

Greenbow Messages:

Greenbow will take a break for the month of August and will return in September. There will be a workshop in September and two events in October: AGM and race night.

Drugs and Alcoholic Workshop

A speaker from the Gay Health Project will explain about drugs and alcohol awareness. The workshop is free! Everyone is very welcome to attend!

Greenbow AGM and Race Night

The AGM will be held at Outhouse on **Saturday, 22nd October**. Afterwards there will be a Race Night at the Woolshed Pub, Parnell Street at **8pm**. This is a fundraiser event and it is open to everyone not just LGBT people. We would be very grateful if you can help out and sell race cards to your family and friends to support us. We need the money to help us provide services in the future. Greenbow would appreciate your support for this event.



Drugs and Alcohol Workshop

Date: Saturday, 17th September 2011

Venue: Outhouse,
105 Capel Street, Dublin 1

Time: 2-5pm

GREENBOW ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

Date: Saturday, 22nd October 2011

Venue: Outhouse, 105 Capel Street, Dublin 1

Time: 5pm

Activities Weekend
26th to 28th August 2011
At Carlingford Adventure Centre,
County Louth

Activities Weekend is cancelled and will be organised again next year. We apologise for the inconvenience.

 **GREENBOW Deaf LGBT**
RACE NIGHT
FUNDRAISER

@
WOOLSHED, PARNELL STREET,
DUBLIN 1

Saturday, 22nd October 2011, 8pm



This event is open to all. Both LGBT members and straight people are welcome to attend and participate in the night.

INTERPRETER WILL PROVIDED!
COME ALONG FOR A FUN NIGHT!

OUTWEST DISCO
Mill Times Hotel, Westport, Co Mayo
Saturday, 24th September 2011
10.30pm.
Admission: €10 at the door!

Outwest website:

www.outwestireland.ie/

If you want to stay at the hotel check their website: www.milltimeshotel.ie



Deaf Club in Cape Town



Table's Mountain



Safari Park in Durban

My Journey to South Africa by Dominic McGreal

I left Ireland on 9th July and arrived on July 10th in Cape-town, South Africa. I stayed in Cape-town for one week. I met John Bosco and Audrey Conama at the hotel and we visited the Deaf Community of Cape-Town (DCCT). We greeted many deaf people at the club. Most deaf people were lovely and very friendly. They used a mix of sign languages, such as African, American and Irish. In particular some of the older people use Irish Sign Language because in 1863 an Irish nun, Mother Dympna Kinesella, a Cabra sister from St Mary's school, established the Domician-Grimley School for the Deaf in Cape-town, South Africa.

While visiting the club we watched a short deaf play on the stage. This play was about domestic violence towards women in society. After the play was over, we went outdoors to have refreshments. We chatted with people under a beautiful sunny sky.

I travelled around different places in Cape-town such as Table's Mountain to look at the beautiful view over Cape town, Roben's Island where Nelson Mandela was in prison for 20 years, Good of Hope Cape where a beautiful lighthouse stood beside the sea, South Africa Museum, Stellabesnoch, where we saw a vineyard.

On 16th July, I left Cape-town and flew to Durban; it took about two hours. My hotel in Durban was near the sea. I stayed there for one week. I then attended the World Federation of the Deaf Conference. The Congress started on 18th July and lasted for 6 days with a number of lectures and workshops. In the Convention Centre they also hosted a cocktail party, theatre shows, movie show and International pubs.

On 22nd July, there was a deaf gay social at the Lounge Bar in the city centre with approximately 30 deaf LGBT in attendance. On 24th July, there was a lecture about the Deaf LGBT in South Africa. It was a very interesting lecture by a Deaf man who shared his experiences about life being gay there. He is openly gay in South Africa. There was also a female lecturer who talked about her job researching into Deaf LGBT in South Africa. She has published a book called "Deaf Me Normal". This book is about deaf peoples' lives in South Africa. As well, another deaf female lecturer had a visual display of photos about Deaf lesbians and Deaf bisexual woman in South Africa. Unfortunately, some bisexual women have not come out yet and remain in the closet. The attitudes towards Deaf LGBT by straight people are not very good and discrimination exists.

Later that evening we attended a Gala Dinner at the beach where a big marquee stood. There was catering which provided plenty of food and drinks. A lot of Deaf people attended. It was over before 9pm and many transferred over to the International pub nearby. The following day many Deaf people returned home to their own countries and I returned to Ireland the day after. I had a wonderful experience traveling around South Africa.



Cris, Sandy & Dominic at Safari Park



Opening Ceremony of WFD



Lecture about Deaf Lesbians & Bisexual Women



LGBT Lecture at WFD



RUSSIA

[One Dead and Two Injured in Brawl Outside Moscow Gay Club](#)

MOSCOW, July 18, 2011 (Gay Russia) – One man died and two were injured in what police are describing as “a brawl” close to the Central Station MSK gay club in downtown Moscow last night. Police sources are saying that two groups of men were involved in a quarrel before the stabbings.

The man who was pronounced dead at the scene had been stabbed in the neck, a police spokesperson told the media. He is said to have been in his 30s and he died prior to the arrival of ambulance crews. The two who were injured were taken to hospital and there is no word yet on their condition.

Law enforcement officers have opened a criminal investigation to determine the cause and circumstances what they are treating a murder and inflicting grievous bodily harm. It is not know if there was a homophobic element to the incident – or the sexuality of any of those involved. But activists in Moscow are concerned as the attacks were so close to one of the city’s major gay clubs.

Source: <http://ukgaynews.org.uk/Archive/11/Jul/1801.htm>

BELARUS

[Lesbian Fired by Her Employer on Retuning from Slavic Gay Pride in St. Petersburg.](#)

MINSK, July 3, 2011 – A leading Belarus lesbian activist has been fired by her employer after returning from St. Petersburg in Russia where she attended last weekend’s Slavic Gay Pride. Varvara Krasutskaya, who is co-chair of IDAHO Belarus, found out that her employer had fired her without letting her know beforehand.

A spokesperson for IDAHO Belarus told UK Gay News by email that on returning to work following her brief visit to Russia, Ms. Krasutskaya “learned that her employer fired her from work without letting her know about that beforehand”. “Returning to work, Varvara Krasutskaya received a notice that, in her absence, the owner of the Queen Cafe bar in Minsk, Alexander Gagarin, fired her,” the spokesperson said. “Alluding to a conversation he had with the KGB, the owner said the reason for dismissal was, that he does not want his bar to be closed in the future.”

Ms. Krasutskaya added: “In a conversation with me, he said that he fired me, to which I replied that he could have at least warned me about it before I came to work. “Then he replied rather rudely: go home, I do not want my bar to be closed because of you.” She went on to say that she was told: “Come back when they release you from detention.”

A spokesperson for the Slavic Pride movement in Moscow told UK Gay News that Mr Gagarin was part of the delegation of Belarusian activists who travelled from Minsk to Moscow in May 2009 to attend the first Slavic Gay Pride which took place on the day of the finale of the Eurovision song contest. “This incident shows what happens often over here,” the spokesperson in Moscow said. Those who operate gay business are the first who will speak against gay prides and gay rights for fear that the police can come and crack down on their business. As long as they do good business, they don’t like to upset the authorities. Now that Gagarin operates a business, he obviously moved on the other side.”

■ Varvara Krasutskaya was among the 14 who were arrested and detained overnight at the banned Slavic Gay Pride in St. Petersburg on June 25. She was fined 500 roubles for taking part in an illegal protest. But despite being released all 14 who were arrested face a more serious charge of disobedience of police orders and face up to two weeks in prison. Hearings on these second charges start later this week.

Source: <http://ukgaynews.org.uk/Archive/11/Jul/0301.htm>

A Famous Gay Quote:

"I've wondered what my sexuality might be, but I've never wondered whether it was acceptable or not. Anyway, who really cares whether I'm gay or straight?"

**George Michael,
Pop singer**

BECOME A MEMBER OF GREENBOW

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