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GIRLS ON TOP

E.A.G.L.E, Wexfords LGBT Community Group have elected a new leader for the coming year. Deirdre Ni Dhubhghaill has been named as the new Chairperson of the E.A.G.L.E Committee. Deirdre has been a committee member with E.A.G.L.E since its inception and was also very involved in many of the LGBT groups which preceded it in Wexford. Deirdre will become E.A.G.L.E's 3rd Chairperson following John "Val" Walsh & Barry Devereux and it is the first time a gay female has held the prominent position.

In her first address Deirdre points out that she views her role differently than her predecessors. Where Val had the unenviable task of getting E.A.G.L.E up and running as a viable group and Barry had the task of putting in place a more formal structure as a Community Group, Deirdre sees her Chairpersonship as a "Role of Communication, Co-Ordination & Encouragement". She wants build on the success of those who have gone before her and encourage the gay community in Wexford to utilize their talents and passion, so that

E.A.G.L.E & Gaywexford can succeed. Deirdre will be the first person to acknowledge the many strengths and weaknesses of both E.A.G.L.E and Wexford's gay population, however she resolutely believes that Wexford needs a strong LGBT Community Group. "When someone needs social or personal assistance with regard to their Sexuality, E.A.G.L.E will be there to support them."

GW would like to wish Deirdre the best of luck in the new position !



Q: Why do lesbians like whales so much?



A: Because they have 50 foot tongues and breath out of the top of their heads!


GAYWEXFORD.COM

Work on E.A.G.L.E's official website has continued over the winter break and the new interactive version is due to be launched in the coming months. E.A.G.L.E view the website as the Centrepiece of their Community Development Plan and it will be the main instrument in promoting the Gay Community in Wexford and the main focal point for all LGBT info and news.

The new interactive version, once completed, will be a comprehensive and up to date window into what is going on in Wexford and the surrounding counties.

Regularly updated News, Events, Youth, Health, Politics, Photo Galleries, Podcasts & Videos Pages will all feature along with message boards and greater scope for feedback.

The Website is vital to the future of E.A.G.L.E and should be something the Gay People of Wexford hopefully will embrace.

More updates to the launch of www.gaywexford.com will be made closer to the event so keep an eye out 

FIRST GAY HEAD OF STATE



JOHANNA SIGURDARDOTTIR

Johanna Sigurdardottir has been named as Iceland's prime minister. Sigurdardottir is the first openly lesbian head of government in Europe, if not the world - at least in modern times

The 66-year-old's appointment as an interim leader, until elections in May, is seen by many as a milestone for the gay and lesbian movement.

NEW GAY NOVEL

GW were contacted by Kay Spang who has written a new book

called 'Away Games'. It's a

new fiction novel

released by Booksurge.com

and Amazon.com. Author

Spang tells the story of

several LGBT characters who set out to create a series of fantasy weekend getaways. Seeking to fulfill dream fantasies, the adventurous group becomes actors in each other's erotic desires, taking on roles as cowboys/ gold miners, Olympians, pirates, military personnel and police recruits.



UPCOMING GAY WEXFORD SPORTS / SOCIAL EVENTS

All has been a bit quiet on the sports & social scene over the last few months. However the winter hibernation is coming to an end and E.A.G.L.E are gearing up for another hectic Summer. Keep an eager eye on www.gaywexford.com for upcoming events.

E.A.G.L.E will be hosting their April Social Night in ANU Bar on Friday 24th April 09 at 8pm. New people more than welcome :)

The Big Gay Quiz will be held in The Lava Lounge in the coming weeks. Keep an eye out for more details on bebo & website

"The Producers" Wexford Light Opera Society, Wexford Operah House 25th - 27th April 09. E.A.G.L.E. members are planning in supporting and attending. Anyone interested in coming along please email

Kelly sets the record Straight?



Kelly Clarkson is setting the record, uh, straight, telling PopEater.com that she is not a lesbian. "People are like, 'Are you secretly a lesbian? Because I'd really love it.'" Lesbians tell it to me all the time,"

Kelly says. "I'm like, 'I'm glad it works for you, and I wish I liked women like that because oftentimes men are very hard for me, but I happen to like boys.'"

Hmmm really...Ah no we love Kelly!!

info@gaywexford.com, we will be meeting up for drinks before and after the show

Gay Sports. We will be meeting up in the coming weeks for another sports event. Bowling / 5 a side football. Details will be circulated soon. Keep an eye out on website / Bebo or email us at info@gaywexford.com



E.A.G.L.E would like to show their appreciation to Culley and all the Staff at ANU Bar & The Lava Lounge for the great reception they have given to us on our last few Social Nights. E.A.G.L.E. definitely recommend ANU as a truly warm and gay friendly location for your Nights out. More social LGBT Friendly events are planned in the coming months and discussions are underway for a GAY Night in the Lava Lounge. Fingers Crossed!

GAY MEN AND DATING

Has dating amongst gay men become obsolete? Have we lost the ability to enjoy a quiet night with that special person? Is romance a quaint notion from a bygone age?

It seems the answer to these questions is yes. A romantic stroll on the beach at sunset, a lovingly prepared meal for two with a glass of wine, a drive in the country and secluded picnic or even a trip to the cinema with someone you wish to pursue all seem a nightmarish scenario for most gay men. Which leads me to ask why?

Yes it seems that in the fast paced relationship scene of today the idea of settling down with one person is a thing to ridicule. The order of the day is to put it about with as many men as possible just for the bragging rights, to see whether or not the grass is truly greener on the other side and to get your frequent flyer miles from the sexual health clinic.

The attributes of a good sense of humour and great personality have been replaced with no strings attached and can accommodate. In fact the sheer amount of internet sites promoting casual sex is astounding and in recent years their popularity has sky-rocketed.

Gaydar.ie boasts hundreds of profiles of people looking for lust, Ladslads.com is swiftly

Women's Mini Marathon

Best of luck to Wexford drag queen Victoria De Tampax who is taking part in the Flora Women's Mini Marathon on June 1st 2009 in Dublin. The Irish Heart Foundation is raising funds for Transition Year CPR Programme in schools.

Vikki we recommend you swap you high heels for some comfy trainers.

Q. What does a gay man and an ambulance have in common?



A. They both get loaded from the rear and go whoo-who!

becoming just as popular and the abhorrent squirt.org does away with all the pretense the aforementioned sites still cling to and embraces fully the casual sex movement.

So with all minds geared towards mindless, unfulfilling copulation I say we should re-discover the art of dating. If you are single ask out that someone you have your eye on. If you are in a relationship surprise your partner with a special night to show them how important to you they are. Lets reclaim romance and give this quaint notion of the past new life in 2009.

Oh and don't forget to share your dating stories with us. We will print the most romantic.



Another Gay Movie

Out of the Hood

With lots more comic to big screen adaptation in 2009, I felt we could take a quick look at some Gay characters in comics. I was spoilt for choice despite the portrayal of homosexuals in comics being prohibited in many of the countries of their origin. Science fiction has long been a bastion of social comment, it often appears there were ways around this.



The comic alluded to above is the 1986 publication of Alan Moore's, Watchmen series by DC. None of the characters are particularly likable. Three of the original watchmen are described as definitely gay. Hooded Justice had a gay relationship with Captain Metropolis and despite having a pretend girlfriend and he regularly engages in sex with young men. By 1985 all three are dead two have met a violent end. The Silhouette was expelled when it was learned that she was gay, she and her lover was killed by the Liquidator six weeks after the scandal. It is suggested that two other characters flaws may be linked to homosexuality too. Joey the Cabbie goes about her business most of the series, driving her taxi, around the Newsstand, Putting up activist posters on the Newsstand and arguing with her girl friend, expressing self loathing. The watchman portrayal is fairly typical pre '90s gay characters, they're deviants

I spent much time searching the background of my 2000AD strips spotting gay couples so when a gay cleric appeared well!. Devlin Waugh, by contrast, was a camp homosexual exorcist priest, employed by the future Vatican City, with medals in flower-arranging and Olympic high-diving, a bodybuilder's physique and a cutting line in humor - and his main motivation was simply to do "Anything to offset the dreadful ennui of it all!" WE first meet him in 1992 (posing in the doorway of a vampire-infested prison with the line "You can all breathe a sigh of relief, gentlemen. Fingers off the triggers, sphincters unclenched... The name's Waugh. Devlin Waugh. I'm here to steal the show...")he was an instant success. His main claim to diverse sexuality was his posing and regular bitchy taunts and flirtation of his prey.

The strip is set about 120 years into the future. The world of 2000AD's (Fleetway comics) Judge Dredd

Prior to the 90's Marvels reputation was not good when it came to portraying homosexuals in positives roles. As with other comics of the day, gay characters appear as minor characters or villains. With the X-men there have been notable exceptions. Northstar (Jean-Paul Beaubier) was creatively conceived as gay, dealing with Aids, unrequited love and isolation from his family. Colossus (Nikolaievitch Rasputin) Ultimate Universe X-men. Has had a few frank discussions with the ultra religious Kurt, Night crawler about his sexuality and tried to share his feelings with Wolverine. He attends his home coming dance with Jean-Paul.

Destiny (Irene Adler) Mystique and (Raven Darkholme), as far back as 1981 It was intended Destiny to be the Lover of Brotherhood of Mutants teammate Mystique. As a detective of the early 1900, Mystique met Destiny when she sought her help in understanding her precognitive visions. They fell in Love.



In 1992 DC introduced Renee Montoya to the Batman continuum as a detective from the Gotham City Police Department, assigned to the Major Crimes Unit who came into frequent contact with the masked vigilante Batman. Montoya was outed as a lesbian by twoface, ostracized from there family. Later disgusted by its corruption she resigned from the police force. Trained by the first man to bear the name, Montoya now defends Gotham as the Question. Her personal journey becomes just as important as the underlining mysteries in the comic. In the series we are given glimpses of her private life interruptions of intimate encounters to meetings in a lesbian bar. We discover a history with Ms Kate Kane too. Like Batman, Batwoman relies on her martial artistry and Batman-inspired equipment when fighting crime. Kate Kane is a socialite whose family fortune is comparable to the wealth of Bruce Wayne. Taking the 1 in 10 statistic, odds were

for the new Batwoman being gay. I must mention the Joker.



In 1998 Darkhorse comics introduced Joss Whedons 'Buffy the Vampire Slayer' this generation's 'Chosen One' and members of 'the Scooby Gang,' who is to protect the world from evil. Witches Willow and Tara were a couple. Kennedy is introduced as a "potential Slayer" and contrast with the timid character of Willow's by then deceased girlfriend Tara. Recently Buffy herself has experienced some Sapphic slayer. Lets not forget our Sci-Fi fan gay stereotype Andrew how many lads has he had a crush on Warren, Zander, Spike to name a few.

She is a demigod who comes from an all female separatist society, the Amazon nation on Themyscira, Paradise Island. No men allowed. Has two mommies (Amazon Queen Hippolyta and the goddess Athena), Is frequently told of undying devotion of her by her female companions the 'Holliday girls'. The men in her life are there to be rescued from Steve Trevor to Superman. Most of her stories are tales of empowerment for women. Personally I love that often she's drawn to resemble Lynda Carter.

A brief, tip of the iceberg, trip around the world of Gayness in main stream comics Fleetway, Marvel, DC, Darkhorse and some of the gayer characters. A quick inclusion of 'Wildstorm Comics' Apollo and Midnighter from 'The Authority' series nor have yet to touch on Japanese Manga. Though in the past often portrayed as tragic figures or villains homosexuals appeared as ordinary folk in the backgrounds or as minor characters and occasionally supporting characters. Today major Comic titles provide us with wider more positive platforms. Whether Mutant, Super powered, technological advantaged or physical skilled heroes they make great entertainment

What we wear? Stereotype

'Being a lesbian, its not like there's a manual? Actually there are. So Satsu tells Buffy in 'Buffy the vampire slayer', Season 8, 'Wolves at the gate'. She's right! the books are many from Suzy Byrne, Rhona Sacks and Wendy Caster to name but a few authors. On the subject of dress code. It is written that there are many type of people, everybody is unique. Out door types, indoor types, business types, stay at home types but the book will invariably describe one particular dress code and that the one picked up by the community.



It is a look that is prevalent outside of the large city gay scene. From the 60's right through to the present day. The lesbian uniform. The outdoors look. Short hair, sloppy jeans plaid shirts and boots. There can be some variation using leather and sports wear. Of course going out on the town mainstream wearing sports gear is very fashionable, it depends on the style. The short hair is either an occupational practicality or a just out thing.

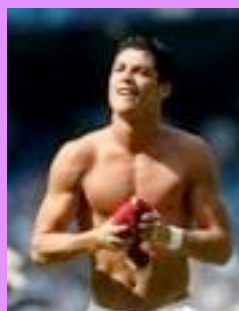
No! I hear you cry I don't dress like that. Seriously though you do know more than one gay woman who does the stereotype.

The guys do stereotype too. Fellows who's knowledge of sport had extended to rumors that a hurly is used to pelt a ball around a field, avoiding PE at all cost and rugby players bums are a visual delight. On coming out become body conscious. Either providing regular commentary on the muscular sports body's, gays portrayed on television or they embrace their own physical improvement. Most gay boys will having mastered the 'art of clothes' looking good, years before their coming out. The obsession with cosmetics can manifest itself at anytime during the homosexuals development of self.

The ramifications of one dress sense are many even extending to personal well being and physical health. However there is no denying the beauty or inspiration of an individual wearing clothes that they are comfortable in. Clothes that compliment or portray their physical attributes to the best, even without exploitation. Clothes expressing the persons personality. When we dress well, we feel good, it's a people thing. 'A new pair of shoes'.

Premiership top 5

As the English Premiership comes to a thrilling conclusion. Heres our Top 5 pick of hotties who have kept us entertained with their ball control skills throughout the season.



1. Christian Ronaldo

2. Fernando Torres

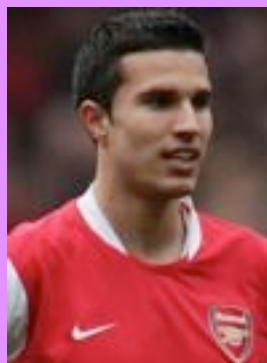


3. Frank Lampard

4. Ashley Young



5. Robin Van Persie



Who says gays cant appreciate football?

Bring on the Rugby!!

DEFINITION: APATHY

Main Entry: apathy

Part of Speech: noun

Definition: uncaring attitude, lack of interest

Synonyms: aloofness, coldness, coolness, detachment, disinterest, dispassion, disregard, dullness, emotionlessness, halfheartedness, heedlessness, indifference, insensibility, insensitivity, insouciance, lassitude, lethargy, listlessness, passiveness, passivity, stoicism, unconcern, unresponsiveness



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