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National Resource List

Albert Kennedy Trust

AKT is a national charity for LGBTQ+ people aged 16-25. They support those facing or experiencing homelessness or living in a hostile environment. They offer resources to help young people access safe homes alongside employment, education or training.

They provide specialist housing advice, emergency support packs, and peer support alongside a safe, affirming place to stay. They have centres in Manchester, Newcastle London and Bristol but provide support throughout the UK.

http://www.akt.org.uk

Facebook: aktcharityuk

Bent Bars Collective

The Bent Bars Project is a letter-writing project for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, transsexual, gender-variant, intersex, and queer prisoners in Britain. The project aims to develop stronger connections and build solidarity between LGBTQ communities outside and inside prison walls.

Bent Bars aims to work in solidarity with prisoners by sharing resources, providing mutual support and drawing public attention to the struggles of queer and trans people behind bars.

The project also collects and distributes information for LGBTQ prisoners on a range of issues, including harm reduction practices, HIV and HepC prevention, homophobia, transphobia and coming out in prison.

http://www.bentbarsproject.org

aethelp@akt.org.uk

Instagram: aktcharity

National

bent.bars.project@gmail.com



Twitter: <u>aktcharity</u>



British Asian LGBTI

The British Asian LGBTI Group was founded in order to unite one of the most underrepresented groups within the LGBTI umbrella, thereby reducing isolation and discrimination faced. They are also focussed on defending global LGBTI rights, queer visibility and understanding the intersection of race and sexuality.

https://britishasianlgbti.org/

Facebook: BritishAsianLGBTI

FFLAG

FFLAG is a national charity dedicated to supporting the families and friends of LGBT+ people. This includes those who identify as bi, queer, trans in addition to lesbian/ gay. They offer support via local parents groups to help families to understand, accept and support their LGBT+ members with love and pride.

0300 688 0368

https://www.fflag.org.uk

Facebook: OfficialFFLAG

Friday/Monday

Friday Monday provides information about sex and drugs, particularly aimed towards gay/bisexual men (or any man who has sex with other men) and people taking part in chemsex. They work in association with the Terence Higgins Trust to provide support and guidance.

http://www.fridaymonday.org.uk0808 802 1221healthpromotion@tht.org.ukFacebook: TerenceHigginsTrustTwitter: THTorgukInstagram: THTorguk

National

support@fflag.org.uk

Twitter: OfficialFFLAG

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britishasianlgbti@gmail.com

Twitter: BritishAsianLGBTI

Galop

Galop is an LGBT+ anti-violence organisation. They provide advice, advocacy, and support to lesbian, gay, bisexual and trans+ people experiencing hate crime, sexual violence or domestic abuse. They have a national LGBT+ domestic abuse casework and helpline service in addition to one in London.

www.galop.org.uk	0800 999 5428	advice@galop.org.uk
Facebook: galopuk	Twitter: <u>galopuk</u>	Instagram: <u>galopuk</u>

Intercom Trust

Intercom Trust is a lesbian, gay, bisexual and trans+ charity working across Cornwall, Plymouth, Devon and the wider South West. They provide help, support and advocacy to those affected by LGBT+ issues including homophobic/transphobic prejudice, crime and discrimination.

https://www.intercomtrust.org.u	uk 0800 612 3010	office@intercomtrust.org.uk
Facebook: TheIntercomTrust	Twitter: IntercomTrust	Instagram: IntercomTrust

Prep Now

National

I Want Prep Now is part of the Terence Higgins Trust and provides information about Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis, a means of preventing HIV transmission from sex. It is not currently available on the NHS in England.

They provide information about why and when you might want to take Prep, how to use it effectively and where you can obtain it legally. There is also information about what to do if you have been recently exposed to HIV.

https://www.iwantprepnow.co.uk/

Facebook: <u>iwantprepnow</u>

Twitter: iwantprepnow

South West

National

LGBT Foundation

National/International

The LGBT Foundation is a national charity delivering advice, support and information to lesbian, gay, bisexual and trans (LGBT) communities. Their website includes a variety of resources and a helpline which can be accessed from abroad.

https://lgbt.foundation	0345 330 3030	helpline@lgbt.foundation
Facebook: LGBTfdn	Twitter: <u>LGBTfdn</u>	Instagram: <u>LGBTfdn</u>

MindOut

National/Brighton

MindOut is a mental health service run by and for lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans and queer people. They welcome all members of the LGBTQ community and those who may not identify as such including men who have sex with men, intersex people, and those questioning their gender or sexual identity.

They provide information, advocacy, peer support/mentoring, online support and counselling in addition to a helpline service. There are specific groups for younger people and those from minority ethnic groups.

https://www.mindout.org.uk	01273 234 839	<u>info@mindout.org.uk</u>
Facebook: mindoutlgbtq	Twitter: MindOutLGBTQ	Instagram: mindoutlgbtq

The Proud TrustNational/Manchester

The Proud Trust is an LGBT+ Youth Charity. They help young people empower themselves to make a positive change, both individually and for their communities. They do this through youth groups, peer support, managing the Manchester LGBT Centre, delivering training/events, undertaking research and creating resources.

They organise groups across the UK for LGBT+ young people, or those questioning their gender or sexuality. There are also some trans-only youth groups. All information is accessible via their website.





Stonewall

National

National

Stonewall is a UK-Wide Charity that aims to improve the experiences of LGBT people on a large scale. They aim to empower LGBT people to be themselves, transform institutions to create inclusive and accepting cultures, reach out to change hearts and minds to support LGBT people, and challenge laws that permit discrimination on the basis of sexuality or gender identity. They produce a wide variety of resources on different aspects of LGBT experiences, as well as campaigns and events promoting acceptance and inclusion of all.

https://www.stonewall.org.uk

https://www.stonewall.org.uk/contact-us

Facebook: <u>stonewalluk</u>

Twitter: stonewalluk Ins

Instagram: stonewalluk

Terence Higgins Trust

The Terence Higgins Trust aims to empower and support people living with HIV to lead healthy lives. THT Direct is a helpline open from 10am-6pm Monday to Friday, and 10am-1pm Saturday to Sunday, offering emotional support to those worried about their sexual health or concerned about others. They also have a variety of online services accessible via their website, including counselling, peer support and information about HIV and sexual health.

http://www.tht.org.uk/

Facebook: <u>TerenceHigginsTrust</u>

Twitter: THTorgUK

Instagram: thtorguk

0808 802 1221



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Local Resource List

BLAGY is a social and support group for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Trans people aged 14-25. They meet weekly on a Wednesday evening from 5-8pm.

https://mesmac.co.uk/our-areas/bradford/social-support-groups/blagy

bradford@mesmac.org.uk

BASIS Yorkshire

Basis supports sex workers who identify as women, living or working in any part of the Leeds Sex Industry. This includes those working on the streets, indoors and online. Services include support with sexual health, housing, benefits, employment, mental health, food/utilities/clothing and emotional support.

They also offer support and information to adult women and young people of any gender at high risk of or experiencing sexual exploitation. This includes emotional support, and support through criminal justice. They are a non-judgemental, trauma informed service who work to end stigma, create safety and promote empowerment. They put women and young people's voices at the heart of everything that they do.

http://www.basisyorkshire.org.u	<u>ık</u>	0113 243 0036
Facebook: <u>BasisYorkshire1</u>	Twitter: <u>BasisSexWork</u>	<u>BasisYorkshire</u> <u>Basis yp</u>

Leeds Survivor Led Crisis Service

LSLCS offers help and support to people experiencing a mental health crisis. They have an LGBT Peer Support Group and a Trans/Non-Binary Peer Support Group in

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01274 395815 / 07810 550534

conjunction with MESMAC. Further details of times can be found on their website as they are currently subject to change.

http://www.lslcs.org.uk/services/group-work-2/lgbttransgroup

0808 800 1212

Facebook: Leeds.Survivor.Led

MESMAC

Yorkshire

MESMAC is a sexual health organisation with bases in Leeds, York, Bradford, Hull, Wakefield and Rotherham. They offer services to various communities including men who have sex with men, drug users, sex workers and LGBT+ young people and adults. Their work includes HIV and STI testing, support/counselling, contraception and gender outreach work. They also host a variety of social groups which are linked elsewhere in this document.

https://www.mesmac.co.uk

0113 244 4209

leeds@mesmac.org.uk

Leeds/National

survivor.led@lscls.org

Twitter: LSCLS

LGBT Sports Clubs

Outdoor Lads: Various	Outdoor	Lads:	Various
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Outdoor Lads is a friendly group of gay, bisexual and trans men who get together to enjoy adventures and activities. These are based all over the UK and enjoy activities that include hiking, climbing, camping, biking, canoeing, scrambling, running and sailing as well as social events.

www.outdoorlads.com	0161 420 1001	support@outdoorlads.com
Facebook: OutdoorLads		Instagram: OutdoorLads



Leeds Frontrunners: Running

Leeds Frontrunners is an inclusive running club, welcoming anyone who identifies as LGBTQ+, their friends/family and even people who just love running and are happy to look beyond labels. Their members range from total beginners to competitive racers. They meet on Saturdays at 9am and Thursdays at 7pm.

https://leedsfrontrunners.wordpress.com/

Facebook: LeedsFrontrunnersRunningClub

Strike Back: Martial Arts

Strike Back is an LGBT Inclusive kickboxing group. They challenge homophobic views whilst helping people develop self-defence and kickboxing skills. They hold classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 8pm.

http://leedslgbtsport.weebly.com/strikeback.html strike.back.kickboxing@gmail.com

Facebook: Strike Back (Group)

Bad Mittens: Badminton

The Bad Mittens is an LGBT+ inclusive badminton group. They welcome new players and those with intermediate skills. The focus is on social badminton, rather than competition within the group. They are based in Armley and meet on Monday and Wednesday evenings to play, alongside social events.

https://www.mesmac.co.uk/our-services/leeds/support-social-groups/the-badmittens

Facebook: BadMittensLeeds



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Leeds

Twitter: TheBadMittens

Twitter: strikebackkb

leedsfr@virginmedia.com

Twitter: LFrontrunners

Yorkshire Terriers: Football

The Yorkshire Terriers are the only LGBT+ football club in Yorkshire and helped set up the national gay football league, but also play in the local straight flexi-league. They have regular social events in addition to training and matches. New players are always welcome no matter their gender, sexuality or ability level.

http://leedslabtsport.weebly.com/vorkshire-terriers-fc.html mcleani94@gmail.com

Facebook: <u>yterriersfc</u>

Twitter: <u>yterriersfc</u>

Instagram: <u>yterriersfc</u>

Leeds Hunters: Rugby

The Leeds Hunters are an inclusive Rugby Union club, welcoming all men: gay, bi, straight or trans. They hold training sessions on Wednesday evening and Saturday morning and participate in both local and national matches, as well as social events.

http://theleedshunters.co.uk/

membership@theleedshunters.com

Twitter: TheLeedsHunters

Facebook: TheLeedsHunters

LGBT University Societies

If your university/college has an LGBT Society and we have not included you, please get in touch and we will be very happy to add your organisation to our list!

University of Leeds LGBT+

The LGBT+ Society aims to make coming to university a positive experience for all LGBT+ students. They hold daily coffee hours in the union (look for the rainbow flag) as well as frequent social events and nights out

https://www.luu.org.uk/clubs-and-societies/browse-clubs-and-societies/lgbt/

Leeds Students Union

Leeds

Leeds

luu.lgbt@leeds.ac.uk

Facebook: <u>luu.lgbt.soc</u>

Twitter: <u>LUULGBTSoc</u>

Instagram: <u>luulgbtsoc</u>

Leeds Students Union

University of Leeds QTIPOC

The QTIPOC Society provides a supportive space for queer, trans and intersex people of colour. Their aim is to uplift these voices and increase the visibility of the community. They hold regular events including sober potlucks, coffee hours and social gatherings. Their Facebook page is private to provide a safe space for members, but can be accessed by messaging the social channels below.

https://www.luu.org.uk/clubs-and-societies/browse-clubs-and-societies/qtipoc/

<u>qtipocleegs@gmail.com</u>

Facebook: Private

Instagram: <u>qtipocleeds</u>

Leeds Beckett Equals Society

The Equals Society is Beckett's LGBTQ society, aiming to create a welcoming space for all members of the community. They run a variety of events throughout the year including nights out, bowling, coffee, board game nights, karaoke and discussion forums. This year they are focussing particularly on equality, diversity and inclusion.

https://www.leedsbeckettsu.co.uk/groups/equals-society-lgbtq/articles/welcome-toequals-society

equalssociety@outlook.com

Facebook: <u>EqualsSociety</u>

Twitter: <u>EqualsSociety</u>

Instagram: equalssociety

Beckett Students Union



Leeds Arts Spectrum LGBTQ+

Leeds Arts Students Union

Spectrum is the Leeds Arts LGBTQIA+ society. They aim to create a platform for fellow queer students to showcase their work, as well as a safe space to socialise, discuss and celebrate being LGBTQIA+.

https://www.leedsartsunion.org.uk/spectrum

Facebook Group: Spectrum

Leeds Conservatoire LGBTQ Society

Leeds

The LGBTQ Society exists to support all students who identify as LGBTQ at the Conservatoire. They host regular social events, including opportunities to perform and collaborate, baking competitions, quizzes, films and nights out.

Facebook Group: LComSULGBTQ

LGBT Affirming Faith Groups

Resources for people of most faith backgrounds are accessible via the links below; If you know of any other organisations that we could include, then please let us know!

https://www.outlife.org.uk/being-lgbtq-and-religious

https://www.stonewall.org.uk/category/faith-religion

Christian

Inclusive Church provides a directory of LGBT+ affirming churches, both in the Leeds area and throughout the country.

Muslim

<u>Hidayah</u> provides support to LGBTQI+ Muslims, including social events in Leeds and throughout the UK.

