



# Not the only Gay in the village

One day conference to address issues for young people who are themselves Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual or Trans or who have friends or family who are and living in rural places

**Wednesday 27 February 2008**  
**The Courtyard Centre for the Arts, Hereford**

As part of Herefordshire's Out in the Sticks festival to celebrate LGBT History Month in February 2008, this conference will look at the issues for young people living in rural places.

The aims of the day are:

- To explore and raise awareness of the differences between rural and urban areas for LGBT people
- To provide an opportunity to hear first hand how young people feel about being LGBT in a rural county
- To identify and share best practice and solutions to help us all move forward

The conference is aimed at those working with young people for example:

- Teachers
- Social Workers
- Health professionals
- Foster Carers
- Diversity officers
- Justice professionals
- Youth Workers

Author and actor Stella Duffy will be facilitating the day. Speakers include members of Stonewall and West Mercia Constabulary, Professor Stephen Whittle OBE, along with young people sharing their experiences. The day is an excellent networking opportunity.

Delegate fees are £75 + VAT for individuals and organisations from Herefordshire and people and £90 + VAT for those out of county.

Please feel free to pass this information on to any of your contacts who you think may be interested.

The schedule for the day is below, which includes details of the workshop topics. Should you wish to discuss the conference in more detail or request a booking form please email [diversity@herefordshire.gov.uk](mailto:diversity@herefordshire.gov.uk) or call Lynsey Radmore on 01432 260244.



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## Draft Programme

9:00-9:30	Registration and Beverages
9:30	Introduction to the day by facilitator (Stella Duffy) <b>Confirmed</b>
9:45	Young people (x 3) sharing their experiences
10:15	Trans Issues - Emma Roe <b>Confirmed</b> , Jenny Brett <b>TBC</b> , Polly Conroy <b>Confirmed</b>
10:30	West Mercia Police (Chief Inspector Sue Thomas) <b>Confirmed</b>
10:50	Young people (x 2) sharing their experiences
11:00	Break
11:20	Workshop 1
12:20	Lunch, information stalls and networking
13:25	Welcome back from facilitator (Stella)
13:30	Rural LGBT Issues (Stella)
13:45	LGBT education issues (Johan from Stonewall) <b>Confirmed</b>
14:05	Teaching and LGBT Issues (Andy Moffat <b>Confirmed</b> & David Kinnen <b>TBC</b> )
14:20	Workshop 2
15:20	Break
15:40	Professor Stephen Whittle OBE <b>Confirmed</b>
16:10	Facilitator (Stella) to host a pre-set and open question and answer session with a panel of people covering the following topics; <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• LGB and T – what are the differences between us and what do and we share?</li><li>• Differences between Herefordshire and urban areas for LGB or T people?</li><li>• LGB and T issues for young people</li><li>• Being young and Gay in Herefordshire/rural area</li></ul>
16:25	Close and goodbye from facilitator (Stella)
16:30	End of conference

## Workshops

1. **Friends and family of LGBT people** facilitators Polly Conroy (confirmed), Alison Wells and her daughter (confirmed), Emma Roe (confirmed) & FFLAG rep?
2. **Bullying/Hate Crime/Safety** – facilitator West Mercia Police (Sergeant Emma Wright) and Steve Leather (Press for Change).
3. **Sexual Health** – facilitators Jeff Newsome (Herefordshire PCT).
4. **Media and LGB and T Issues** – facilitators Neville Meredith (confirmed) & Steven Paul Davies (confirmed).
5. **LGB and T and the Law** – facilitators Kevin O’Keefe (Legal Practice Manager, Herefordshire Council) co-facilitator requested from the Equality and Human Rights Commission.
6. **How do we help Herefordshire to become Gay friendly?** Facilitators Martyn Green (Chief Exec, Courtyard), Jon Ralph (Head of Youth Service) & Councillor Mark Hubbard (Central Ward).
7. **LGBT and Faith** – facilitators Sarah Hagger-Holt (Lesbian & Gay Christians) & Clare Wichbold MBE.
8. **Education** – facilitated by Johan Jensen (Stonewall) with David Kinnen & Andrew Moffat (both teachers).



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## Booking Form

If you require assistance in understanding or completing this form, please phone 01432 260244

### Participant Details

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Job Title \_\_\_\_\_

Organisation \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Postcode \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

### Alternative Requirements

**Dietary** (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

**Wheelchair users** – a limited number of wheelchair positions are available please specify by ticking this box if a wheelchair space is required ☐

**Audio Description** – Audio description facilities will be available, headsets are available from the box office. If this service is required, please specify by ticking this box ☐

**BSL Interpretation** – available up on request please tick this box if BSL interpretation is required ☐

**Alternative Print** – print will be provided in the following formats if requested in advance. For example; Easy read, Braille, RTF and other languages (please specify)

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## Delegate Rates

Herefordshire based organisations £75 + VAT

Non Herefordshire based organisations £90 + VAT

If you require a parking permit these are available £1.70 + VAT  
at a special rate of £2.00 if booked in advance.

Please note the delegate fee is non refundable but an appropriate substitute may attend in the delegates place if required.

☐ I enclose a cheque for £\_\_\_\_\_ made payable to Herefordshire Council

☐ Please Invoice me. Invoice address if different from above \_\_\_\_\_

## Workshops

Please review the workshop sessions below and select 1st, 2nd, 3rd preferences for each session by putting 1, 2 & 3 in the boxes against your preferred choices. Every effort will be made to accommodate your preferred choice, but this cannot be guaranteed.

Workshop 1	Pref	Workshop 2	Pref
Education		LGBT & Faith	
Media & LGBT Issues		Bullying, Hate Crime & Safety	
LGBT & the Law		Sexual Health	
I'm not Gay but someone close to me is		How Do We Help Herefordshire Become More LGBT Friendly	

**Please return this booking form and payment via:**

**Post** Lynsey Radmore  
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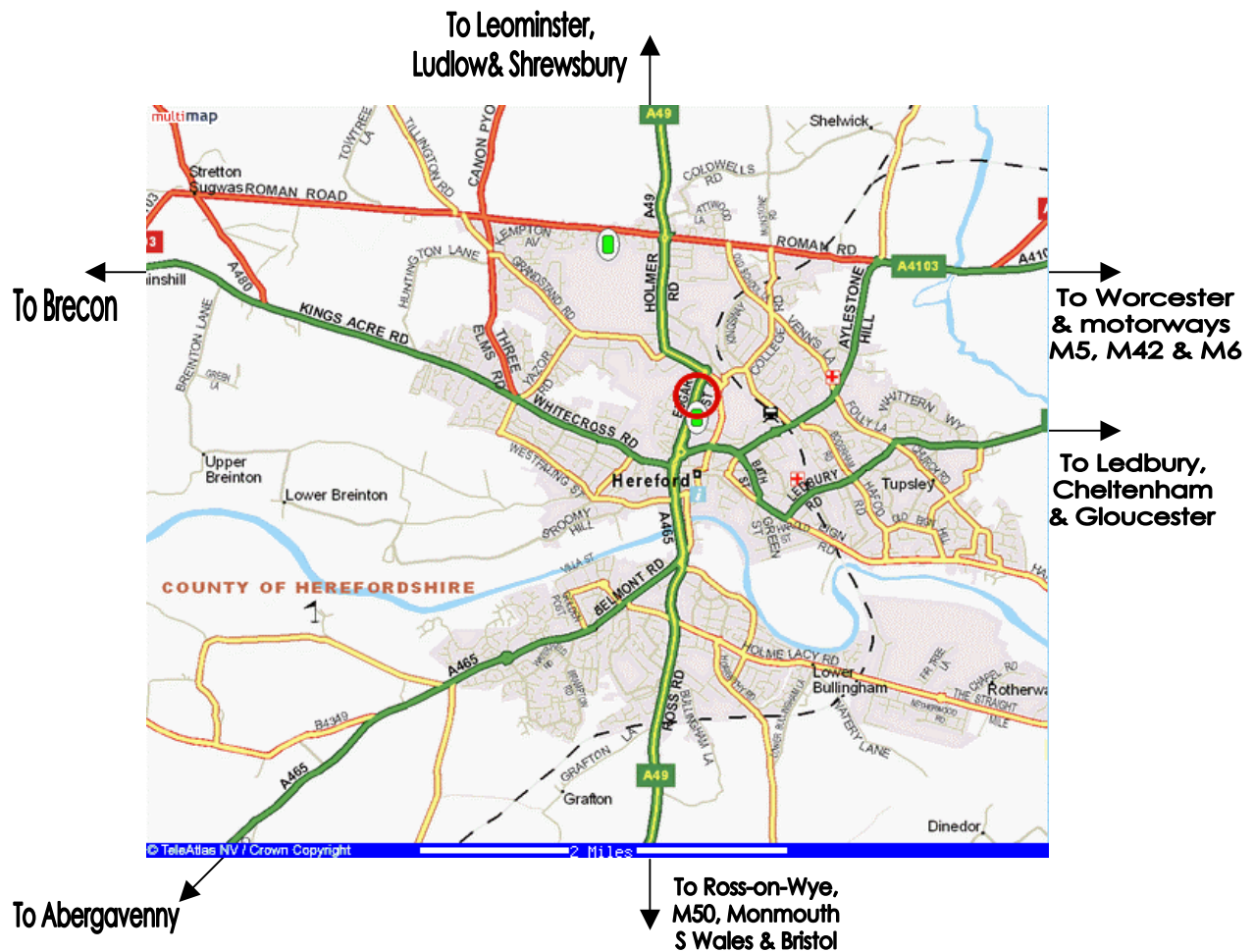
# Getting to the conference

The Courtyard Centre for the Arts, Edgar Street, Hereford, HR4 9JR

Front entrance



Side view from Edgar St



## CAR PARKING

There is limited pay and display ticketed parking available adjacent to The Courtyard off Penhaligon Way. Car parking enforcement is in operation. Please ensure you park within a designated bay and display a valid ticket (reduced rate permit is available when booking delegate place – please see delegates rates section of this form).

There is further public pay and display parking available a couple of minutes walk away from The Courtyard at Merton Meadow car park, behind the football ground.

Please respect the venue's neighbours and do not park in adjacent residential areas.

## PUBLIC TRANSPORT

### Local Buses

Bus services including the 72 to Bobblestock, 492 to Leominster and the 38 from Ross-on-Wye, stop just outside The Courtyard. Full details of the bus company schedules can be found online [HERE](#)

### Trains

Direct services are available from London Paddington, Birmingham New Street, Manchester Piccadilly and South Wales to name but a few. To plan your train journey, please click [HERE](#) for the National Rail Enquiries website.

Hereford railway station is approximately a fifteen-minute walk from The Courtyard. There is a taxi rank situated at the station.

Please note that Hereford Railway station is not fully accessible, therefore, customers with mobility issues should telephone Customer Services at Arriva Trains Wales for advice on 08453 003 005.

### Cycling

Details of all cycle routes around the county are available in the Herefordshire Cycle Guide, which can be obtained from Herefordshire Council by calling 01432 260514. The Great Western Way route which crosses Hereford from north to south, comes out in Penhaligon Way, adjacent to The Courtyard.