



Diversity Group Conference Wednesday 8th Feb 2006

"Pride or Prejudice?"

How well are Libraries serving Lesbian, Gay, Bi- and Trans- Communities?

Aim of the day: To raise awareness and consider how to improve provision in Libraries for LGBT communities.

Programme

- 10.00 **Registration** and refreshment
- 10.30 **Welcome** Kal Dale, Diversity Group Chair
- 10.40 **Keynote address** John Vincent - LGBT People and Libraries; how well do we do?
- 11.15 **Engaging With LGBT Communities: The Brighton/Hove Experience**
Joanne Harvey, Brighton & Hove
- 12.15 **"Dead Reckoning"** Jenny Roberts reads from her latest novel, set in Manchester
- Lunch**
- 2.00 **Workshop** - first choice (see below)
- Break**
- 3.15 **Workshop** - second choice (see below)
- 4.15 **Round-up** John Vincent

Workshops - please decide on two from the options below:

- ① **Gender, Sex & Life on the Other Side** - **Ruth Chambers** Beaumont Soc
Understanding transgender issues & **Jess Cole** Press for Change
- ② **Fiction for Children and Young Adults** - **Jen Bakewell** Rugeley Town Librarian,
Staffordshire Libraries
- ③ **Alive but Not Kicking Enough!** - **Jacqueline Goldthorp** Community Health,
Impact of fiction on the knowledge, self esteem and well-being of women, in Project Support Officer, Moray
particular those who identify as lesbian or bisexual.
- ④ **Setting up a Reading Group** - **Libby Tempest** Manchester Libraries
and **The Big Gay Read**

Cost: £42.55* Student/Unwaged, £120* Diversity Group Members, £150* Non-members
(*prices exclusive of VAT at 17.5%)

Venue:

Manchester Conference Centre: Weston Building, Sackville St,
Manchester M1 3BB **Tel:** 0161 955 8084

Directions:

Conference Centre and Hotel is only five minutes walk from Piccadilly Station, see -
<http://www.conference.manchester.ac.uk/manchesterconferencecentre/location/>