

plymouth prideevent 2008

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Unsung charity receives boost from Pride 08 event

One of the most under-funded charities in the country is to benefit from the South West's largest Pride event this weekend.

Some of the funds raised from plymouth prideevent 2008 (CORRECT) on Saturday, June 7, will go to Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (FFlag).

FFlag provides support and advice for parents and their gay, lesbian, and bisexual sons and daughters, and has recently opened a new helpline based in Cornwall for people living in the South West - 0845 652 0325.

The free-entry, one-day Pride event takes place in Plymouth Guildhall 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.

The day also features an LGBT communities' history exhibition, including Holocaust Memorial Day and a play based on the memories of older lesbians and gay men, a public question forum with police, health, and city council representatives, an international speaker relating the experiences of being a gay Muslim in Iraq, and sexual health workshops for women and men.

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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