

LGBT Services

Services run for LGBT people offer specific advice and support and are often staffed by LGBT people.

North London Line offers advice and runs several youth groups, for LGBT people. You can get Information by phoning 0207 607 8346.

There are various youth groups for LGBT people across London that your SHO can advise you about. In Hackney the **Staying Out Project** runs on Tuesday, Friday and Saturday but it's best to call for details on: 020 8533 2174

The House, St Anns Sexual Health Centre at St Anns Hospital in N15 offers advice and support in sexual health-telephone 0208 442 6536.

You can also get lots of information and advice from **The Gay and Lesbian Switchboard** on 0207 837 7324, which runs 24 hours a day and will be able to help with all types of enquiries.

And of course your SHO will be happy to help you find out more about the many groups and services too numerous to mention here.

Emergency Numbers

In an **emergency** the following numbers may be useful:

For **gas** leaks and other problems call Transco on 0800 111 999

Electricity problems should be reported to Eastern Electricity on 0800 783 8833

Emergency repairs should be reported to Mosaic on 0845 7697 695

Stonewall Housing

Telephone 020 7359 6242
Minicom 020 7359 8188

Facsimile 020 7359 9419
Advice Line 020 7359 5767

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local services guide



Securing safer spaces for LGBT people

www.stonewallhousing.org



Introduction

This guide is a supplement to your Supported Housing Handbook and in it you will find information on local services including benefit offices, advice and drop in centres, education and training, health services, police stations, post offices, libraries, places of worship, leisure, transport, and services specific for lesbians, gay men and bisexual and transgender people.

Stoke Newington is located within the borough of Hackney and is an area many consider to be one of the most picturesque in London with Church Street and Clissold Park being amongst the attractions.

Hackney, one of London's 32 boroughs is located in the east of the capital and as well as being one of the most culturally diverse areas of London it also has a thriving LGBT community. With Islington just a short bus ride away you will never be short of gay bars and restaurants and cafes.

This information was collated in September 2004 and will be updated annually. If you have any suggestions for the next edition please let your Supported Housing Officer know.

Benefits

Benefits advice is easily obtained from your local Jobcentre Plus, which offers advice on Jobseekers Allowance, Income Support and other Social Security benefits.

Jobcentre Plus-Hackney

271 Mare St
London
E8 1EE
020 8218 8100

www.jobcentreplus.gov.uk

Housing Benefit

Keltan House
89-115 Mare St
London
E8 4RU
020 8356 3399



Leisure

Haringey has a number of leisure facilities, check which is best for you.

Britannia fitness Centre, 40 Hyde Rd, N1 has a fully equipped gym with a programme of fitness classes some women only classes as well as other facilities
0207 729 4485

King's Hall Leisure Centre, 39 Lower Clapton Rd, E5 also has two swimming pools and basketball classes and judo
020 8985 2158

It's best to call as there are other centres that may suit you more.

Hackney has easy access to the **clubs and bars** of central London, but there are also some excellent venues in the local area.

Just a short bus ride away is Bar Fusion on 45 Essex Rd, N1 2SF
07090 422 549

The Oak Bar at 79 Green Lanes, N16 9BU
020 7354 2791

is a gay pub/club that runs various nights

Full listings of pubs etc can be found in the gay press, and there are many places that have one or two nights a week that are LGBT. Your SHO will also be able to help you find suitable social activities that met your needs.

Transport

The Nearest tube stations are Finsbury Park, Angel or Manor House. Numerous buses run frequently into the West End, and there is good access to night buses.

For more specific information call **London Transport** on 0207 222 1234



Places of Worship

Haringey has a huge range of religious communities and places to worship, reflecting the diversity of the borough. Your SHO will help you find the most suitable for you if you would like.... Below are just a few.

St Paul's Church, Stoke Newington Rd
020 7254 3235 **Church of England**

Finsbury Park Synagogue, 220 Green Lanes, N4 2NT
020 8800 3526 **Jewish**

Shree Swaminarayan Hindu Temple, 220-222 Willesden Lane NW2 5RG
020 8451 1763 **Hindu**

Our Lady of Good Counsel, Bouverie Rd, N16 0AJ
020 8800 5250 **Catholic**

North London Buddhist Centre, 72 Holloway Rd, N7 8JG
020 7700 3075 **Buddhist**

North London Mosque, 70-72 Cazenove Rd, N16 6AA
020 8806 6540 **Muslim**

Muslim LGBT support group: www.imaan.org.uk 07849 170 791

Jewish G&L group: BM JGLC, WC1N 3XX. 020 8952 0137

Metropolitan Community Churches: www.mceast.org.uk 020 7538 8376

Young L&G Christians ylgc_group@yahoo.co.uk

Advice & Drop-In Centres

Your Supported Housing officer can help you access advice on a wide range of issues. Below are local advice centres that you may find helpful.

Hackney CAB-Citizens Advice 236-238 Mare St E8 1HE
020 8525 6350

Provides advice on a wide range of topics-call in or phone to make an appointment and confirm opening hours.

Hoxton Hall Theatre and Arts Centre
130 Hoxton St, N1 6SH
020 7684 0060
www.hoxtonhall.co.uk

Education & Training

Your SHO will assist you to find the most appropriate course for you; other places to visit are:

Hackney Community College
Falkirk St, London, N1 6HQ
020 7613 9000

www.thecommunitycollege.co.uk

Learning Trust Education Advice Service for Adults
302 Mare St, E8 1HA.
020 8356 2335

Adult.egsa@learningtrust.co.uk

Hackney Summer University
Unit 25, The Forum, Independent Place, Shackleton Lane, E8 2HE
020 7923 2159



Health Services

It is important that you register with a doctor as soon as you are able. Here are details of some GPs based in and around Stoke Newington:

John Scott Health Centre, Green Lanes, N4 2NU
020 7690 1172

The Cedar Practice, Green Lanes, N4 2NU
020 7690 1151

Barton House Health Centre, 233 Albion Rd, N16 9JT
020 7249 5511

Abney House Medical Centre, 2 Defoe Rd, N16 0EF
020 7254 6820

If none of these surgeries are currently registering new clients then you can call the Find a Doctor telephone service on 0207 655 6688 or email find-a-doc@elcha.nhs.uk

Your nearest Hospital is **The Whittington Hospital**, Highgate Hill, N19 5NF and is part of the Camden & Islington N H S Trust.
0207 272 3070

You should also register with a **dentist**, try:

Finsbury Park Dental Practice, 288 Seven Sisters Rd, N4 2AA
020 8800 5080

John Scott Dental Practice, Green Lanes, N4 2NU
020 8210 3736

Blackstock Dental Care, 60 Blackstock Rd, N4 2DW
020 7226 1372



Police

You never know when you might need to call the police. Your nearest station is:
Stoke Newington Police Station
33 Stoke Newington High St N16 8DS
020 7739 1212

But remember in the case of an emergency always dial 999 and an operator will deal with your call.

If you are the survivor of a hate crime, such as homophobic or racist crimes or domestic violence you can contact **The Community Safety Unit**. The unit is staffed by both male and female officers, who are specially trained to deal with these crimes. They can be contacted on **020 8356 2207**

Post Office

There are many **post offices** in the area, below are just a couple:

Blackstock Rd Post Office, 149 Blackstock Rd, N4 2JS
020 7226 2626

North London Stores, 82 Stamford Hill, N16 6XS
020 8806 4244

Library

Not only do libraries provide a wide range of **books** and resource materials, they can also have CDs, DVDs and even Playstations to borrow, as well as **computers** to use with free internet access and **magazines and daily newspapers**.

There are 8 libraries in Hackney with one on Church St at:

Stoke Newington Church St, N16 OJS
020 8356 5230

