**Northern Ireland Anti Homophobia and Transphobia Week 2014**

**Programme**

**Monday 12th May**

*Launch* at Belfast City Hall by the Lord Mayor of Belfast with other speakers

10am for 10.30am launch, ending noon (refreshments on arrival at 10am)

Followed by the Launch of the Mobile Billboard (sponsored by PHA and Equality Commission for Northern Ireland) at the front of the City Hall. Contact: [colin.flinn@cara-friend.org.uk](mailto:colin.flinn@cara-friend.org.uk)

**Tuesday 13th May**

*Fully Alive* - LGBT Awareness event (by invitation) at LGBT Centre for clergy and church workers: 11am – noon followed by lunch. Contact: [colinflinn@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:colinflinn@hotmail.co.uk)

*Paint purple* – LGBT awareness in a public space at Cornmarket, Belfast: noon ‘til 4pm

Arranged by HereNI. Contact: [orlaith.hendron@hereni.org](mailto:orlaith.hendron@hereni.org)

**Wednesday 14th May**

*Assessing LGB People for Adoption & Fostering.*  Organised by UNISON LGB&T (open to all), 10am –1pm at Galway House, 165 York Street Belfast.

To book a place contact Fidelma Carolan [f.carolan@unison.co.uk](mailto:f.carolan@unison.co.uk)  028 90270190.  Lunch is provided.

*Queerspace* Trans\* film night/discussion with supper at LGBT Centre – 7pm – 9pm. Contact [queer\_space@yahoo.com](mailto:queer_space@yahoo.com)

**Thursday 15th May**

*Implementing Person Centred Care for Older LGB&T People.* Organised by UNISON LGB&T (open to all), 10am – 1pm at Galway House, 165 York Street Belfast.

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**Friday 16th May**

LGB roundtable on the OFMDFM pre-consultation on Sexual Orientation Strategy 11am-1pm at Equality House, Belfast. To attend, contact [ctowell@equalityni.org](mailto:ctowell@equalityni.org)

*Tackling the T: Gender Variant Young People in Northern Ireland.*Organised by UNISON LGB&T (open to all), 10am – 1pm at Galway House, 165 York Street Belfast.  
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*The Rainbow Project & Council for the Homeless NI*

Launch of LGB/T Homelessness Research Report – Details and venue TBA. Contact: [director@rainbow-project.org](mailto:director@rainbow-project.org)

*In association with The Rainbow Project* – The Laramie Project at the MAC, Belfast – 8pm. Tickets available from the MAC – to book tickets – ring 028 90235053

*Newry Rainbow Community* in association with *Changing Attitude Ireland*

A Prayer Evening of Sacred Song, Scripture readings and Reflection at St Catherine’s Dominican Church, 33 Dominic Street, Newry, 8.15pm Contact: [nrc@gaynewry.com](mailto:nrc@gaynewry.com)

**Saturday 17th May**

*Walk a Mile in my Shoes* with Strabane & Lifford LGBT Group – Leaving the Centre on Railway Street, Strabane at midday and walking a mile, dressed in purple. Contact: [info@strabanelgbt.net](mailto:strabanelgb@btinternet.com)

*Accepting Sexuality* - Lesbian and gay Christians and their families share their stories atKnock Methodist Centre, 17 Knock Road, Belfast BT5 6LA, 10-30am-2pm Contact: [mail@garethjohnston.org](mailto:mail@garethjohnston.org)

*Queerspace - Out of Space* at Bangor Town Hall – 3pm – 6pm with debate on Homophobia and Transphobia (numbers restricted to 30) Contact: [queer\_space@yahoo.com](mailto:queer_space@yahoo.com)

*Combating Homophobia in a Sectarian Society* - The Works at the MAC, 6pm, with reception afterwards – a free event

A panel discussion on dealing with the issues of homophobia, transphobia and queer kinship in Northern Irish society through arts, culture and social engagement.

Panellists: Jeffrey Dudgeon M.B.E., Ruth McCarthy (Outburst), Dr. Fidelma Ashe (University of Ulster), John O'Doherty (The Rainbow Project), Niall Rea (TheatreofplucK) and Gilda Neri (Edinburgh University)

**Sunday 18th May**

IDAHOT Services arranged by *Changing Attitude Ireland*

St Georges, Belfast, 3pm – Speaker: Michael Wardlow, Chief Commissioner, Equality Commission of NI

St Columbs Cathedral, L/derry, 4pm – Speaker: Wendy Donaghy

Contact: [changingattitudeireland@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:changingattitudeireland@hotmail.co.uk)

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