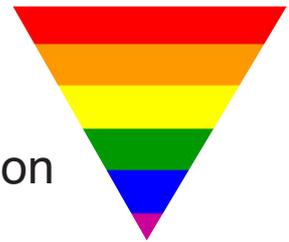




# OLGA

Older Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Trans Association  
**A Community Network**



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Dear Member,

We hope you manage to keep warm and well and safely mobile, as winter approaches.

OLGA will give you a warm welcome at its Christmas Social, on Monday, December 17th, 1pm to 4pm. Food, music and a gift for you. You can make new friends or catch up with old friends. The venue will be given to members (only) by a phone call, or you can ring and ask us; 07929 465 044. We look forward to meeting you all there.

# A rainbow in the winter



**OLGA had been looking forward to being part of 'Over the Rainbow but not Alone' Conference for OLGBT people.**

This was on November 9th 2012 in York. Events like this are few and far between and fulfill a tremendous need for our community. We are affirmed, and relaxed with our fellows.

National speakers keep us up to date with the latest work being done by some campaigners from our community. It stresses the fact that not enough campaign work is being done by LGBT organizations on the issues faced by olgbt, eg., loneliness, health, social care, finding a partner in older age, finding a care home that will not discriminate against us, etc.

A range of speakers and workshops were planned and the highlight of the day was the key speaker, Peter Tatchell, director of the Human Rights organisation, Peter Tatchell Foundation. OLGA presented two workshops.

By Mary, Project Co ordinator  
OLGA

# Homophobic & transphobic hate crime reporting

**OLGA is a Hate Crime Reporting group trained by the Police. Because of lack of confidence in Police forces dealing with hate crimes nationally, our communities are under reporting.**

OLGA sits on our local Independent Advisory Group for the Police. We recently met with the new Police Superintendent for the Scarborough area, in an effort to improve our confidence to report.

OLGA raised concerns about the awareness of the Hate Crime Reporting process both with the front line staff at Police

Stations, Call centers and our own community. North Yorkshire Police have prepared the following article for YOU, so you are clear about the process and the service you SHOULD receive.



North Yorkshire Police is committed to ensuring that it offers a first class service to the members of the community that it serves and deals with each and every incident in a fair, impartial and transparent manner.

The continued protection of vulnerable persons is a key element of North Yorkshire Polices Control Strategy and is clearly embedded within daily business with robust processes in place to ensure a quality service is provided.

Hate Crimes are relatively infrequent in North Yorkshire however in order to understand the impact that these occurrences have on peoples lives, comprehensive training has been given to employees of North Yorkshire Police, not only to understand how to deal with such an incident, but to also have an understanding of what a 'Hate Crime' is.

**'A hate crime is any criminal offence committed against a person or property that is motivated by an offenders hatred of someone because of their:**

- Race, colour, origin, nationality or national origins
- Religion
- Sexual orientation
- Gender or gender identity
- Disability

NB It is important to remember that a hate crime has occurred if any person (including police officers) perceives that the motivation for the offence was due to hatred of one of the protected characteristics.

# Reporting Methods

There are a number of ways in which a victim or a witness of any crime, including a hate crime, can report such an incident. These are as follows:

<p><b>Dial 999 in an Emergency if:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is the use, or immediate threat of use, of violence</li> <li>• There is serious injury to a person and / or serious damage to property</li> <li>• A crime is, or is likely to be serious, and in progress</li> </ul>	<p><b>Dial 101 for all Non-Emergencies and you will be given 3 options as follows:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Press 1 to report a crime, incident, or to provide information</li> <li>• If you know the name of the person or department that you want to speak to press 2</li> <li>• To speak to the custody suite press 3</li> </ul>	<p><b>Text phone 18001 101 - for all Non-Emergencies</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To contact an officer, police station, or to report an incident that does not require immediate attention or for general enquiries. This service is provided by the RNID Text Relay service and is suitable for people who have a hearing or speech impairment.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Text phone 18000 - in an Emergency</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If there is a crime in progress or if there is a threat to life. This service is provided by the RNID Text Relay service and is suitable for people who have a hearing or speech impairment.</li> </ul>	<p><b>EmergencySMS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Emergency SMS service lets deaf, hard of hearing and speech-impaired people in the UK send an SMS text message to the UK 999 service where it will be passed to the police, ambulance, fire rescue, or coastguard. Register your mobile phone now; don't wait until you need the EmergencySMS service.</li> </ul>	

# Service Standards

**As part of North Yorkshire Police Service Standards, we will endeavor to attend all 'Emergency' calls within 15 minutes if within an urban location and 20 minutes if within a rural location.**

Incidents that are 'Non Emergencies' where the call

taker deems the reportee or person subject to the call to be vulnerable will be prioritized and attended within 60 minutes of the call being received.

Officers and staff are aware of the potential sensitive nature of incidents reported and will as far as is possible offer a face to face service within an environment that is private from other members of the public within police premises.

The importance of reporting such incidents is paramount in keeping our communities safe

and to ensure an easy process, we have ensured the following:

**We Have -**

- Helped communities to keep their neighbourhoods safe by giving them one easy way to contact their local police and to report non-emergency crime and disorder
- Made the police more accessible to their communities, while reducing pressure on the 999 system and helping the police to allocate their resources where they are needed most ►

# Service Standards (continued)

- Assisted the police to cut crime by making it easier for the public to pass on information about crimes in their neighbourhoods - allowing the police to take swift action

- Enabled local partners to join up with the police to provide communities with even easier access to a wider range of local services

Calls to 101 (from both landlines and mobiles) cost 15 pence per call no matter what time of day you call, or how long you are on the phone.

If an individual does not feel

that they can access the police using the above methods then we have a number of Hate Incident Reporting Centres across North Yorkshire where information can be passed and shared to ensure that offenders are brought to justice and that each concern is taken seriously to ensure the best possible outcome for the victim.

by **Inspector Andy Colbourne**

There are over 40 Hate Crime reporting centers across Scarborough, Whitby and Filey – a full list is available on the OLGA website.

If you didn't already know; OLGA are registered as a Hate Crime Reporting Centre, you can contact us several ways:

By post: PO Box 458, Scarborough. YO11 9EH

By email: [olga@mypostoffice.co.uk](mailto:olga@mypostoffice.co.uk)

By mobile: 07929 465044

Or via our website: [OLGA.uk.com](http://OLGA.uk.com)

# Prostate Cancer UK



**This organisation is remarketing itself throughout the Country. Part of its updating is to look at its equality and diversity awareness as regards gay, bisexual and trans men with prostate cancer.**

Mary, OLGA Project Co-ordinator was invited to speak at their recent conference. The Trans issue in particular had to be stressed and explained very clearly. In OLGA's consultation and workshop work, we found audiences very ignorant about the fact that a person born

male can undergo a transition to a new gender, and still have a prostate.

Some gay men were there who have had prostate cancer treatment. They would have liked advice and support from a gay group to help them through their treatment, etc. Again, the problem of coming out was voiced. Do you tell your partner, how do you tell your partner, does this mean that you cannot have sex anymore?

Prostate Cancer UK know that gay, bisexual and trans men are not being identified, and accept that they need to improve their

care needs assessment language. Also, they agreed they need a massive programme of user-led equality and diversity training.

The treatments for prostate cancer are improving and are quiet varied, including surgery and chemotherapy. And the survival rates are improving also. The message is, try and speak to your GP about your prostate if you think you may have a problem.

**Prostate Cancer UK contact details are:**

[info@prostatecanceruk.org](mailto:info@prostatecanceruk.org)

Website: [prostatecanceruk.org](http://prostatecanceruk.org)

Telephone: 02082 227622

# Latest Research

**Yet again, Stonewall's research shows the same findings.**

Nationally we are not coming out to service providers. When we come out in health and social care we are abused and discriminated against. The Human Rights Commission just revealed that 1/5th of Councils

have not bothered to do their Equality Policies. This is two years after the Equality Law required them to do so.

So, who will make them do it? Probably me and you. Why don't you ask to see your local Council's Equality and Diversity Policy. It should have been updated since 2010. Please let OLGA know any interesting

things you find out.

Another way you could get involved in improving health and social care provision is to contact your local NHS LINK Group and volunteer to do "Enter and View". You will be trained, and able to enter and view health and social care venues, with a view to improving services.

# Our rights, our voices

**OLGA is involved in a new project with Age UK, funded by Comic Relief.**

The project aims to empower older people to find out about human rights and how they can make a difference. There are eight forums across the Country, of which OLGA is one.

Each forum is recruiting up to ten volunteers to become "Human Rights Ambassadors" for a period of three years. Each ambassador will undertake human rights training. After that the ambassadors will devise a project as individuals or as part of their forum, that will have an impact on human rights. There

are one or two spaces in the OLGA forum if you are interested. Our first training session is November 21st 2012 in York. Travel expenses paid. Food and top level training by Amnesty International. Get involved and get a voice.

Contact OLGA if interested, on 07929 465044.

# News from across the pond

- San Francisco becomes first US city to offer free trans surgery
- New LGBT senior housing complex in Philadelphia
- Conservative pundits say that the Republican Party's platform on LGBT rights lost it the Presidency

# Closer to home

- Gay marriage will make France a 'land of homos', says senator - Billionaire and senator Serge Dessault has said if France legalizes marriage equality, then there will be no more babies

# On our doorstep



## The Independent on Sunday Pink List 2012

In an Olympic year; the IoS released an olympic Pink List.

More than 1,500 of you voted for the influential lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people who, you feel, make Britain safer, fairer, better and more entertaining. More than 250 nominees' names were run past the IoS's panel of judges: two magazine editors, a teacher and

LGBT schools adviser, a film maker, a charity CEO, and the Chief Executive of Stonewall.

The top three are Olympian, Nicola Adams; Presenter and author Clare Balding and Legend Peter Tatchell. To view the rest of the list: <http://tinyurl.com/byxjldc>

## Britain's Got Talent, Sue Perkins and Rugby Football League among Stonewall Award Winners

TV favourite Sue Perkins was among 11 winners at last night's Stonewall Awards. The annual ceremony honours those who've made a positive contribution to the lives of Britain's 3.7 million lesbian, gay and bisexual people. Over 450 people attended the

ceremony, which was hosted by Gok Wan. The Great British Bake Off host Perkins - named Entertainer of the Year - dedicated her award to her comedy partner Mel Giedroyc. For the full article, see [http://www.stonewall.org.uk/media/current\\_releases/8182.asp](http://www.stonewall.org.uk/media/current_releases/8182.asp)

## Bisexuality in the workplace:

LGBT networks aren't enough. Research shows that many bisexual people disguise their sexuality in the workplace. The Guardians Paul Burston explores their specific needs and what more can be done to support them. For the full article, see <http://careers.guardian.co.uk/bisexuality-in-workplace-lgbt-networks>

# Future Events

## Dec 2012

Monday 3rd - OLGA Social  
1pm to 4pm

Monday 10th - OLGA Social  
1pm to 4pm

Monday 17th - OLGA Social  
1pm to 4pm

(Christmas Social Party at a different venue, we ring you or you ring us to confirm attendance – for food ordering).

## Jan 2013

Monday 7th - OLGA Social  
1pm to 4pm

Monday 14th - OLGA Social  
1pm to 4pm

Monday 21st - OLGA Social  
1pm to 4pm

Monday 28th - OLGA Social  
1pm to 4pm

## Feb 2013

Monday 4th - OLGA Social  
1pm to 4pm

Monday 11th - OLGA Social  
1pm to 4pm

Monday 18th - OLGA Social  
1pm to 4pm

Monday 25th - OLGA Social  
1pm to 4pm

(our weekly Socials are at a central location with disabled access, in Scarborough).

## MEET & EAT SOCIALS

OLGA will arrange 1 per month – details to follow, as we usually contact our Members by phone.

## CIRCLE DANCING

Last Saturday of every month, at St. James' Church, Scarborough. 7pm to 9pm

# Useful contact information

## SEXUALITY

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**MESMAC** Yorkshire. Tel: 01904 620 400  
PO Box 549, York. YO30 7GX

## MENTAL HEALTH

**Crisis Call** Tel: 0800 501 254 (telephone support)  
01723 384644 (crisis response, resolution and  
home treatment) (Free from landlines. Mobiles -  
cost for initial message and Crisis Call will call  
you back, which is free)

**Samaritans** Tel: 01723 368 888  
Samaritan House, 40 Trafalgar Street West,  
Scarborough YO12 7AS

**Survivors** Mental Health Resource Centre  
Tel: 01723 501 049  
9 Alma Square, Scarborough YO11 1JR

**Mind** Tel: 01723 588008  
Drop in Centre at Queen Street Methodist Church,  
Fridays 12.30 to 3.30pm.

## HOUSING

**Housing Support** Tel: 0845 872 7374  
North Yorkshire County Council  
[www.northyorks.gov.uk](http://www.northyorks.gov.uk)

**Stonham Homestay** Tel: 01723 366 566  
Scarborough & Ryedale Homelessness Prevention  
Email: [scarborough@homegroup.org.uk](mailto:scarborough@homegroup.org.uk)  
Tenancy Support Services  
Roscoe Street, Scarborough YO12 7BY

**Yorkshire Coast Homes** Tel: 0845 065 5656  
Gladstone Road, Scarborough YO12 7BH

## SOCIAL CARE

**Social Services**  
North Yorkshire County Council Tel: 08450349410

## SOCIAL

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PO Box 458, Scarborough YO11 9EH

## Albion Pub & Cabaret

136 Castle Road, Scarborough Tel: 01723 379068

## Bacchus Night Club

Tel: 01723 373 689  
7a Ramshill Road, Scarborough YO11

## York Lesbian Social Group 18+

Tel: 07963 414434  
Email: [yorklsg@talktalk.net](mailto:yorklsg@talktalk.net)

## GENERAL ADVICE

### Customer First

Tel: 01723 232 323  
Scarborough Borough Council (General Enquiries)  
St. Nicholas Street, Scarborough YO11 2HG

### OLGA

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PO Box 458, Scarborough YO11 9EH

### Age UK Scarborough

Tel: 01723379058  
39 Aberdeen Walk, Scarborough YO11 1BD

### Advocacy Alliance

Tel: 01723 363 910  
Allatt House, 5 West Parade Road, Scarborough  
YO12 5ED

### Citizens Advice Bureau

Tel: 01723368710  
Elders Street, Scarborough, YO11 1DZ

### Police

Tel: 999 (Emergency/Crime Being Carried out)  
Tel: 101 (Non-Emergency)  
Tel: 0845 606 0247 (Police attendance is required)  
Tel: 0800 555 111 (Crime Stoppers/To pass on  
Information related to any Crime)  
Tel: 01723 384 444 (Anti-Social Behaviour)

## [www.olga.uk.com](http://www.olga.uk.com)

The website will be used as a way of keeping in touch with what OLGA is up to on your behalf.

We will also use it as a way to share with you local national and international news that we feel you may be interested in. You must let us know if we are getting this right, or not. Or, if you have seen something you would like to share; please let me know:

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