# WELCOME PACK

# lancashire Lgbt



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# ABOUT US



WE ARE THE PAN LANCASHIRE CHARITY
SUPPORTING LGBTQ+ PEOPLE AND WE ARE
BASED IN PRESTON. FOUNDED IN 2009 OUR
VISION IS THAT ALL LGBTQ+ PEOPLE IN
LANCASHIRE CAN BE SAFE AND FEEL A
SENSE OF PRIDE AND BELONGING.
OUR MISSION IS TO SUPPORT ALL LGBTQ+
PEOPLE IN LANCASHIRE TO BE HAPPIER,
HEALTHIER AND BETTER CONNECTED.
THE FOCUS OF OUR ACTIVITIES IS
IMPROVING PHYSICAL AND MENTAL
HEALTH AND WELLBEING AND REDUCING
SOCIAL ISOLATION.

**OUR VALUES:** 

WE ARE INCLUSIVE

**WE SUPPORT** 

**WE ENGAGE** 

**WE EDUCATE** 

**AND INFORM** 

### **CHARITY NUMBER - 1137578**



# OUR SERVICES



- INFORMATION AND SUPPORT SERVICE
- ONE-TO-ONE SUPPORT FROM A DEDICATED SUPPORT WORKER
- SUPPORT AND ACTIVITY GROUPS
- WEBINARS AND WORKSHOPS PROMOTING WELLBEING AND IMPROVING MENTAL HEALTH
- COUNSELLING SERVICE



## **Gender Outreach**

WE ALSO HAVE A PARTNERSHIP WITH LEEDS AND YORK NHS GENDER IDENTITY SERVICE AND HOST THEIR DEDICATED GENDER OUTREACH WORKERS WHO OFFER 1-2-1 SUPPORT TO TRANS AND NON BINARY PEOPLE AT OUR OFFICE IN PRESTON.

# OUR GROUPS





Manspace - Support group for Gay, Bisexual or questioning men (including trans men and masc identifying non-binary people) running once a month online and once a month in person you can register to join the group here

https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/manspace/



Lesbian Gay Bisexual & Trans Women (also including nonbinary people) online support group via Zoom roughly every 2 weeks on Thursdays, alternating between afternoon and evening meets. You can register to join the group here https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/2UFK2A/



# OUR GROUPS

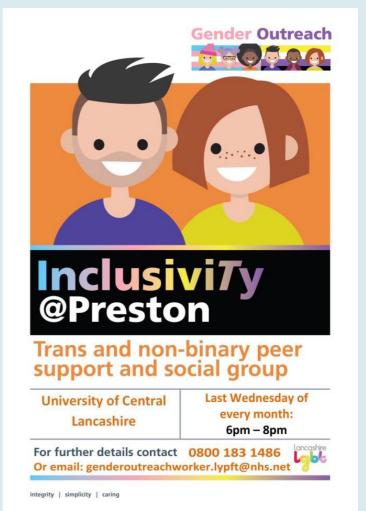




Trans-masc is an online support group for anyone with masculine identities including non-binary.

To join the group visit the website link below to fill out the registration form.

(Zoom link and invitation will be sent by email before session)



InclusiviTy @Preston: Join our inclusive peer support and social group in Preston at UCLAN. Join Gender Outreach Workers Jenny (She / Her) and Brad (He / Him) Please join in advance by calling 0800 183 1486. The group is at central Preston UCLAN.

Exact location will be provided when booking



# OUR GROUPS





LGBTQ+ Swimming Group - Blackpool at Moor Park Leisure Centre, Last Thursday of every month. To join please complete the registration form at www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/swimmingregistration Go Out – LGBTQ+ walking group, medium length walks (5-7 miles), usually on the 3rd Saturday of the month, excluding December/January. To join contact Lancashire LGBT on 07788 295521 or email hello@lancslgbt.org.uk.

For other support groups, please visit the link below for a list of groups in your area. www.lancslgbt.org.uk/peer-support-and-social-support-groups/







#### **WHAT TO EXPECT**

OUR SUPPORT SESSIONS AIM TO IMPROVE MENTAL HEALTH AND OVERALL WELLBEING. WITHIN YOUR SESSIONS YOU CAN TALK OPENLY AND FREELY IN A CONFIDENTIAL AND SAFE SPACE ABOUT YOUR GOALS, VALUES, IDENTITY AND CHALLENGES YOU MAY BE FACING. THE SUPPORT WORKER WILL WORK IN COLLABORATION WITH YOU TO UNCOVER YOUR STRENGTHS, SET PERSONAL GOALS AND DEVELOP ACTION PLANS TO ACHIEVE THEM. THEY ALSO ENCOURAGE YOU TO TAKE OWNERSHIP OF YOUR OWN WELLBEING AND SUPPORT YOU TO MAKE POSITIVE CHANGES ALIGNED WITH YOUR VALUES AND DESIRES. THE SUPPORT WORKER WILL DO REGULAR MENTAL HEALTH ASSESSMENTS TO TRACK YOUR PROGRESS AND HELP YOU IDENTIFY AREAS OF IMPROVEMENT AND WILL OFFER A RANGE OF WELLBEING COACHING TASKS THAT ARE TAILORED TO YOUR SPECIFIC SUPPORT NEEDS.

TO ACCESS THE 1-2-1 SUPPORT SERVICE, YOU CAN EITHER FILL OUT OUR SELF-REFERRAL FORM OR A THIRD PARTY CAN REFER YOU TO THE SERVICE. YOU WILL THEN BE GIVEN 8 SESSIONS WITH OUR DEDICATED SUPPORT WORKER.







#### **WHAT TO EXPECT**

COUNSELLING CAN PROVIDE YOU WITH AN OPPORTUNITY TO TALK WITH SOMEONE WHO IS TRAINED TO LISTEN. ALL OUR VOLUNTEER COUNSELLORS HAVE LIVED EXPERIENCE OF BEING LGBTQ+ AND CAN HELP YOU TO UNDERSTAND ALL ASPECTS OF WHO YOU ARE AS AN INDIVIDUAL. COUNSELLING CAN HELP YOU UNDERSTAND FEELINGS THAT YOU MAY BE EXPERIENCING NOW, OR FROM THE PAST, AND ENABLE YOU TO LOOK AT THEM IN A MORE MANAGEABLE WAY. OUR COUNSELLORS AIM TO BUILD A SUPPORTIVE RELATIONSHIP THAT ENCOURAGES SELF-DISCOVERY AND SKILL DEVELOPMENT WHILE HELPING YOU DISCOVER YOUR POTENTIAL AND ENABLE YOU TO FIND YOUR OWN SOLUTIONS. TOGETHER WITH YOUR COUNSELLOR, YOU'LL SET PERSONAL GOALS AND WORK ON EMOTIONAL REGULATION, BEHAVIORAL CHANGES, AND PROBLEM-SOLVING.

TO ACCESS THE COUNSELLING SERVICE YOU CAN EITHER FILL OUT OUR SELF REFERRAL FORM OR A THIRD PARTY CAN REFER YOU TO THE SERVICE. YOU WILL THEN BE CONTACTED TO GO THROUGH OUR COUNSELLING REFERRAL FORM. THEN ONE OF OUR VOLUNTEER COUNSELLORS WILL MAKE CONTACT WITH YOU TO BOOK YOUR FIRST THERAPY SESSION.

THIS SERVICE IS MADE POSSIBLE BY THE NATIONAL LOTTERY COMMUNITY FUND



# MENTAL HEALTH HOUR



## Lancashire LGBT Mental Health Webinars

WE HAVE CREATED A UNIQUE SERIES OF WEBINARS EXPLORING THE INTERSECTIONS BETWEEN DIVERSE IDENTITIES AND LGBTQ+ MENTAL HEALTH, WITH A RANGE OF GUEST SPEAKERS.







EPISODE 1: IDENTITY. SHAME & SELF-ACCEPTANCE

EPISODE 2: MIND < BODY < SPIRIT: EPISODE 3: SUPPORT FOR A QUEER MUSLIM PERSPECTIVE

SEX & GENDER ISSUES



EPISODE 4: QUEER BLACK MENTAL HEALTH



EPISODE 5: LET'S TALK TRANS MENTAL HEALTH



EPISODE 6: LET'S TALK ABOUT LGBT+ AND DISABILITY

**AVAILABLE NOW ON OUR YOUTUBE CHANNEL** 

WWW.YOUTUBE.COM/@LANCASHIRELGBT9897





# WHAT IS WELLBEING?



## SOCIAL WELLNESS

Developing a sense of connection, belonging, and a well-developed support system

# OCCUPATIONAL WELLNESS

Personal satisfaction and enrichment derived

# EMOTIONAL WELLNESS

Coping effectively with life and creating satisfying relationships

# SPIRITUAL WELLNESS

Expanding our sense of purpose and meaning in life

# FINANCIAL WELLNESS

Satisfaction with current and future financial situations

# ENVIRONMENTAL WELLNESS

Good health by occupying pleasant, stimulating environments that support well-being

# INTELLECTUAL WELLNESS

Recognizing creative abilities and finding ways to expand knowledge and skills

## PHYSICAL WELLNESS

Recognizing the need for physical activity, diet, sleep, and nutrition

# TIPS FOR SELF CARE

Social

Community

Exercise, Sleep & Diet

Exercise & sleep are proven to



#### **Gratitude &** Mindfulness

Mindfulness links all self care actions. Recognise what we are grateful for, strategies to manage and when to seek help.

## **Environment**

considered.

Whether it's your home, office or another space, nurture an environment that allows you to feel safe and take time out when you need. Lighting, noise and physical elements should be

#### **Set Limits**

Say No! Know what you can do and what you can't. Set firm boundaries with boundary violators. Take time out, nurture good sleep and limit exposure to unhealthy environments.





# **SELF CARE**





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#### Ask for Help

Many people ask for help when they have hit their limit, are in crisis or feel out of control. Self care teaches us to acknowledge out limits but importantly, to ask for help.



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#### Interests, hobbies & playfulness

Return to old interests, do something new or advance your skills through studies. Rediscover playfulness through story telling, forms of self expression

something back.

#### **Values**

Values are the things that we define ourselves by. They may also be beliefs that guide our values you hold dear to you and how you can express them in healthy ways

#### Family/ **Trusted Others**

Connect with people you care about. Prioritise time with people who love you. Laugh together, cry together but most importantly, be genuine together.

# CONTACT US





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#### **REFERRAL FORMS:**

**SELF REFERRAL** 

WWW.SMARTSURVEY.CO.UK/S/SELF-REFER/

**SCAN** 



THIRD PARTY REFERRAL WWW.SMARTSURVEY.CO.UK/S/THPREF2324/





WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/LANCASHIRELGBT



WWW.INSTAGRAM.COM/LANCSLGBT



WWW.TWITTER.COM/LANCSLGBT



WWW.YOUTUBE.COM/@LANCASHIRELGBT9897

# EMERGENCY CONTACTS



WE ARE NOT A CRISIS INTERVENTION SERVICE SO IF YOU REQUIRE EMERGENCY OR URGENT SUPPORT PLEASE USE THESE EMERGENCY CONTACTS.

#### **EMERGENCY**

IF YOU, OR THE PERSON YOU ARE WITH, IS AT IMMEDIATE RISK OF TAKING THEIR OWN LIFE GO TO YOUR NEAREST A&E OR CALL 999.

### **URGENT (NON EMERGENCY)**

MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS LINE - 08009530110 (OPEN 24 HOURS 7 DAYS A WEEK)

SAMARITANS HELPLINE - 116 123 (OPEN 24 HOURS 7 DAYS A WEEK)

SHOUT (TEXT SUPPORT) - 85258 (OPEN 24 HOURS 7 DAYS A WEEK)



