

Greenbow Messages:

Dunsink Observation

Greenbow organised a trip to Dunsink Observatory, which was very successful and had a good number of people attend. Members enjoyed seeing the beautiful stars above in the black sky during the night. Thanks to Irish Deaf Com for providing a mini-van to bring us to Dunsink Observatory.

15th Anniversary Celebrations

Our 15th anniversary celebrations were held from 17th to 19th March 2011. The three days of events were organised by the board of Greenbow's. A good number of people attended the following events: watching the St Patrick's Day Parade, Greenbow Photo Exhibition with wine and hot food and Gay History Tour in Dublin City Centre.

17th March: Greenbow members came to see the St Patrick's Day Parade at Christchurch, where they saw 20 people from the Irish Deaf Society taking part in the parade, marching down from Parnell Square to St Patrick's Cathedral in Christchurch. Afterwards our social night was held at the Front Lounge in Parliament Street.

18th March: Greenbow's Photo Exhibition was held in the basement of Outhouse in Capel Street. It was good to see so many people attend. They were surprised to see their faces included in photos of our past history on display. Members chatted and thought back on past experiences back in the old days when Greenbow was just starting up, which was great.

Greenbow was surprised to receive a lovely bunch of flowers from Eddie McGuinness on behalf of the staff of Outhouse who wished us congratulations on our 15th anniversary and best wishes for our success in the future.

The chairperson gave several brief speeches about Greenbow.

Our social night was held at the George Pub later that evening.

19th March: Dominic McGreal gave the Gay History Tour in the City Centre. He explained the history of LGBTs and Greenbow. About 20 people attended the tour. Many had not known about LGBT and Greenbow history.

Greenbow's Buffet Night was held at Pantibar, Capel Street. 29 people attended the buffet. There was hot food provided and also Greenbow provided a birthday cake.

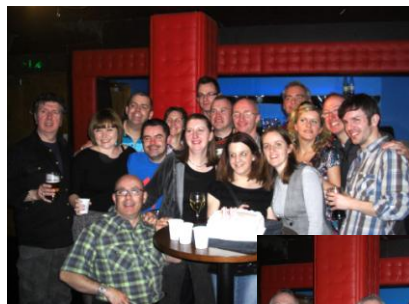
They took photos of current Greenbow board standing around the birthday cake as well the original board members. John Fennell, chairperson of Greenbow, gave wonderful speeches then he invited two former chairpersons of Greenbow, Vincent Ryan and Sinead Braiden, to give speeches. Our longest standing member, John Leneghan, also gave a brief speech.

Afterwards we played some games and had a fun quiz with prizes, which were all very enjoyable.

It was great night, with members from all around the county to attending and joining a very special birthday celebration.



St Patrick's Parade



Buffet Night

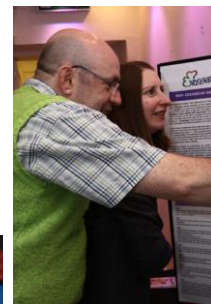


Photo Exhibition

Information Meeting and Pool Competition

On Saturday, 16th April 2011, Greenbow will have an information meeting at 2pm, hosted by Dominic McGreal who will give information about tax issues, social welfare, TV licences, etc. to members, which will be followed by a pool table competition at 6.30pm. See more details on the second page of this newsletter. ***Please tell your straight friends and bring them to the pool table competition. Remember this is a fundraiser night and straight people are very welcome. Please encourage them to share this event.***



GREENBOW INFORMATION MEETING

Date: Saturday, 16th April 2011

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

Time: 2-4pm

**Dominic McGreal, Peers Advocacy,
will give a presentation providing
information to Deaf people in regard
to public services.**



IDS 30th ANNIVERSARY BLUE GALA BALL

When: Saturday, 18th June 2011

**Where: The Heritage Hotel,
Portlaoise, Co Laois**

Time: 6pm

Price: €60

If you are interested in going the gala dinner,
please contact Irish Deaf Society for a ticket:
Email: gala@irishdeafsociety.ie or buy a ticket at
IDS, 30 Blessington Street, Dublin 7.

**To book a room at hotel please see their website:
www.theheritagehotel.com**

POOL COMPETITION (Fundraiser)



Date: Saturday, 16th April 2011

**Venue: Camden Deluxe Hotel, 84-87 Lower Camden
Street, Dublin 2**

Time: 6.30pm until late!

Price

The prices for playing in the competition are: **€10**
employed **€8** unemployed/students/OAPs.

If you do not want to play in the pool competition
but would like to watch the games: **€3**

**Straight friends are more than
welcome!**

**Please contact Greenbow to book your
place. Book early to avoid disappointment-
first come, first served!**

**Please pay Greenbow on the night at the
Camden Deluxe Hotel!**

Email: info_greenbow@yahoo.ie

Or text, mobile: 086-3671375



DUBLIN LGBT PRIDE FESTIVAL

will take place from:

**Friday 17th June 2011 – Sunday 26th June
2011.**

The parade is on Saturday 25th June 2011

The theme this year will be:

“It’s a human thing”

Make sure that keep a space in your diary in June!
More details are available on their website:

www.dublinpride.ie

TV (888) SUBTITLES



HOW YOU WANT TO COMPLAIN TO THE SUBTITLES SERVICES?

Information you must include:

1. What channel is having problem?
2. What problem you having?
3. What was the date?
4. What time did the programme?
5. What is the name of programme?
6. What area you live in?
7. What cable you use (Sky or Digital)?

Contact the Subtitles Services:

Text RTE at 087-7989128 or email address: subtitles@rte.ie

Subtitling Information is on Aertal Page 343. The details are about the subtitles on TV.

RTE Aertal Page 344 that it's show the list programmes will have subtitles on the day/evening.

Remember RTE do have a funding from BAI (Broadcasting Authority of Ireland).



This source information from Irish Deaf Society

TV3 have set up a NEW email address: subtitles@tv3.ie

New TV3 text service for Deaf - text the words "Text SUBS" with your comment to no: 53131 (€0.30 per text. Standard network charges may apply)

Sometimes TV3 does not know there is a problem and rely on us, the Deaf community!

They also now have a new teletext page informing you what subtitles are on every day - check out **teletext page 886**. TV3 said at moment they cannot subtitle any Irish programming (unless its funded by the BAI sound and vision fund)



Hollywood Star Elizabeth Taylor has died

Hollywood legend **Elizabeth Taylor** had died at the age of 79 on Wednesday. Many stars mourned the loss of a great actress, but she was also one of the first celebrity AIDS activists along pop singer Elton John.

Dame Elizabeth Taylor was born in England. She was very young when she stared in the movies **Lassie Come Home and National Velvet** during the 1940's. By the 1950's she had become one of the biggest stars in Hollywood. Her most famous films include **Cat on a Hot Tin Roof, Giant, Raintree Country and Cleopatra**. She married the British actor Richard Burton twice, firstly in 1964 and then again in 1975. She died in Los Angles where she was surrounded by her four children.

DUBLIN DEAF CLUB:

Note for Deaf members of St Vincent's Centre

Dear all,

A brief note to inform you that the Railway Procurement Agenda (RPA) have notified CIDP verbally that they will be leasing St. Vincent's Centre to CIDP until **the end of June 2012**. This gives us a degree of comfort that we should not need to make an interim move from St. Vincent's Centre prior to moving to the Village Project in Cabra. It is hoped that the contract to build the Village will be signed in early April and that the contractor will be on site by the middle of April. The build schedule is circa 13-15 months.

Yours sincerely

Liam O'Dwyer

Catholic Institution of the Deaf

IRISH GAY NEWS

First civil partnership ceremony for same-sex couple

IRELAND'S first civil partnership ceremony between a same-sex couple took place two weeks ago. The two men were registered as civil partners at a ceremony on February 7. The partnership is registered under the Civil Partnership and Certain Rights and Obligations of Cohabitants Act 2010 which came into force on January 1.

The General Registers Office (GRO) confirmed that, so far, two same sex civil partnership ceremonies have taken place since the act came into force. The second ceremony, also involving two men, took place on February 11.

Newspaper and TV groups have made financial offers to prospective couples but both ceremonies, so far, were conducted away from the media glare.

The GRO requires couples to wait a minimum of three months to register their partnership after it has been notified. A waiver to this rule can be granted by the Circuit Court on compassionate grounds, such as the serious illness of one of the partners.

Over 100 couples have already given notice to the GRO they intend to register as civil partners. Civil partnership ceremonies can take place in register offices or any venue approved by the HSE.

Registering as civil partners entitles couples to certain property and pension entitlements, some of which have been delayed in implementation due to the Finance Bill being rushed through to enable an early general election.

All parties have committed to introducing the necessary changes to enable the act's full implementation after the election. Labour Party leader Eamon Gilmore said his party will instigate a constitutional referendum in order to legislate gay marriage. "Labour's manifesto provides for a constitutional convention that will allow us to draw up that new constitution. But some things can't wait. Ireland is ready for equality between gay and straight. Labour will push ahead with a referendum on same sex marriage," he said.

This appeared in the printed version of the Irish Examiner Monday, February 21, 2011.

First openly gay TDs are proud to blaze a trail

THE first openly gay TDs elected to Leinster House have revealed their excitement at blazing the trail for homosexuals throughout the country. In a move that shows Irish voters were clearly looking for new, more diverse candidates representing them in the Dail, two politicians have paved the way for other gay candidates to follow in their footsteps.

Labour's Dominic Hannigan (45) and John Lyons (34) said that Ireland had evolved into a much more "tolerant" country. And they hope that other gays in the country will see as a "positive" step. "Ireland in 2011 has moved on, we are a very tolerant society," Mr Hannigan said.

"I have been in a relationship for the past 18 years, and he is delighted that I have been elected, as are my parents, brother and sisters.

"My sexuality was not an issue on the doorsteps, people seemed more concerned that I was a qualified civil engineer."

Meanwhile, Mr Lyons said that sexuality should not be the focal point. "People's sexuality should not come into it. People are people. It's what they do regardless of whether they are gay or not," he said. "People often talk about a gender issue in the Dail, that there's not enough females ... but the main thing is what people do when they are in the Dail.

"I would like to think that for people who have not come out, or are ashamed, that from their perspective it's positive ... for them to see someone in the Dail, who understands what it's like."

This appeared in the printed version of the Evening Herald Tuesday, 1st March 2011.

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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Our office hours are Mon-Fri, 2-5pm