

Birthday Bash

10 March 2008, 7.30pm, Betty Blacks, High Street, Bangor.
Guest speakers, quiz, raffle, supper & photo competition launch!

Film Night (£)

April 2008, contact us for further details.
A night out at the cinema.

Community Safety

6 May 2008, 7.30pm, Marine Court Hotel, Quay St, Bangor.
Learn how to protect you and your home. Includes supper.

Camping and Caravanning Weekend with Barbeque (£)

June 2008, contact us for further details.
In Newcastle, County Down. Friends and Family welcome.

Photography

1 July 2008, 7.30pm, Marine Court Hotel, Quay St, Bangor.
We announce the winner of our photography competition! Final entries to be submitted to GLAD by 1st June 2008.

Crazy Golf

5 August 2008, 7.30pm, Dundonald Ice Bowl.
Will include opportunity to confidentially meet someone from your local District Policing Partnership. Includes supper.

Interior Design

2 Sept 2008, 7.30pm, Marine Court Hotel, Quay St, Bangor.
Learn how to create a perfect home or apartment.

Dance Lesson (£)

October 2008, contact us for further details.
Your opportunity to learn how to salsa.

Fun & Games Evening

4 Nov 2008 7.30pm, Marine Court Hotel, Quay St, Bangor.
A fun evening of themed games with prizes!

Pottery followed by Christmas Dinner (£)

December 2008, contact us for further details.
Opportunity to create an original gift followed by dinner.

All events are free unless £ symbol appears and are subject to change without notice.

HOMOPHOBIC HATE CRIME IS WRONG

if it happens to you or you see it happen

REPORT IT - TO STOP IT

The Police Service of Northern Ireland is committed to investigating all homophobic hate crimes and incidents in a professional, confidential and sensitive manner.

Homophobic crimes and incidents may take many different forms, for example assaults, damage to your home or other property, verbal abuse or hate mail against those perceived to be lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgendered.

To report a homophobic hate crime or incident telephone your local police by ringing 0845 600 8000, confidentially through Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 or by visiting www.psnl.police.uk

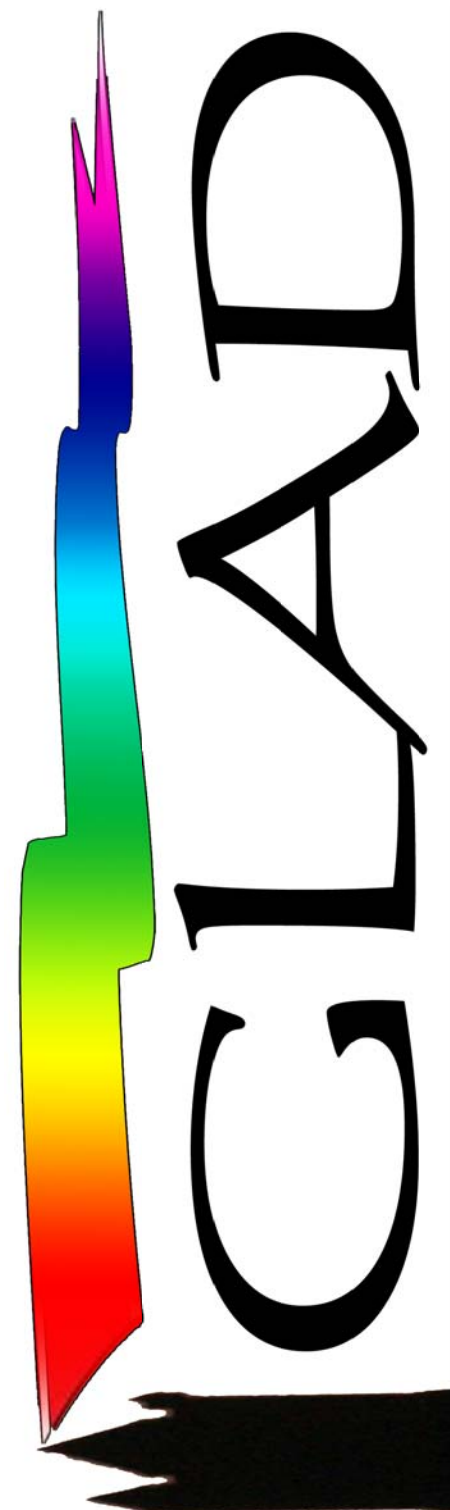
Each police district also has a Hate Incident & Minority Liaison Officer. These officers have been specially trained to support victims of homophobic crimes and incidents. Your local Hate Incident & Minority Liaison Officer can be contacted as follows:

Ards: 028 9180 1541 **Castlereagh:** 028 9090 1314
Down: 028 4461 1109 **North Down:** 028 9147 4954



Superintendent Peter Loughins
C District Community Safety Manager,
Ards, Castlereagh, North Down and Down
Command Areas.

You can also report homophobic hate crimes and incidents through GLAD by telephoning 07791 398 438



Gay and Lesbian Across Down

www.gladni.org | info@gladni.org | 07791 398 438

PO Box 317, Bangor, BT20 9BU

Introduction

Vision

Gay and Lesbian across Down (GLAD) will engage with and improve the quality of life of lesbian, gay and bisexual people living in or visiting County Down.

Aims

We will do this by:

- Providing appropriate, sustainable and safe opportunities for social networking and self help support.
- Involving and supporting people from the groups mentioned above in raising awareness, lobbying, advocacy and campaigning for policy change.
- Developing and maintaining relationships with other organisations, funding bodies, voluntary, community and statutory sectors.

We are primarily a social network for lesbian, gay and bisexual people whilst also working with bodies such as the police to deal with important issues such as hate crime.

History

GLAD was established in March 2007 with the initial aim to cover North Down and Ards. The group re-launched with a new name, vision, aims and a wider range of services across County Down in March 2008.

Volunteering

GLAD is run entirely by volunteers who meet monthly to plan future events and activities.

We are always keen to attract new volunteers and will make an effort to match your skills and interests to our needs.

GLAD is grateful for funding provided by Police Service of Northern Ireland, North Down Borough Council, North Down District Policing Partnership and South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust

Welcome!

Induction Service

We can all probably remember our first day at work. Walking into a new workplace without knowing anyone was tough.

If you are considering attending one of our events then don't worry. GLAD offers a confidential and free induction service where you can find out more about the group and, if desired, be accompanied to your first event. We can even meet up with you in advance to discuss the group and "break the ice".

To avail of the service simply telephone 07791 398 438 or email welcome@gladni.org

Email List

You can be kept up to date on GLAD and it's future events by joining our email list. Simply send an email to email@gladni.org to join in !

Texting Service

GLAD now offers the ability to be kept up to date on our events and activities by text.

Ideal if you don't have an email address or want to be kept in the loop with last minute updates and offers.

To join our texting service text GLAD followed, if you wish, by your name to 07791 398 438 . No charge is made for this service except the standard charge levied by your network provider for your initial text.

Internet

Visit www.gladni.org to find out more about the group and the many events we will be holding during 2008.



Useful Contacts

Belfast Butterfly Club - Support for transgendered people
www.belfastbutterflyclub.co.uk | 028 9267 3720

Cara-friend - Helpline for gay and bisexual men
www.gayhelplinebelfast.org.uk | 028 9032 2023

Coalition on Sexual Orientation (Coso) - Umbrella organisation for LGBT groups in Northern Ireland
www.coso.org.uk

Equality Commission - To advance and promote equality of opportunity and good relations in Northern Ireland
www.equalityni.org | 028 9089 0890

Gay Lesbian Youth Northern Ireland - Support group for young people aged 25 years and under
www.glyni.org.uk | 07707216921

Gay Newry - www.gaynewry.com

Lesbian Line Belfast - Helpline for gay and bisexual women
www.lesbianlinebelfast.org.uk | 028 9023 8668

Out n About - Walking group for lesbian, gay, bisexual and trans people - www.outnabout-ni.org.uk

Queerspace - Community / Social group for all members of the LGBT community - www.queerspace.org.uk

Quire - Choir for lesbian, gay, bisexual and trans people
www.quire.org.uk

Rainbow Project - Information, support and counselling for gay and bisexual men
www.rainbow-project.org | 028 9031 9030

Samaritans - www.samaritans.org | 08457 90 90 90

Ulster Titans RFC - Rugby club for gay men
www.ulstertitans.com

A more extensive list can be found at www.queerspace.org.uk