

plymouth prideevent 2008

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Plymouth 'health village' for Pride 08 event

An interactive 'health village' is being created as part of Saturday's plymouth prideevent 2008 (CORRECT).

The 'health village' will be run by Plymouth Teaching Primary Care Trust (PCT), which is one of the main sponsors of this year's plymouth prideevent.

The free-entry, one-day event takes place in Plymouth Guildhall on Saturday, June 7, and will be officially opened at 11 am by the city's Lord Mayor and Mayoress, Councillor Brian Vincent and Pauline Murphy.

It is the South West's largest Pride event and is organised by a committee of volunteers from Plymouth's lesbian, gay, bisexual, and trans (LGBT) communities and members of support organisations.

As part of the PCT's contribution to the event and as a means of reaching out to engage with the full range of people it aims to serve, the PCT is planning a 'health village' with a welcoming and friendly atmosphere which will offer:

- Free health checks
- Healthy food and lifestyles advice
- Advice on how to stop smoking
- Drugs and alcohol awareness
- Mental health and well-being topics
- Sexual health advice
- Cancer awareness - recognising the signs and symptoms
- A health competition
- Free smoothies

Also among the more than 50 exhibitors at the event will be SOS UK, which provides personal safety training and advice to empower people to make constructive decisions about their health.

SOS UK will be holding a 'Wheel of Fortune' competition with a top prize of a BMW Z4 for a weekend, supplied by Ocean BMW.

Also, sexual health workshops will be provided by the Eddystone Trust and Positive Action South West.

The day also includes a host of fun activities for LGBT communities' families and friends, such as belly dancing, rodeo bull riding, a drag queen comedy act, a boyband, line dancing, and street and circus skills entertainers.

Plymouth prideevent 2008 is a registered charity raising funds in support of the city's LGBT organisations and working in partnership with Plymouth City Council, Devon and Cornwall Constabulary, Plymouth Primary Care Trust, Out Youth Group, Plymouth Pride Forum, Plymouth Sound Radio, The Swallow public house, Zeros Nightclub, Eddystone Trust, Intercom Trust, Fyne Times, In Other Words Books, She Bang, University of Plymouth, and the TUC South West.

More information about the 2008 Pride event is available by visiting the website www.plymouthprideevent.co.uk or emailing info@plymouthprideevent.co.uk or telephoning 07753 339965.

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Notes for Editor:

- The phrase 'trans' should be used as it is a particular term covering transsexual, transgender, transvestite
- Photos are available on request
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