



Dignity 3 Wexford ???

If rumours are to believe and we have it from a very reliable source, who isn't willing to be named, but...Dignity gay bar will be opening an establishment in Wexford Town in the very near future. Apparently a venue has already been sourced so keep your fingers crossed that the deal comes through.

As ever keep an eye on www.gaywexford.com for further details.



LGBT COMMUNITY SAFETY STRATEGY

The E.A.G.L.E Committee have held talks with Senior Garda Representatives in Wexford Town to develop a relationship between the LGBT Community & the Gardai in Wexford. The safety strategy includes....

- Secure the appointment of a visible Garda Liason officer with responsibility for the LGBT Community in Wexford.
- Quarterly meetings between E.A.G.L.E & Garda Liason Officer to discuss any incidents which may occur
- To work with the Gardai in Wexford to help make Wexford a gay friendly County and stamp out homophobia.
- Increase Trust, Co-operation & Mutual Respect
- Put in place a plan to deal with any homophobic behaviour / incidents
- Encourage victims of homophobic abuse to make an official complaint and follow this through. (Gardai can only act if it is reported)
- Support victims of homophobic abuse after the incident

The Garda LGBT Liason officer in Wexford is Sean Lee. He is based in Wexford Garda Station and in part of their Community Policing Division.

If you have been a victim of physical, verbal or any homophobic behaviour...

- Report the incident to the Guards
- Contact your local Garda Station or phone 999 immediately. Your complaint will be treated in total privacy.
- Please ask the name of the Guard who took your complaint for future reference.
- Please also let any E.A.G.L.E Committee member know as we can follow up on your complaint with the Garda Liason Officer on your behalf the following day.
- If you are not comfortable going to the Guards on your own. E.A.G.L.E will be there to support you and make representations on your behalf.





E.A.G.L.E (Gay Wexford) Wexford Politician "Letter Campaign"

Following E.A.G.L.E's August 09 Committee Meeting it was decided to start a "Letter Campaign" to raise the profile of E.A.G.L.E's community work among the political establishment in County Wexford.

The aim of the campaign is to emphasize the issues surrounding LGBT people in Wexford and to highlight the positive steps E.A.G.L.E are taking as part of their Community Development Plan.

A bi-monthly letter will be posted to all Wexford TDs, Senators, County Counsellors, Borough Counsellors & Town Council Members in Enniscorthy, Gorey, Newross & Wexford which will co-incide with our bi-monthly Community Newsletter which will be attached.

The letters will keep our local politicians up to date with all our efforts during the year including all our fundraising, demonstrating, networking & our social inclusion & community events.

With a General Election looking more and more likely in the coming months E.A.G.L.E want to be more pro-active in getting their name known among Wexfords Politicians.

One of the biggest things we learned during the Local Elections from talking to candidates was that although many have heard of E.A.G.L.E from publicity surrounding our launch in 2005, many held preconceptions as to what E.A.G.L.E actually do. We want all political figures in Wexford to know exactly the voluntary Community work being done behind the scenes on behalf of all gay people in Wexford.

Homosexuality is god's way of
insuring that the truly gifted aren't
burdened with children. ~ Sam
Austin

Theresa Dallavale: Okay, look, I think we got off on the wrong foot here...

Erin Brockovich: That's all you got, lady. Two wrong feet in fucking ugly shoes.

RAINBOW LEAGUE BASKETBALL

Ireland's first dedicated LGBT Basketball League is currently at an advanced stage of planning and initial interest from Gay groups around the Country has been extremely positive.

Practise sessions for Teams which have already signed up for the Basketball League have already commenced, the teams so far include

Wexford Vikings, Kilkenny Pink Sox, Waterford Allbabes, Cork Cobras, Galway Gaels, Limerick City Outlaws,
Shannon Slayers, Tramore Coasters

The league has been set up and is being administered by Joanna Ryde in Waterford.

For more info on how to get involved check out www.rainbow-league.com or email Joanna on joannaryde@gmail.com. We are sure everyone's ball handling & shooting skills will be up to scratch when the league starts.

Anyone else wanting to join the Wexford team can email us at info@gaywexford.com

RavenArt Exhibition 2009

2009 Wexford Opera Festival is almost upon us & E.A.G.L.E are busy organising their annual art exhibition "RavenArt". This will be E.A.G.L.E's fourth exhibition as a fringe event at the Festival in Wexford Town. This time of year Wexford Town is full of Galleries, Plays, Shows and Opera & many other fringe events and E.A.G.L.E hope this years exhibition will be as successful as the previous three.

The exhibition will launch on Tuesday 20th October at 7pm and run until Saturday 7th November 2009, opening daily from 9am – 5pm.

Wexford Opera Festival is one of Wexford's & Ireland's biggest cultural events of the year, it draws people from all around the world to Wexford which gives local artists the chance to sell their work to a much more varied type of client.

The RavenArt exhibition displays work from local painters, sculptors, wood turners, graphic designers, photographers and craft workers, some gay, some straight, but all local. We have always tried to involve as many artists each year, to give them an exciting place to display and sell their pieces and provide a place for the public to view as many different types of art under one roof.

Local artists such as Nicholas McGuire, Deirdre Ni Dhubhghaill, John Ryan, Conor Buggy (-) have all displayed work in the RavenArt exhibition to great success, all of these artists also work on a commission basis and are happy to create a work of art, based on what the client is looking for.

Our previous venues have included Westgate , Cornmarket and Francis Sreet. We are in final negotiations for this year's venue and will be an announcement will be made shortly. We are confident of another bumper year even though we are in the midst of a recession, all the displayed works are quiet reasonable and original. With many different types of art from classic, contemporary, modern and abstract, we are sure there will be something for everybodies tastes.

Please drop by and show your support, even if it's only a small piece of art you purchase, RavenArt has been E.A.G.L.E's main source of income for the last few years and 2009/10 will the same due to funding cuts.

Many thanks

E.A.G.L.E



Principle Artist, Nicholas McGuire



Web: www.gaywexford.com E-mail: info@gaywexford.com

 Outline 086 079 2625 [6.30pm - 7.30pm Monday - Friday]

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Serenity...
www.SerenityWexford.com

Gay B&B and Gay resort, Camolin Park, Camolin, Wexford

www.serenitywexford.com

Not just a Drinking Group...

"Coming Out" or being Gay is not easy for most people. I doubt Wexford is any different to other Counties in Ireland. It has its clicks, it has its bitches and it has its fair share of people who will take advantage. Rural Ireland can be especially isolating for gay people. It can be difficult to find other gay people, let alone make genuine friends with them.

Unless you live near an urban centre with a gay scene, where the hell for you find other decent gay people ?? The likes of Gaydar do not exactly instill much confidence. The majority of users will be more interested in knowing your genital dimensions that your past times.

What Wexford does have, which is a lot more than most Counties in Ireland, is an Active Community Group who are trying to make it that little bit more bearable. While Wexford does not have a Gay Bar / Club or Community Centre, E.A.G.L.E have been running social & sports events in Wexford Town for the last number of years.

Pub Nights, Club Nights, Meal Nights, Drag Nights, Movie Nights, Art Exhibitions ,BBQ's, Karaoke, Fashion Shows, Concerts, Camping, Quizzes, Bowling, 5 a side Football, Basketball, Greyhounds, Political Demonstrations, taking part in Pride Events fundraising and many others have featured on the Gay Calendar in Wexford over the last 2 years.

E.A.G.L.E is a voluntary Community Group. Simply trying to bring gay people together, offering a "safe space" for gay people to meet and socialise. It's a group of gay people giving up their time, resources, knowledge and often their own money to give something back to the

community and to make it easier for new people to come along and make friends.

I was explaining to someone official a few weeks ago what E.A.G.L.E actually do. The preconception they had was that we were a drinking group. A large part of me wishes it was that simple. All our Sports and Social events are vital part of enabling social inclusion. It's not easy getting new gay people to come to events and a lot of effort goes on behind the scenes. The main aim of E.A.G.L.E is to bring the Gay & Lesbian people of Wexford together and to have a Strong, Vibrant, Visible Community.

Apart from all our fun events which are great, E.A.G.L.E members dedicate a lot of time to other more serious work behind the scenes. A lot of effort goes into our Community Website, Fundraising, Social Networking Sites & our Community Newsletters. Keeping people informed about what's going on in Wexford & the South East and spreading as much information as possible. E.A.G.L.E are involved with other gay groups in the South East – PINK Kilkenny & sOUTH Waterford and are planning a lot more interaction with our gay peers in the coming months.

E.A.G.L.E have been developing contacts with the Local Authorities, Health Service, Gardai & Local Politicians so that if and we are approached by at risk individuals, we will be in a position to offer support and direct in the correct direction.

I'm sure I have omitted lots of information but you can check us out on www.gaywexford.com & www.gaywexford.bebo.com . As always new people are always welcome and I hope to see lots of new & old faces at our next events.

Barry Devereux

The L Word



The L Word will reportedly be turned into a reality show.

Cable network Showtime has rebooted its scripted programme for a new nine-episode run of *The Real L Word: Los Angeles*, which will follow six lesbians going about their day-to-day lives, according to *Variety*.

"Even though we concluded our sixth season of *The L Word* on Showtime this past March, I believe we are not nearly finished telling our *L Word* stories," series creator Ilene Chaiken said.

"Showtime has yet again come forward to continue with us this mission to entertain and enlighten and bring more *L* to the world."

The project is said to be akin to Bravo's *Real Housewives* franchise. The show is expected to debut next year, depending on the casting process.

The L Word ran from 2004 to 2009 on the network, while executives recently passed on spinoff series *The Farm*.



LETS GET SOAPY...



Top: Ben from Coronation Street

Middle: Aaron from Emmerdale

Bottom: Syed from Eastenders

WELL HOLY GOD!

IRELANDS NEW BLASPHEMY LAWS

Thou shalt not take the name of the lord in vain and God help you if you do because the Minister for Justice Dermot Ahern recently passed a law which makes the publication or utterance of blasphemous matter illegal under Irish law and punishable by a €25,000 fine.

Not bothered by the facts that LGBT people are fighting for equality, that police are crying out for extra powers to deal with the growing violent gangland culture, that people in this country are going broke or losing their jobs in record numbers or that the healthcare system is woefully lacking our government in all it's wisdom feels that passing a medieval attack on free speech and re-running the Lisbon treaty is the best use of its very limited governing time.

So atheists and agnostics of the land beware when expressing YOUR views on religion because if you offend the loony religious fanatics you could be hit with a hefty fine.

It seems that the Fainna Fail(ures) government don't mind the fact that non religious people in this country have views on the holy books and the various Gods they depict just as long as we don't offend anyone with our views.

No longer will we be able to question the divine creator. If we question if he/she actually exists then someone will be offended. If we voice why we will not support religious collections then someone will be offended and if we ask why a benevolent deity would create things such as famine, hunger, war or Madonna then we run the risk of offending someone and getting hit with a €25,000 fine.

So best to give into the victorious religious fringe and forget about the quaint notion of free speech so fall in line, go to church, confess yer auld sins and do and think what your religious leaders tell you to do and think.

God bless now ya hear.

John Val Walsh

JOIN E.A.G.L.E. NOW

The E.A.G.L.E. committee post of P.R. person is currently vacant. We are looking for an enthusiastic person with good communication skills to fill the position. If you feel that you can contribute to the group, want to help plan social events, be part of the team implementing our social and political ideas and are not afraid to put out the odd press release or do the occasional radio interview then E.A.G.L.E. wants you.

We also welcome anyone who would like to volunteer or join the committee without taking on a committee title. We always welcome a fresh point of view and new ideas.

THE GREAT HEALTH DEBATE

Water –v- Coca Cola
BY MARIE YORKE

WATER: WHAT WATER DOES FOR THE BODY

- 75% of Irish People are chronically dehydrated due to lack of water consumption.
- In 37% of Irish People, the thirst mechanism is so weak that it is mistaken for hunger
- Even mild dehydration will slow down ones metabolism by 3%
- One glass of water will shut down midnight hunger pangs if you are on a diet
- Lack of water is the number one trigger of daytime fatigue
- 2 litres of water a day will significantly ease back and joint pain for 80% of sufferers
- A mere 2% drop in body water can trigger fuzzy short-term memory loss, trouble with basic math and difficulty focusing on the computer screen or on a printed page.
- Drinking 5 glasses of water a day decreases the risk of colon cancer by 45%, plus it can slash the risk of breast cancer by 79% and one is 50% less likely to develop bladder cancer. Are you drinking the correct amount of water your body needs each day?
- Water moisturises the body from the inside out. You can put on all the expensive moisturisers you want on your skin but you will never cover up the dehydration in the layers below the skins surface. The muscles, Organs, Blood and everything else that lies beneath the surface needs to be looked after for you to look your best on the outside.

COCA COLA: ASTONISHING FACTS !

- Its true, that in the USA, Police cars carry at least two gallons of Coke in the boot to remove blood from the highway after a car accident
- You can put a T-Bone steak in a bowl of coke and it will be gone in two days
- To clean a toilet: Pour a can of coke into the toilet bowl and let the “real thing” sit for one hour and then flush. The Citric Acid in coke remover stains from vitreous china.
- To remove rust spots from chrome car bumpers. Rub the bumper with a crumpled up piece of aluminium foil dipped in coca cola
- To clean corrosion from car batterie terminals, pour a can of coca cola over the terminal to bubble away the corrosion.
- To loosen a rusted bolt. Apply a cloth soaked in coca cola to the rusted bolt for several minutes.
- To bake a moist ham. Empty a can of coca cola into the baking pan. Wrap the ham in aluminium foil, and bake. 30 minutes before the ham is finished, remove the foil, allowing the drippings to mix with the coke for a sumptuous brown gravy.
- To remove grease from clothes: Empty a can of coke into the load of greasy clothes, add detergent and run through a regular cycle. The coca cola will loosen grease stains. It will also clean road haze from your windscreen.

COCA COLA: SCARY FACTS

- The active ingredient in coke is phosphoric acid. It will dissolve a human nail in about four days. Phosphoric acid also leaches calcium from bones and is a major contributor to the increase in osteoporosis.
- To carry coca cola syrup (The Concentrate) the commercial trucks must use a hazardous material placard reserved for highly corrosive materials
- The distributors of coke have been using it to clean engines of trucks for about 20 years.

Now the Question you should ask yourself is: Would you like a glass of Water or Coca Cola ??



Which Came First - the Chicken or the Egg??

A chicken and an egg are lying in bed.

The chicken is leaning against the headboard smoking a cigarette with a satisfied smile on its face. The egg, looking a bit pissed off, grabs the sheet, rolls over, and says, "Well, I guess we finally answered THAT question"!

Wexford

E.A.G.L.E – www.gaywexford.com

Tue 6 th October	Quiz Night, Upstairs in South 51 @ 8.00pm
Fri 16 th October	E.A.G.L.E Social Night in South 51 @ 8.30pm
Tue 20 th October	Launch of RavenArt Exhibition @ 7.00pm Venue TBC
Thur 22 nd October	E.A.G.L.E Sports Night, Basketball, venue TBC @ 8.00 pm
Sat 31 st October	Halloween Fancy Dress Party in South51 @ 9.00pm
Sun 1 st November	Gay Movie Night in Serenity @ 7.00pm

RavenArt Exhibition will be open daily from 21st October 2009 until Saturday 7th November 2009 between 10am & 5pm.

Upcoming events for November 2009

Wexford Vikings –v- PINK Kilkenny, Gay Basketball match
Come Dine with us Meal Night

Kilkenny

PINK Kilkenny – www.gaykilkenny.com

Tue 13 th October	Kilkenny Pink Sox Basketball in @ 8.00pm Veune TBC
Mon 19 th October	PINK Kilkenny Drop in Evening, Leader Company, Wolfe Tone St @ 8.00pm
Sat 31 st October	Halloween Fancy Dress Party in Dignity2 @ 9.00pm

Upcoming events for November 2009

Wexford Vikings –v- PINK Kilkenny, Gay Basketball match
PINK Kilkenny Sponsored Fun Run,

Dignity2, Gay Bar, Parliament Street, Kilkenny – www.dignitybar.com

Open Wednesday – Sundays @ 7.00pm
Every Thursday – Kareoke with Joanna Ryde
Every Friday – Pop Elektrik with Charmin Elektrik
Every Saturday – Camp Attack with DJ Duggan
Every Sunday – BINGO Bonanza with Joanna Ryde

Waterford

sOUTH Waterford –

Wed 07 th October	Drop in Evening, Cheshire Homes, Johns Hill, Waterford @ 8.00pm
Wed 21 st October	Drop in Evening, Cheshire Homes, Johns Hill, Waterford @ 8.00pm

Waterford Transgender Support Group - website coming soon

Fri 9 th October	Transgender Support Group, Cheshire Homes, Johns Hill, Waterford @ 8.00pm
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www.gaywexford.com
www.gaykilkenny.com



WATERFORD TRANSGENDER SUPPORT GROUP

A Transgender Support Group meets on the 2nd Friday of each month in Cheshire Homes, Johns Hill, Waterford at 8.00pm. This is an informal meeting in a "safe space" environment for Transgender people from the South East.

The support meetings are "a group of individuals with common interests, with the aim of supporting each other as we go through transition to becoming the persons that we always knew we were. Also with the agenda of informing the wider community of all areas of Transgender with the aim of reducing Transphobia".

The Support Group is facilitated and organised by Vanessa Leacy. The group also organises functions for Transgender people to relax and meet other similar people in a safe fun environment.

The Waterford Transgender Support Group is fully supported by TENI and LGBT Community Groups in the South East, sOUTh Waterford, PINK Kilkenny & E.A.G.L.E Wexford.

Transgender Equality Network Ireland (TENI) is a voluntary organisation set up to support Transgender and Transsexual people throughout Ireland. Their aim is to represent the needs and best interests of all those with gender identity issues in Ireland.

TENI is dedicated to promoting positive awareness about transsexuality (medically known as 'Gender Identity Disorder') and to improving conditions and advancing equality for all Transsexual and Transgender people in Ireland. On our own and liaising with a variety of community organisations, they work toward this goal by overseeing support meetings, offering education and sensitivity training, and organising social events, workshops, courses, and much more

For more information on the Waterford Transgender Support Group

Email: vanessalgh@yahoo.co.uk

Facebook: Waterford Transgender Support Group

Website: Coming Soon !!! / www.teni.ie

'Skins' plot 'helps gay girls come out'

Lily Loveless and Kathryn Prescott have revealed that gay girls have gained the courage to admit their sexual orientation as a result of *Skins*.

Loveless and Prescott play lesbian couple Naomi and Emily on the Channel 4 show.

Loveless told *The Sun*: "People come up to me in clubs and say, 'You made me come out'.

"It's really cool. It's odd because you live in a bubble when you're filming and you forget it's going to go out on TV."

Prescott also commented: "There are young people who are male and coming out, that's really prevalent. But it's not for girls.

"There are a few shows [with lesbians] and they paint it as if it's male-written, like young fantasy lesbians, but this is not like that."

Mika reveals "bisexual" orientation

Mika has spoken out about speculation regarding his sexual orientation, confirming that he is bisexual.

The 'We Are Golden' singer, who has previously refused to comment on his private life, revealed that he was uneasy with labelling himself as straight or gay.

"I've never ever labelled myself. But having said that; I've never limited my life, I've never limited who I sleep with... Call me whatever you want. Call me bisexual, if you need a term for me," he told *Gay&Night*.

The 26-year-old insisted that it is important for young people not to feel constrained by strict labels about sexual orientation.

"Let's say if you're a 16-year-old guy, and you're not sure about your sexuality, you should be as free as you want. You shouldn't have to say, 'I'm gonna label myself in order to figure out what is going to make me happy in life'," he said.

"You don't have to pigeonhole yourself all the time. You shouldn't stick yourself into any kind of constraints or limitations at all. And seriously, if 'bi' is the label that helps you do it, then do that... That's as close as I'll get to any label."