



NEWRY RAINBOW COMMUNITY

Invitation to Community and Voluntary Groups in County Down

LGB&T COMMUNITY PLANNING IN DOWN

The Newry Rainbow Community (NRC) wish to ensure that lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (lgb&t) issues have the greatest chance of being addressed, prioritised and resourced as a result of the new Community Planning process which Newry, Mourne and Down District Council will be leading.

The NRC has operated an information, resource and drop-in Centre in Newry City since September 2010 to provide information and advice services to lgb&t people, their families and friends. It is the only such Centre outside Belfast and Dublin on the East Coast of Ireland and is operated entirely by Volunteers. Services and support provided through the Centre include; personal development courses; advocacy and referrals; signposting; befriending service; professional counselling; rapid HIV testing; sexual health advice; training courses and opportunities for social engagement.

In partnership with the County Down Rural Community Network and supported by the Community Foundation for Northern Ireland the NRC will be hosting an engagement and awareness-raising event to provide an opportunity for your group / organisation to meet with members of the NRC and to hear about our Centre and the supports and services it provides.

Arrangements for the event are as follows:

VENUE	Ballymote Centre, 40 Killough Road, Downpatrick
DATE	Thursday 21st May 2015
TIME	7:30pm - 9:30pm

The evening will be an informal opportunity to meet, chat and exchange information and network.

Refreshments provided, please come along and find out how you can help and support lgb&t people living in your community.

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