**FORWARD CIC** - Improving the wellbeing of Stockport’s LGBTQIA+ community.

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**Fundraising**

From cake shop to lifeline!

Learn how Forward, an inclusive cake shop turned LGBT support organisation in Stockport. Tina and Ged share how Forward has become a vital lifeline for the LGBT+ community, offering a range of activities from online socials to walks and talks. Discover the impact of your pledges and learn how you can get involved to support their mission. Every contribution, big or small, makes a difference. Watch now to find out how you can help create a more inclusive and supportive community. [#LGBT](https://www.facebook.com/hashtag/lgbt?__eep__=6&__cft__%5B0%5D=AZXrXmiaoFjDTSJcEEnavPnghXqQzTlUNKJ3lrrh6UGwj_Im48yopaAFoMM_1mN3tpcepHaKEWH3rq7KNplhjsoQpR-bEIWD6xFk0jC4cws_EVJVRCIta5j5TqO4rbuWgDV4H1AihLuXRbYtrY6I6_Sh2CCoEk2axOzeay5NXhRah1Uon-rLZM9H9cZ70zv8pvo&__tn__=*NK-R) [#CommunitySupport](https://www.facebook.com/hashtag/communitysupport?__eep__=6&__cft__%5B0%5D=AZXrXmiaoFjDTSJcEEnavPnghXqQzTlUNKJ3lrrh6UGwj_Im48yopaAFoMM_1mN3tpcepHaKEWH3rq7KNplhjsoQpR-bEIWD6xFk0jC4cws_EVJVRCIta5j5TqO4rbuWgDV4H1AihLuXRbYtrY6I6_Sh2CCoEk2axOzeay5NXhRah1Uon-rLZM9H9cZ70zv8pvo&__tn__=*NK-R) [#ForwardLGBT](https://www.facebook.com/hashtag/forwardlgbt?__eep__=6&__cft__%5B0%5D=AZXrXmiaoFjDTSJcEEnavPnghXqQzTlUNKJ3lrrh6UGwj_Im48yopaAFoMM_1mN3tpcepHaKEWH3rq7KNplhjsoQpR-bEIWD6xFk0jC4cws_EVJVRCIta5j5TqO4rbuWgDV4H1AihLuXRbYtrY6I6_Sh2CCoEk2axOzeay5NXhRah1Uon-rLZM9H9cZ70zv8pvo&__tn__=*NK-R) If you can please donate here:

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**Levenshulme Pride host Open Mic night to raise funds for Forward!**

Calling all trans and nb voices to perform, and every-bloody-body else to come and have a grand old time on Sunday! From 7pm at [@theklondykeclublevenshulme](https://www.instagram.com/theklondykeclublevenshulme/)!

Beer is cheap, joy is free!

Stand by your trans, my loves!

(Raising some@very important funds for [@forward\_stockport](https://www.instagram.com/forward_stockport/) on the way!)

[**https://www.instagram.com/p/C-VYDsktrY3/**](https://www.instagram.com/p/C-VYDsktrY3/)

**Activities feedback survey responses needed!**

We've had some incredibly powerful feedback through this survey and wish to wholeheartedly thank people for taking the time to complete it. However, to go after the size of funding grants that we need to continue, we still need more responses - if you've taken part in just one activity, or not all but we've made a difference to you by simply being here, please take 10 minutes to tell us what you value about us and where we can improve. Many thanks

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1TetXq4fBENEilKDBYXvxzq0HYCAmxDsxYRvr7s9oGQo/edit>

**LGBTQIA+ Financial support webinars**

Hi folks, as part of our [Stockport Council](https://www.facebook.com/StockportMBC?__cft__%5B0%5D=AZVEkRXuNoOR02OergmmiKCSpSrFvEoNN5GlSQwtuxpbw9VKnUu-KpBP1lrtv3nSbYFhf2EEz-4CuY1RgqXwYnDmkzCZkczp_BkUCFCGxFvHVVxpriexiar_NPdqtEcB6r-bcMbqjWPEuY8c3AWMB7mfiM-M6yqjOIvjLP6nob2Z3DHutPI11COCgVRgVV0qCeA8fLaALneOCkcZ_1uj5xlV&__tn__=-%5DK-R) [#SpendWellLiveWell](https://www.facebook.com/hashtag/spendwelllivewell?__eep__=6&__cft__%5B0%5D=AZVEkRXuNoOR02OergmmiKCSpSrFvEoNN5GlSQwtuxpbw9VKnUu-KpBP1lrtv3nSbYFhf2EEz-4CuY1RgqXwYnDmkzCZkczp_BkUCFCGxFvHVVxpriexiar_NPdqtEcB6r-bcMbqjWPEuY8c3AWMB7mfiM-M6yqjOIvjLP6nob2Z3DHutPI11COCgVRgVV0qCeA8fLaALneOCkcZ_1uj5xlV&__tn__=*NK-R) funding (the clothes swap is one element), we are working with Jamie Lowe of True Self Wealth Ltd and May Louise Fairweather of Talk About Money CIC to bring you a series of webinars and Q&A's on a variety of financial management topics, for our queer peers in Stockport. Please spend 20 seconds to tell us which of the following topics you would potentially be interested in, and when you could make time to attend. Thanks

[**https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1hjqoDqYAnVs3Ij2J1\_aCs4xRjr1Qe58k8UZtDxxEGmM/edit**](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1hjqoDqYAnVs3Ij2J1_aCs4xRjr1Qe58k8UZtDxxEGmM/edit)

**Spill The T**

Following the success of the IDAHOBIT event, and the coming out day event, we're running series of spill the T sessions over the next few weeks....some of our members will be sharing their own stories, insights into their lives, and how although we are queer, it's not all we are.

Join us this Saturday to hear from the wonderful Gracie, talking about her own life and intersectional identity.

Every Saturday from 10.30am at The Coffee House, The Merseyway Shopping Centre, Stockport. (Opposite Primark). No need to book, just turn up.

**Walks**

“It helps loneliness”

“Gives isolated people in the community a space to socialise”

“Creates a space to live healthily not only physically but mentally”

Join us in the great outdoors for a walk and talk, litter pick, connecting with your community and nature! Tuesdays from 6.30 pm - keep an eye on our socials for details of where to meet etc and please let us know if you are planning on joining us.

13th Alexandra Park, Edgeley

20th Woodbank Park, Offerton

27th Bruntwood Park, Cheadle

**Badminton**

“Come for the friendship, stay for the exercise”

“Badminton was a great laugh too, it was nice to be active but also in a fun way that didn't make it feel like 'exercise' in that sense”

No competition, no rules, just running about, attempting some resemblance of badminton and laughing A LOT!!!

8-9pm Life Leisure Houldsworth Village, Cheadle. **Please let us know if you are planning on attending so that we can book the appropriate amount of courts.**

**Gaymes Nights**

Every other Monday from **7pm USUALLY** at The Alexandra Pub in Edgeley - currently closed for refurbishment

**(next one 19th at The Old Rectory, Stockport (behind St Mary’s Church). No need to book, just turn up!**

“My partner regularly attends games nights and has got more involved with Forward as a result. It's great to see him feeling more part of a community and growing in confidence to do more for the wider community.”

“A great opportunity to spend time with like minded people from the LGBT+ community and in a safe space.”

**If you want to join in with any of our activities but are feeling overwhelmed or anxious, please message or email us and we’ll be happy to have a chat about how to make you more comfortable - eg, meeting you outside the venue so that you don’t have to walk in on your own.**

**RESPECT Network**

We are now in the final year of the council-commissioned LGBTQIA+ network and would like to ensure that it is not only our best year, but that we can continue our good work beyond the next 12 months. The purpose of the network is to create a safe Stockport for all LGBTQIA+ people living and working here.

Our priorities are Spaces, Campaigning, Visibility supporting our partner organisations in being more LGBTQIA+ inclusive.

For this final year we are working on the following projects -

- Putting forward a motion to the council with suggestions (from the LGBTQIA+ community) of how they can commit to improving the lives of the community in Stockport (we will draft this and already have many names of councillors who will sponsor this)

- Working on a collaborative art project to create a mural or similar in the town centre (while continuing to try and get a rainbow crossing)

- Having a ’Tree of Life’ installed somewhere central (eg Viaduct Park) for World AIDS Day (1st December)

- Organising the 3 increasingly successful awareness events - Trans Day of Remembrance (20th November), LGBT+ History Month (February), International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia and Transphobia (17th May)

We are looking for individuals and organisations who have the capacity to help make these things possible and who can commit to a quarterly meeting and taking actions forward. Please email [info@forwardlgbt.org.uk](mailto:info@forwardlgbt.org.uk) if you can help make these things happen.