

Statement for immediate release

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International Transgender Day Of Remembrance

(Self-organised by Manchester's Transgender Community and Groups: MORE, Trans Youth Network, TransForum and Queer Cafe Collective).

Manchester's third Annual Transgender Day Of Remembrance Vigil will take place on Sunday the 23rd November 2008.

This will be the tenth year that a day has been set aside to honour the memory of all those transpeople killed by violence every year and to affirm our resolve to report transphobic crime.

Over 400 people are named as having been killed, with many more remaining unknown.

See TGDOR websites for further information [1].

An opportunity to remember, mourn and celebrate trans lives lost to violence or suicide.

The Transgender day of Remembrance is an opportunity for trans people, their friends, families and allies to come together in a safe space to reflect on those trans people who have lost their lives through violence or suicide because they are trans. It is a time to remember, mourn and celebrate them and to tell their stories so they are not forgotten. For trans people, their friends, families and allies. All are welcome.

Summary of events:

3:45pm — Assemble for the vigil in Sackville Gardens [2] (entrance off Canal Street and Sackville Street, Manchester, M1).

4pm — The One Minute's Silence and reading of the names of the deceased will take place by the Beacon of Hope. This will take place by candlelight so please bring a candle and holder if you are able to.

The vigil will last for approximately one hour, and will be followed by an informal gathering at Taurus bar [3] (1 Canal Street, Manchester, M1 3HE) if people wish.

Both Sackville Gardens and Taurus are fully accessible, although at Taurus we may use a private function room down one flight of stairs.

All are welcome; please feel free to bring a reading, flowers or another appropriate tribute.

For more information, contact Dave at tgdor@morf.org.uk

6:30pm — Transgender Film Night & Vegan Cafe

Organised by the Queer Cafe Team and Trans Youth Network @ Sidney Street LGBTQI Community Centre, 49-51 Sidney Street, off Oxford Road, Purple doorway behind 8th Day Veggie Cafe, M1 7HB. See map [4].

This is a street level accessible venue with changing room facilities - please contact Queer Cafe Team if you require any support around accessibility or have any other queries; see group details below.

All are welcome, free entry, suggested donations for food £3-£5. If people wish, the organisers will be leading the 10 minute walk from Taurus to Sidney Street LGBTQI Community Centre.

7pm — Presentation and film screening curated by David Henry (Queer Youth Network) and Mx Tomboi (Trans Youth Network) will commence and last for approximately two hours. An opportunity to meet, support and socialise with members of the LGBTQI Community, enjoy fresh vegan food and share stories with each other.

'What is life like for young transgender, intersex and non-gender-normative people in 2008? What does the future hold for young people coming out as trans and challenging transphobia as empowered young adults?'

Over the last twelve months, a group of young queer and trans people have been documenting their transitioning journeys and their struggles for acceptance and liberation in the public and private spheres. This is the first public screening of their original short films, complimented by documentary clips from Stonewall Inn, Sylvia Rivera, Transgenialer Christopher Street Day and Louis Bailey.

Around 9pm — If people wish, the filmmakers will hold a brief Q&A session and debate about their work and the issues raised to provide any required space for dialogue relating to the International Transgender Day of Remembrance.

Manchester Transgender Community Group Contact details:

MORF Female-to-Male Social/Support Group:

Meets every 4th Monday of the month.

Telephone: 0794 824 3289

Email: morf@morf.org.uk

Website: <http://www.morf.org.uk>

Venue: Sidney Street LGBTQI Community Centre, 49-51 Sidney Street, off Oxford Road, Purple doorway behind 8th Day Veggie Cafe, M1 7HB.

Map:

<http://maps.google.co.uk/maps?f=q&hl=en&geocode=&q=M1+7HB&ie=UTF8&z=16&iwloc=addr>

Trans Youth Network/Queer Youth Network:

North West Group meets bi-monthly for all young people up to age 26 and web-based Agony Angels, peer support, signposting, training and volunteering opportunities available via safe moderated messageboards.

North West Regional Co-ordinator Email: matt@queeryouth.net

Telephone: 07788 712 755

General Email: info@queeryouth.net , david@queeryouth.net

Trans Youth Network Mailing List Email: jefferypig@hotmail.com

Trans Youth Network Admin Email: transyouthnet@yahoo.co.uk , tomboy@queeryouth.net

Website: <http://www.transyouth.org> , <http://www.queeryouth.net>

Facebook Groups: Trans Youth Network - <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=20713734288>

Queer Youth North West - <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=11076845551>

Queer Cafe, Film Night and Reading Group Manchester:

Meets once every fortnight/once every month depending upon volunteers availability, open to everyone.

Email: queercafe@gmail.com

Website: <http://qvox.org/queer-cafe-manchester>

Facebook Group: Quncheon - <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=11259541977>

Email list: <http://lists.qvox.org/mailman/listinfo/queercafe>

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TransForum Transgender Discussion Group:

Meets 4th Saturday of every month, open to all self-identified transgender people, their partners, family members and supporters.

Group Co-ordinator: Miss Jenny-Anne Bishop

Telephone: 01745-337144

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Website: <http://www.mccmanchester.co.uk/trans.htm>

Venue: St John Chrysostom's Church, Anson Road, Manchester, M14 5BG

Map:

<http://maps.google.co.uk/mapsf=q&hl=en&geocode=&q=M14+5BG&sl=53.800651,-4.064941&ssp=19.175733,57.128906&ie=UTF8&z=16&g=M14+5BG&iwloc=addr>

Glossary of links:

[1] TGDOR information:

<http://www.transgenderdor.org>

<http://www.tgdor.org>

<http://www.rememberingourdead.org>

<http://uk.youtube.com/watch?v=5IfqOOxUiHY>

<http://uk.youtube.com/watch?v=eZhBGYMHIUE>

<http://current.com/people/QueerNews>

[2] View map of Sackville Gardens:

<http://maps.google.co.uk/mapsf=q&hl=en&geocode=&q=Sackville+St,+Manchester,+Greater+Manchester+M1,+UK&sl=53.475682,-2.236443&ssp=0.009399,0.027895&g=Sackville+St+Manchester+Greater+Manchester+M1,+UK&ie=UTF8&ll=53.475685,-2.236447&spn=0.0047,0.013947&t=h&z=17>

[3] View map of Taurus bar:

<http://maps.google.co.uk/mapsf=q&hl=en&geocode=&q=M1+3HE&sl=53.475682,-2.236443&ssp=0.009399,0.027895&g=M1+3HE&ie=UTF8&ll=53.476502,-2.236254&spn=0.009399,0.027895&z=16&iwloc=addr>

[4] View map of Sidney Street LGBTQI Community Centre:

<http://maps.google.co.uk/mapsf=q&hl=en&geocode=&q=M1+7HB&ie=UTF8&z=16&iwloc=addr>

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