



# Support Resources







# LGBT Helpline Scotland

Promoting the health, wellbeing, and equality of LGBTQ+ adults (16+) in Scotland. All identities under the LGBTQIA+ umbrella are welcome.

- Telephone Service
  - o 0300 125 2523
  - o Tues & Weds 12pm-9pm, Thurs & Sun 1pm-6pm

## • 50+ Telefriending Service and monthly newsletter

- o 0131 5643972 (leave a message)
- o <u>tele@lgbthealth.org.uk</u>
- Referral form on website <u>https://www.lgbthealth.org.uk/services-support/older-people/telefriending/</u>
- o https://www.lgbthealth.org.uk/subscribe/

#### • LGBT Helpline Scotland Email

- o <u>helpline@lgbthealth.org.uk</u>
- Tues & Weds 12pm-9pm, Thurs & Sun 1pm-6pm
- Live Chat
  - Access the pop up on www.lgbthealth.org.uk
  - o Tues & Weds 12pm-9pm, Thurs & Sun 1pm-6pm

#### • British Sign Language users

- o https://contactscotland-bsl.org
- o 0300 123 2523
- o Online messenger through <u>www.lgbthealth.org.uk</u>
- Tues and Wednesday 12pm-9pm
- Social Programme (mostly Lothian and Glasgow currently)
  - o https://www.lgbthealth.org.uk/whats-on/
- Suicide Prevention Toolkit
  - o https://www.lgbthealth.org.uk/resource/manual-for-me-lgbt/
- Conversion Practices Helpline Campaign Toolkit
  - o <u>https://t.ly/PFG0n</u>
- Website
  - o <u>www.lgbthealth.org.uk</u>







# <u>Galop</u>

A dedicated team with decades of experience in supporting LGBT+ people who are victims of domestic abuse, sexual violence, hate crime, so-called conversion therapies, honour-based abuse, forced marriage, and other forms of abuse.

## National LGBT+ Domestic Abuse Helpline

- Telephone Service
  - Mon-Fri 10am-5pm ( closed bank holidays)
  - Weds & Thurs 10am-8pm
  - o 0800 9995428
- Webchat
  - Weds & Thurs 5pm-8pm
  - o https://galop.org.uk/
  - Chatbot service 24/7 (not for immediate help)

## LGBT+ Hate Crime Helpline

- Telephone Service
  - o Mon-Fri 10am-4pm
  - $\circ$  0207 7042040
- Email
  - o hatecrime@galop.org.uk
  - o Email to request call back to avoid call charges

## National Conversion Therapy Helpline

- Telephone Service
  - o Mon-Thurs 10am-8.30pm, Fri 10am-4pm
  - $\circ$  Calls will be 40 minutes
  - $\circ$  0800 1303335
  - If English is not first or preferred language
     Translation services are available
- Email address
  - o <u>CThelp@galop.org.uk</u>







# LGBT Youth Scotland

#### • Saga Alness

- Alness Youth Centre, 6 High Street, Alness IV17 0PS
- o 12-18 years
- Key youth worker: Rhys Campbell
- Every second Saturday of the month 5-7pm
- o Email <u>Rhys.campbell@highlandschools.net</u> or find them on Facebook

#### • Outlanders (for any young people in the Highlands and Islands)

- o Digital youth group
- o 13-25 years
- Key youth worker: Laura Dudley- Smith
- Fill in form at <a href="https://www.lgbtyouth.org.uk/groups-and-support/find-local-youth-groups/outlanders/">https://www.lgbtyouth.org.uk/groups-and-support/find-local-youth-groups/outlanders/</a> and they will get back to you

#### • Digital Support via a digital youth worker

- Live chat via website
  - Monday and Wednesday 4-8pm
  - Tuesday and Thursday 6-8pm
  - If live chat isn't open click send message on website (bottom corner)
- Email info@lgbtyouth.org.uk
- Info on website <u>https://www.lgbtyouth.org.uk/groups-and-support/lgbt-advice-centre/</u>







# **Highland Rainbow Folk**

- Independent group for older LGBT people in North Scotland using a story telling model
  - o Highlandrainbowfolk@gmail.com
  - o 07513768415
  - o http://www.spanglefish.com/highlandrainbowfolk/index.asp?pageid=324768

# **LEAP Sports**

- Leap sports promotes sporting activities for LGBTQI+ individuals, including events specifically for transgender people <u>https://leapsports.org/</u>
- There is a local group in Inverness

# **Inverness Kiki Family**

- Weekly meet ups in Inverness Thursday 7-9pm at the Pentahotel Bar, 63 Academy Street, Inverness – wheelchair and accessible toilet available. (Times of meet up correct at time of writing- please contact them to confirm)
- Facebook group <u>Inverness Kiki Family | Facebook</u>
- Instagram page Inverness Kiki Family (@invernesskikifamily) Instagram photos and videos

# **Scottish Trans**

- National organisation who work to improve gender identity and gender reassignment equality, rights and inclusion in Scotland.
- <u>https://www.scottishtrans.org/</u>
- <u>https://www.scottishtrans.org/community/connecting/</u>

# **Out Together**

- Free monthly meet-up events for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans and Gender Diverse, and Intersex elders and allies at Eden Court
- Out Together | Eden Court (eden-court.co.uk)







# **Crisis Support**

# **Breathing Space**

- Telephone Service
  - Mon-Thurs 6pm-2am, Fri 6pm-Mon 6am
  - o 0800 838587
- <u>https://breathingspace.scot</u>

## • British Sign language-

- o Mon- Fri 6pm midnight
- Sat & Sun 8am midnight
- o accessible via Contact Scotland (link on Breathing Space Website)

## • Text phone

- Call 18001 0800 22 44 88 OR
- Access via Relay UK app

## • If English is not first or preferred language

- Mon- Fri 6pm- midnight
- Sat & Sun 8am midnight
- Call 0800 838587, say you need an interpreter and which language you prefer
- Call will be done via language line as a three way conversation

# Mikey's Line

- Text Service
  - Sun-Thurs 6pm-10pm, Fri-Sat 7pm-7am
  - Text 07786 207755

#### • Drop-in Service Inverness

- Sun-Thurs 6pm-10pm, Fri-Sat 6pm-11pm
- o The Hive, 19 Academy Street, Inverness, IV1 1JN

## • Drop- in Service Alness

- Wednesday 4.30pm 8pm
- The Hive, The place, 61 Alness High Street, Alness

#### • Drop- in Service Tain

- Wednesday 4pm- 8pm
- The Hive, Tesco Store, Shore Road, Tain
- Drop- in Service Nairn
  - o Saturday 6- 10pm
  - The Hive, Yoga Collective Studio, 17A Acre Street, Nairn







- Chat on Facebook Messenger
- Chat on X (formerly Twitter)
- Chat on Whatsapp 01463 729000
- <u>https://www.mikeysline.co.uk/</u>

# **Samaritans**

- 24/7 365 support (Will not cost anything)
- One to one Telephone Service (always free to call)
   0 116 123
- Email (can take several days for a response)

   jo@samaritans.org
- Letter (free to send as long as the address includes the first line, aim to respond within 7 days)
  - Free post Samaritans Letters

## • Online Chat

- Limited availability
- o https://www.samaritans.org/how-we-can-help/contact-samaritan/chat-online/
- Welsh (Cymraeg) phone service
  - o Call 0808 1640123
  - Open everyday 7pm-11pm
- Welsh (Cymraeg) writing service
  - Write to Freepost Samaritans
- Samaritans Self- help app (free, accessible via website)
- <u>https://www.samaritans.org/</u>

# <u>Shout</u>

Anonymous text service, aiming to help you reach a calm and safe place

• 24/7 365 support







- Text Service
  - Text "shout" to 85254
  - Free from most mobile providers
- https://giveusashout.org/

# <u>Mind</u>

Information and signposting service

- Telephone service
  - o 0300 123 3393
  - Mon- Fri 9am-6pm ( except for bank holidays)
- Email address
  - o info@mind.org.uk
- Postal Address
  - o Mind Infoline, PO Box 75225, London, E15 9FS
- Legal line (legal info and general advice on mental health related law)
  - o 0300 466 6463
  - o Mon- Fri 9am- 6pm
  - Mind Legal Line, PO Box 75225, London, E15 9FS

