.ukgaynews.org.uk/latest.htm

Nearly 300 Gay and Lesbian Couples Line Up For Ireland Civil Partnerships

By On Top Magazine Staff
Published: April 06, 2011

Two-hundred and seventy-three gay couples began preparing to enter civil partnerships in Ireland as a new law came on line Tuesday. The Republic of Ireland's civil partnerships law came into force in January but a three-month waiting period pushed the first couples' nuptials back until this week.

Kieran Rose of the gay rights group Gay and Lesbian Equality Network (GLEN) said the ceremonies were a "very significant advance." "Lesbian and gay couples have been waiting for years to have their relationships recognized and protected by the state," Rose said.

The state had granted six exceptions to the usual waiting period. Another 267 couples have given the government notice of intention to enter the union, the Department of Social Protection said on April 1.

Ireland decriminalized gay sex in 1993.

Sourced from: [/www.ontopmag.com/article](http://www.ontopmag.com/article)

THE PRIDE OF PARNELL STREET By Sebastian Barry

Audio-Described & Captioned (Subtitles)
Performance: Thursday, 26 May at 8p.m.

At The Helix Theatre, DCU, Collins Avenue,
Dublin 9
Tickets: €20/ €18 (Conc.)

Book tickets online at the box office:
www.thehelix.ie

Dublin Theatre of the Deaf presents:



"The Deaf Book: The story of an Irish Deaf man in the 18th Century"

Venue: Dublin Deaf Club, 40 Lower Drumcondra Road, Dublin 9.

Date: Wednesday, 18 May, Thursday, 19 May & Friday, 20 May

Time: All at 7.30pm

There will be one matinee show on Sunday, 22 May 2011 at 3p.m. in the afternoon.

Come and enjoy the show!

The Drama AGM will take place after the matinee show at 6pm 22 May 2011.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

A Famous Gay Quote:

"When asked, "Shall I tell my mother I'm Gay?" I reply, "Never tell your mother anything."

Quentin Crisp

BECOME A MEMBER OF GREENBOW

If you want to become a member of Greenbow, please contact our secretary, Dominic McGreal, for a membership form or download a membership form from our website.

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