

Welcome to Brum BiFest 2009

Part of the Shout LGBT Festival



Saturday 21st November at ABplus

**Open from 11am to 7:30pm
(doors close at 8pm)**

Entry: £5 waged, £3 unwaged.

Brum BiFest Code of Conduct

We're expecting BiFest to be a busy, vibrant and exciting event. To help make it safer and more enjoyable for everyone we ask that people follow these guidelines.

Respecting fellow attenders

- People are welcome to attend BiFest regardless of how they define their sexuality.
- Trans people are accepted for all purposes at BiFest as the gender as which they identify. If you are unsure of someone's pronoun, ask them and try to remember to use it correctly.
- BiFest does not accept bigotry including that about race, gender or sexuality.
- Please keep any behaviour legal, and generally within the bounds of what's acceptable in public.

Boundaries and personal space

- Please don't invade people's personal space unless you are invited to. A useful phrase is 'Would you like a hug?'
- No means no: if someone asks you to leave them alone, please do so immediately.
- No one at BiFest should be put under any pressure to join in with anything they don't want to.

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Privacy and Confidentiality

- Please be aware that many people may not wish their attendance at a bi event to be public knowledge and please bear this in mind when discussing Brum BiFest afterwards.
- If you take photographs please ensure you have the consent of everyone within the frame (including people in the background). Additional consent should be sought before publishing photos in any way including uploading them to the Internet.

What you can do if anything comes up

If you're getting unwanted attention from someone, you can tell the desk, and we will politely tell them to stop. We're happy to do so even if you haven't communicated this to them, since that's not always easy to do.

If you have any problems, questions or comments, or notice anything that concerns you can do any of the following:

- Talk to the volunteers at the desk
- Talk to one of the organisers
- Leave a note in the organisers' postbox (which will be checked regularly.)

While we expect and hope not to have to, should we

Programme

In addition to the scheduled sessions there will be stalls, infozones, social and chillout space from 11:00-19:30.

Time	Scheduled Sessions
11:00-11:30	BiFest opens
11:30-12:30	Bi 101: Bi in the UK
12:30-12:45	Break
12:45-13:15	Ask the Panel
13:15-14:30	Picnic Lunch
14:30-15:30	Living as Bi in gay and straight world
15:30-15:45	Break
15:45-16:45	Bi Invisibilities: Discussion
16:45-17:00	Break
17:00-18:00	Safer-Sex Supplies—Have a fondle (age 16+)
18:00-18:30	Competitions and Prize Draws
18:30-19:30	Evening Meal Time
19:30-20:00	Clearup before BiFest closes at 20:00

Scheduled session Information

Bi 101:

UK Bi For Beginners session: A quick introduction to the UK Bi scene - what's out there and how you can get involved.

Living as bi in a gay and straight world:

This participative workshop will look at the world around us as bi people, the reasons everything splits down into gay and straight and how we feel stuck in the middle.

Bisexuality Invisibilities:

A discussion session about the invisibilities experienced by bisexual people e.g. being invisibilised by being single or in a monogamous opposite-sex relationship.

Safer-sex Supplies - have a fondle:

Have you ever sliced a condom or glove as recommended as a make-shift dental dam? Experienced the different feel (and if you're brave taste) of different lubricants? A chance to see what they look and feel like for yourself.

Ask the Panel - Q&A:

Have you ever had a burning question about bisexuality that you've wanted to ask. Or just a silly question? This will be a light hearted Q&A panel who will do their best to answer your query.

Food

There will be hot and cold drinks alongside cake and snacks available throughout BiFest.

The BiFest picnic is timetabled for 13:15 to 14:30. We have provided soft drinks, fruit juices and squash and a variety of picnic foods for attenders to eat.

Ingredients lists will be provided and food will be set out in vegan, possibly vegan, vegetarian and meat sections so that people can make informed choices about your food.

If you have any difficulty reading the ingredients with food or wish assistance to choose appropriate food for you, please let the desk know and assistance will be provided.

We're also happy for attenders to bring their own food, or obtain food from various eateries nearby (see map). We shall provide takeaway menus for people to order evening food from.

Your attendance badge will permit you re-entry when you show it to the registration desk volunteers.

Local Bi Groups

Brum Bi Group: meets every second Tuesday of the month at HGL (next to Loft Lounge on the map on the back page).

Details can be found on Brum Bi Group's website at www.brumbigroup.org.uk or you can leave a voicemail on 07532 385 760 and someone will return your call.

Brum BiFest 2010

We are keen to see BiFests in Birmingham and the West Midlands become a yearly event. The website www.brum.bifest.org and voicemail 0121 314 4839 will remain active and kept up to date with plans as they happen.

Volunteering or attending BiFest 2010

If you are interested in attending or volunteering at Brum BiFest 2010 please let us know by filling in the signup sheet or contacting us.

