



Safe spaces for lesbian, gay,
bisexual and trans people

Information for trans clients

We are aware that transgender people may experience additional hurdles when trying to gain access to accommodation. If you are experiencing housing difficulties and are having problems, contact Stonewall Housing Advice Line to discuss your situation further.

Some of our trans clients need information, advice and support on issues that do not directly affect their housing issues. We have compiled a list of organisations within this factsheet that may be of interest.

The Beaumont Society

27 Old Gloucester Street, London, WC1N 3XX

T: Info Line (24 Hr): 01582 412220

E: email@beaumontsociety.org.uk

W: www.beaumontsociety.org.uk

The Beaumont Society was founded in 1966 and is a national self help body run by and for those who crossdress or are transsexual. They welcome all transgender people and their partners, regardless of gender, sexual orientation, race, creed or colour, and all varieties from nervous new transvestites to those who are experienced and confident in their second gender.”

The Beaumont Society is an organisation run for, and by, people who like to wear the clothes of the opposite gender and people who may be transsexual. It is a Society dedicated to the special needs of those who feel the desire, or compulsion, to express a feminine side to their personality by dressing, or living, as “women”.

The Society may also be of help in gaining acceptance by partners, relatives and friends. For the more self assured the Society offers a social scene where they can meet others, make friends and more fully enjoy their cross-dressing. Some of the meetings are open to non-members.

The Beaumont Trust

BM Charity, London, WC1N 3XX.

T: 07000 287878

*Helpline is open on: Tuesdays & Thursdays
between 1900 and 2300 hours.*

E: beaumonttrust@gmail.com

W: www.beaumont-trust.org.uk

The Beaumont trust is a registered Charity established in 1975 and funded voluntary by donations. Its aim is to assist those who are in any way troubled by gender dysphoria, or who are involved in such peoples care and provides referrals to appropriate organisations, professional counsellors, and self help groups. It aims to advance public education about all aspects of gender dysphoria related to transvestism or transsexualism and to protect the good mental and physical health of such individuals.

The Trust also produces literature (which can be downloaded from the website) and arranges workshops develops befriending facilities and assists with conferences. The Beaumont Trust includes professional and members of other relevant organisations as trustees and officers.

Women of the Beaumont Society (WOBS)

BM (WOBS), London, WC1N 3XX

W: <http://members.aol.com/wobsuk>

T: A wives and partners helpline, where you can talk to another woman, is available from 7.30pm to 11.00pm by telephoning: 01223 441246 or 01684 578281 or 01389 380389

WOBS is a group run by, and for, wives and partners for support - to help support those whose husband's or partner's behaviour is difficult to understand.

The Gender Trust

*Community Base, 113 Queens Road, Brighton
BN1 3XG*

T: 01273 234024

*National Helpline: 0845 231 0505 (M-F 10am-10pm,
Sa-Su 1pm-10pm)*

W: www.gendertrust.org.uk

This is a charity that provides support for anyone affected by gender identity issues; they also provide support, information and training.

The Gender Identity Research & Education Society
Melverley, The Warren, Ashted, Surrey, KT21 2SP

T: 01372 801554 F: 01372 272297

E: info@gires.org.uk

W: www.gires.org.uk

GIRES is a registered charity which exists to promote and communicate research that improves the lives of people affected by gender identity and intersex issues.

GIRES was founded in 1997 and its membership does not just include only trans people; there are an equal number of non trans people as well such as family members or, for other reasons, wish to support GIRES' work. All those who serve on GIRES' Executive Committee are trans people or family members. They encourage people to use the material/resources on their site to inform and educate others, but they ask that people adhere to their copyright policy.

Gendys Network

Gendys Network, BM GENDYS, London WC1N 3XX

T: No Phone Number.

E: gendys@gender.org.uk

W: www.gender.org.uk/gendys/index.htm

The Gendys Network is for all people who have encountered gender identity problems personally, such as transsexuals, transgendered people and gender dysphoric people of either sex, and for those who provide care, both professional and lay.

FTM Network – (Female to Male Network Linked To The Mermaids Support Group)

FTM, BM Network, London, WC1N 3XX

T: Helpline 0161 432 1915 on Weds: 8pm -10.30pm.

E: No Email Address

W: No Website

For female to male transsexuals, they can also provide legal information and may be able to put people in touch with families, partners etc.

Crosslynx Transgender Group

No Address

*T: 0141 847 0787 Mondays only 7-30 to 9-30 p.m.,
other days Strathclyde Lesbian & Gay switchboard
0141 847 0447*

E: allanastrain@crosslynx.org.uk

W: www.crosslynx.org.uk

This group is a registered charity based in Glasgow and their website is dedicated to informing its members, and any other interested parties, of any available news, nationally, and within the Glasgow area, as well as updating on current events affecting the group. They also hold meetings and support groups on the second Wednesday of every month. The Chairperson of Crosslynx is Allana Strain.

Mermaids

*The Mermaids Support Group, BM Mermaids,
London, WC1N 3XX*

*T: Helpline: (0208) 1234819: Monday to Saturday -
3pm until 7pm only.*

E: mermaids@freeuk.com

W: www.mermaidsuk.org.uk

Mermaids is a support group formed by a group of parents, all bringing a child to a Gender Identity Development Clinic, who were brought together as a result of their children's long-standing Gender Identity Issues. They have been able to support each other and their children through the difficulties and trauma that gender issues commonly bring to families. They have identified a need to form a support group to aid 'Other families, children, and teenagers in similar situations.

Seahorse Society

*The Seahorse Society C/O 14 Woodhouse Drive,
Rodborough, Stroud GL5 3SG*

E: bethw@seahorse-society.wanadoo.co.uk

W: <http://seahorse-society.mysite.wanadoo-members.co.uk/>

A charity funded in 1988 to provide a support group for transsexuals and transvestites based in the south of England. They hold meetings at a location between Newbury and Basingstoke, on the third Saturday night of every month apart from December, when it is the second Saturday.

Transliving International

*FAO: Stacy Novak, P.O. Box 3, Basildon,
Essex, SS13 3ET*

T: 01268 583761 : 9am to 8pm Mon to Friday

E: stacy@transliving.co.uk

W: www.transliving.co.uk

Transliving International is a voluntary-run organisation which exists to provide information and support for adults affected by issues concerning gender identity and cross-dressing. They also provide support to partners and families by offering one to one counselling services. They publish information to the wider public with the aim of creating greater tolerance. They endeavour to work closely with housing authorities, police, doctors and statutory bodies.

Way Out Club

*The Way Out Club Publishing Company Ltd, PO Box
207 Melbourn Royston SG8 1AJ*

*T: Vicky Lee, 07778 157 290 between 10am to 7pm
Monday to Saturday only.*

E: vicky@wayout-publishing.com

W: www.wayout-publishing.com

A club based in London that holds weekly events and publishes the "Tranny Guide"; run by Vikki Lee.

Trans Women's Resources

No Address.

E: No Email Address

W: www.annelawrence.com

The Transsexual Women's Resources (TWR) web site was created in 1996. Its purpose is to empower transsexual women by providing factual information, informed opinion, and personal narratives. The resources are hoped to help transsexual women make decisions that will best serve their individual needs.

Anne Lawrence, M.D., Ph.D., is author and designer of this site. She is a member of the International Academy of Sex Research and the Harry Benjamin International Gender Dysphoria Association. She also serves on the Task Force on Gender Identity, Gender Variance, and Intersex Conditions of the American Psychological Association.

Press for Change

Press for Change, BM Network, London, WC1N 3XX

T: No Telephone Number.

E: letters@pfc.org.uk or staff@pfc.org.uk

W: www.pfc.org.uk/

A campaigning organisation looking for equal rights for transsexuals; they provide legal advice, training and consultancy for employers and organizations as well as undertaking commissioned research and publications since they were founded in 1992.

PACE

34 Hartham Road, London, N7 9JL

T: 0808 180 7223

E: pacehelpline@pace.dircon.co.uk

W: www.pacehealth.org.uk

PACE is a charity that promotes the mental health and well-being of the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community. They run a Family helpline which offers support to anyone in the UK dealing with issues to do with being lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender and being in a family.

You can talk to someone about things like coming out, relationship issues or difficulties, your family situation, gay parenting and support for heterosexual parents with LGBT children. You can access counselling and family support as well.

Sites containing useful information

www.ukgaynews.org.uk/Archive/07/Jan/1601.htm

A new coalition of European Transgender and Transsexual Groups, TransGender Europe, site contains news and updates on 'trans' issues within Europe and the UK.

www.bbc.co.uk/surgery/.../gender_dysphoria_transgender

BBC site containing a lot of useful information and definitions.

W: www.unison.org.uk/acrobat/B1260.pdf

This is a factsheet produced by UNISON containing information about the rights of transgender people at work, as UNISON believes that transgender people have the right to equal treatment.

W: www.tht.org.uk

The Terrance Higgins Trust website contains useful information and looks at issues around HIV/AIDS for transgendered people.

W: www.crb.homeoffice.gov.uk/faqs/transgender.aspx

T: 0151 676 1452

E: CRBSensitive@crb.gsi.gov.uk

The Criminal Records Bureau website as part of the Home Office has a page for 'Frequently asked Questions' on the issue of being transexual in relation to having a CRB.

W: www.amnesty.org.uk/

Amnesty International contains news from around the world regarding LGBT issues.

W: www.ageconcern.org.uk/AgeConcern/transgender-issues

The Age Concern site contains information for 'older' Transgendered people and contains useful contacts.

W: www.transgenderzone.com