

## **SHEFFIELD LGBT**

*Handy links and contacts*

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Sheffield has a large and active LGBT community, and you will be able to find a wide range of organisations in the city which cover things as diverse as sexual health to hiking! There are a lot of services within the University which you are welcome to access, but if we can't help, we hope that this booklet will be a handy starting point for your LGBT student journey at Sheffield Hallam University.

## Being an LGBT student at Sheffield Hallam

Sheffield Hallam University is committed to developing an inclusive culture in which there is a high quality, vibrant and fair learning experience for all; and recruiting and developing a diverse pool of talented people. We are proud to be a Stonewall Diversity Champion. We are also working hard to improve our score in the 'Gay by Degree' university guide. You can read what they say about us here:

<http://www.gaybydegree.org.uk>

Sheffield Hallam's LGBT student society is called the Hallam LGBT+ Liberation Group. They work in partnership with SIGNAL, the staff LGBT Network whose aims include providing 'out' role models to students, employees and prospective students.

<http://www.shu.ac.uk/university/overview/diversity/>

### **LGBT+ (SHU Student Union society)**

The LGBT+ group is a place where self-defining LGBT+ students can meet similar people to socialise and campaign around the issues that affect the LGBT+ community, whilst making sure the LGBT+ students at Hallam are represented by their Union. The group meets socially once a week, and the LGBT+ committee meets every Tuesday, to discuss campaigns and issues that affect the group and its members. The LGBT+ Committee is here for you. We run socials, campaign for your rights and offer welfare support throughout the year. We encourage you to make contact with the Society if you are already a student at the university or even thinking of coming to Sheffield Hallam.

LGBT+ Society homepage with information on how to join and get involved:

[https://www.hallamstudentsunion.com/get\\_involved/lgbt](https://www.hallamstudentsunion.com/get_involved/lgbt)



<https://www.facebook.com/hallamlgbt>



[@lgbthallam](https://twitter.com/lgbthallam)



### SIGNAL (SHU LGBT Staff Network)

SIGNAL are an active group at the University and meet regularly to organise staff representation events such as LGBT History Month, Sheffield Pride, and the Sheffield Pinknic. One of their core aims is to provide "out" role models to students, employees, and prospective students.



[@SHU\\_Signal\\_LGBT](#)

### Reporting a Hate Crime

A hate crime occurs when a person is targeted because of hostility or prejudice towards their: disability, race or ethnicity, religion or belief, sexual orientation and/or transgender identity. Being a victim of this kind of crime can be a particularly frightening experience as you have been victimised because of who you are, or who or what your attacker thinks you are. If you are a victim of hate crime and want to talk to somebody about this, members of Hallam Union's Advice Centre team have been trained to take initial reports of hate crime from students (or any member of the community) who might not want to approach the police directly or who would like to discuss their options first.

<http://hallamunion.org/advice/>

Alternatively, the Sheena Amos Youth Trust are also a hate crime reporting centre, or you can find out more about hate crime and report it online at the Police's 'True Vision' website. The police force that covers Sheffield is South Yorkshire Police.

[http://www.report-it.org.uk/organisations\\_that\\_can\\_help](http://www.report-it.org.uk/organisations_that_can_help)

### Careers & Employability Centre

Our careers & employability centre offers LGBT specific careers advice, including information about disclosure and finding an LGBT friendly employer. They also run a mentoring programme for LGBT students.

<http://careerscentral.shu.ac.uk/you/lgbt/>

### Student Advice & Information

High quality information and advice provided to students on a one to one basis on all aspects of University life. Confidential, impartial, and LGBT friendly. See blog for specific info on being LGBT at Hallam.

<http://bit.ly/1jeNUKx>



### Student Wellbeing

Helping students with physical, social, emotional and spiritual health with an initial 20 minute drop-in appointment followed by further appointments if required. They also have a self-help area with LGBT specific information.

<http://www.shu.ac.uk/services/sls/support/wellbeing/>



### Student Union Advice Centre

The advice centre can give support and representation on a wide range of university and non-university related issues. If you are having a problem in faculty, they can also attend meetings with you if appropriate. As mentioned above, they are also a hate crime reporting centre.

<http://hallamunion.org/advice/>



### Multi-faith Chaplaincy

Rev. Ian Maher is the contact for the University's multi-faith centre. He can offer guidance and support on LGBT faith related matters.

<http://www.shu.ac.uk/services/sls/support/chaplaincy/chaplains.html>

## General Info

### Sheffield Pride

SHU are a sponsor of Sheffield Pride, and we usually have a stand there. Pride is Yorkshire's largest not-for-profit business. The link below includes regular news, events, and a useful directory.

<http://sheffieldpride.co.uk>



### LGBT Sheffield

A city-wide LGBT initiative campaigning for a centralized LGBT resource-hub.

<http://www.lgbtsheffield.co.uk/>



### Shout

Yorkshire's queer paper and website, useful support group contact numbers are provided on the phone lines section.

<http://gayers.co.uk/>

### Climax Online

Climax Online is a queer magazine, linked to LGBT night 'Climax' at Sheffield University.

<http://climaxonline.co.uk/>



### Pink News

Europe's largest gay news service.

<http://www.pinknews.co.uk/home/>

## Social & work groups

### **Stonewall**

National organisation promoting gay rights, including in the workplace. Useful links to LGB friendly employers.

[http://www.stonewall.org.uk/about\\_us/](http://www.stonewall.org.uk/about_us/)

### **T-Boys**

A Yorkshire wide support group for anyone assigned female at birth that considers them to be on the trans spectrum or is questioning their gender.

<http://www.tboysuk.webspace.virginmedia.com>



### **Out Aloud**

Gay choir singing as a community. No experience or audition required.

<http://www.outaloud.org.uk/>

### **LGBT Sheffield University**

Sheffield University Student Union blog page

<http://lgbtsu.weebly.com/>

### **Out of Office**

A Sheffield LGBT social network who organize monthly events ranging from quiz nights, theatre trips and wine tasting to name but a few.

<http://www.sheffield-outofoffice.co.uk/>



### **Something in Sheffield**

Email based Lesbian group who organize social activities.

<https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/somethinginsheffield/info>

### **WHAT**

A group for Lesbians & bisexual women aged 25+. They meet fortnightly at the Together Women Centre to arrange social activities.

Tel: 0114 275 8282 [sheffield@twpyandh.org.uk](mailto:sheffield@twpyandh.org.uk)

### **Sheffield City Council LGBT**

A staff network group who promote equality and employment for NHS staff. This is a useful link for Health and Wellbeing placement students who work for the NHS.

<http://bit.ly/1hBEkX3>

## Sport & activities

### **Sheffield Hiking Dykes**

A lesbian walking group, set up in 1991. They have a walk of between 6 and 12 miles approximately every 2-3 weeks, mostly in The Peak District.

<http://sheffield-hd.webs.com/>

### **Yorkshire Terriers**

Sheffield's gay football team

<http://www.terriersfc.co.uk/>



### **Outdoor Lads**

A national network with a large Sheffield group, organise sporting events & outdoor activities for gay & bisexual men. A fee is applicable.

<http://www.outdoorlads.com/>

### **Gay Outdoor Club**

Operates throughout the UK and provides a wide range of outdoor and indoor sports and recreational activities for gay, lesbian, bisexual and trans men and women. Local transpennine group arranges walks most Sundays and first Saturday of each month. Fees may apply.

<http://www.goc.org.uk/>

## Events & organisations

### **Sheffield City Council LGBT History month**

A whole month of events and activities during February.

<http://bit.ly/1rOykOY>



### **LGBT Resources**

Sheffield Council resources, including information about the 'Gay and Lesbian' collection at the Central Lending Library.

<http://bit.ly/1hfLEHv>

### **Sheffield Pride**

Sheffield Hallam sponsor Sheffield Pride, and host a stall each year. This link includes events that go on across the year, and a useful directory

<http://sheffieldpride.co.uk>

### **Friends of Edward Carpenter**

A local group dedicated to establishing a permanent memorial to Edward Carpenter in Sheffield City Centre who was a local writer and political activist, promoted early gay rights

<http://www.friendsofedwardcarpenter.co.uk/>

## **LGBT & faith**

### **Imaan**

A national network supports LGBT Muslim people, their families and friends, to address issues of sexual orientation within Islam. Imaan promotes the Islamic values of peace, social justice and tolerance through its work, and aspires to bring about a world that is free from prejudice and discrimination against all Muslims and LGBT people.

<http://imaanlondon.wordpress.com>

### **Hidden Perspectives**

blog by University of Sheffield staff member, 'bringing the Bible out of the closet'

<http://hiddenperspectives.org/>

### **Sheffield Gay Christian Support**

A safe space and social/support group for those who are gay/lesbian/ bisexual/transgender and Christian. The group meets twice per month for socials, speakers, discussions, bible study and prayer.

Contact by email: [sameloveorg@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:sameloveorg@yahoo.co.uk)

### **Lesbian Gay & Christian Movement**

A national organisation whose aims are challenging homophobia and creating an inclusive church. There is a Yorkshire based group.

<http://www.lgcm.org.uk/>

## **Health**

### **Sheffield Sexual Health**

Information and links aimed at LGBT community about sexual health.

<http://www.sheffieldsexualhealth.nhs.uk/lgbt/>



### **Gay Sheffield**

Wide ranging services for the LGBT community: sexual health, support, etc.

<http://www.gaysheffield.co.uk/>



### **Sheena Amos Youth Trust**

SAYiT provide sexual health advice & support for LGBT's aged 25 and under, including for young people living with HIV. They run several other projects, including an advocacy service, 'Off the Scene', and 'Fruitbowl' for under 18's. Sheena Amos Youth Trust also acts as a hate crime reporting centre.

<http://www.sayouthtrust.org.uk/>



### **Pink Counselling (private practice)**

Professional counselling / psychotherapy, short and long term support for LGBT run through a private practice.

<http://pinkcounsellingsheffield.webs.com/>

### **The Porterbrook Clinic: Sheffield's NHS Gender Identity Clinic**

This service is for patients with concerns around transgenderism or transsexualism. A referral is required from a Health care professional

<http://bit.ly/1hBE9LC>

### **Gendered Intelligence**

There are a lot of useful resources for young trans people on Gendered Intelligence's website, including a useful booklet called 'Trans Youth Sexual Health'.

<http://genderedintelligence.co.uk/trans-youth/resources>



### **The Porterbrook Clinic: Eating disorders clinic**

This service is for patients that have any problems with an eating disorder. A referral is required from a Health care professional

[http://www.porterbrookmedicalcentre.co.uk/Other\\_Services.php](http://www.porterbrookmedicalcentre.co.uk/Other_Services.php)

### **South Yorkshire Eating Disorders Association (SYEDA)**

A support service for University students who are affected by eating disorders.

<http://www.syeda.org.uk/>



### **Biteback**

Biteback is run by SYEDA and offers free support, information and a safe and confidential space to share your experiences. Group sessions or one to one support are both available.

<http://www.bite-back.org.uk>

### **Self-Injury support**

Bristol based national organization that particularly helps women who harm themselves, often called self-injury.

<http://www.selfinjurysupport.org.uk>

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### **Living My Life**

A pdf produced by the NHS with information for people who currently identify as trans or are beginning to explore their gender identity.

<http://www.nhs.uk/livewell/transhealth/documents/livingmylife.pdf>

## **Advice & support**

### **Off the Scene**

Support and advocacy service for LGBT young adults aged 18-25, run by Sheena Amos Youth Trust. Alternate Wednesday nights

<http://www.sayouthtrust.org.uk/what-we-do/off-the-scene>





### Sheffield DACT

Supporting people experiencing abuse in same-sex relationships and LGBT people experiencing abuse from people close to them.

<http://sheffielddact.org.uk/domestic-abuse/domestic-abuse/lesbian-gay-bisexual-trans-people/>

### Broken Rainbow

National organisation supporting people experiencing LGBT domestic abuse.

<http://www.brokenrainbow.org.uk/>

### SoundOut

Social & peer support group for gay & bisexual men to overcome social isolation and increase self-esteem by providing a safe space for them to meet others in a similar situation.

<http://soundoutsouthyorkshire.weebly.com/>



### GaLLS

Gays and Lesbians Sharing Sobriety is an LGBT social support sobriety group. Aims to develop a holistic approach to our sobriety, sharing social events as an alternative to the scene

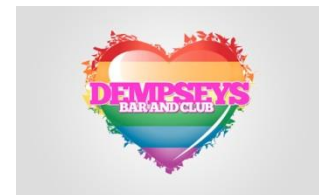
<http://bit.ly/SxR713>

## Clubbing & bars

### Dempseys

Sheffield's oldest LGBT bar

<http://www.dempseys-sheffield.com>



### Climax

Club night at Sheffield University's Student Union, third Friday of every month.

<https://www.facebook.com/ClimaxSheff>

### Icons

LGBT+ venue located on Sheffield's popular West St.

<https://www.facebook.com/ICONSSheffieldpage>



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If any of this information is out of date, or you wish to add an organisation, please contact the Advice and Information team at Sheffield Hallam University.

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