



QueerSpace — March 2007 Calendar of Events

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QueerSpace organises and supports events for the LGBT Community.

Come to the Collective Meetings and the InSpace Coffee Lounge to make QueerSpace YourSpace.

QueerSpace currently meets in the Cara-Friend Rooms, Cathedral Buildings, 64 Donegall Street. All events, unless otherwise stated, are held there.

Monday	Tues	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
26	27 Salsa Mynt 7pm	28 QueerSpace Collective Meeting 7.45 – 9pm	1 <i>MARCH</i> Quire 7pm	2	3 InSpace Coffee Lounge 3-6pm	4
5	6 Salsa Mynt 7pm	7 QueerSpace Collective Meeting 7.45 – 9pm	8 Quire 7pm	9	10 InSpace Coffee Lounge 3-6pm	11
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19	20 Salsa Mynt 7pm	21 Two-Spirit Elder Visit: The Medicine Wheel VSB, Shaftesbury Sq 7 – 9pm	22 Quire 7pm	23	24 Two-Spirit Elder Visit: The Sweat Lodge C-F Rooms 2 – 4.30pm	25 Out & About Walk details TBC www.outnabout-ni.org.uk
26	27 Salsa Mynt 7pm	28 QueerSpace & Belfast Film Festival present Beyond Hatred 23 Donegall St, 8.30pm	29 Two-Spirit Elder Visit: Two-Spirit Nation VSB, Shaftesbury Sq 7 – 9pm	30	31 InSpace Coffee Lounge 3-6pm	1 <i>APRIL</i> Lesbian Line: new LGBT Christian Group C-F Rooms 3-6pm

QueerSpace and VSB present Interactive Talks on North American Native Holistic Healing, Teachings and Practice

(see next page for full details)

QueerSpace FREE Salsa Classes – Tuesday evenings at 7pm in Mynt continue throughout March (except 13th March)

QueerSpace gratefully acknowledges the support of the Health Promotion Agency and Mynt.

QueerSpace & Belfast Film Festival present *Beyond Hatred*, Wed 28th March, 8.30pm, Studio Cinema, The Exchange Place, 23 Donegall Street
Screening of deeply moving French documentary in which a family reflect on the killing of their 29-year-old son, and try to move beyond feelings of hatred and revenge. Followed by QueerSpace debate chaired by Dr Gareth Higgins. Visit www.belfastfilmfestival.org for tickets.

Interactive Talks on North American Native Holistic Healing, Teachings and Practice

Sandra Laframboise, a Native of the Algonquin-Cree people, is chief and elder of the Vancouver-based Dancing to Eagle Spirit Society.



Visit to Belfast in March of Canadian
Aboriginal Elder and Medicine Woman
Sandra Laframboise

In Vancouver, Sandra and her society work with individuals and groups in the Native and wider non-Native community using the traditional teachings and practices used of her people to overcome all kinds of spiritual, emotional, physical and mental injury and harm. A registered psychiatric nurse and spiritual counselor, Sandra is a regular speaker at provincial and national conferences organised by governmental and non-governmental agencies in the health sector.

Native holistic teachings and practices aim to balance the individual in relation to the world. The beliefs of Native Americans are what sustained the cohesion of their societies before European conquest. Now, many natives are recovering their traditions in order to heal themselves and others in the face of the very real and crushing social problems in their communities of abject poverty, poor housing, poor education, endemic homelessness, drug and alcohol dependence.

This March, Sandra, is giving a series of talks and workshops in Belfast to introduce individuals and groups in all sections of the community here to the traditional teachings and practices she employs in the belief that these can enhance the holistic (spiritual, emotional, physical and mental) well-being of people here as much as they do for her own community.

Sandra's talks focus on three topics: the Medicine Wheel (a broad introduction to the traditions), Sweat Lodge ceremonies and the Two-Spirit Nation, and will be interactive in the sense that those attending will be asked to participate as Sandra demonstrates rituals and techniques.

Sandra is also Two-Spirited (embracing both female and male spirits), which means she is an individual who challenges conventional gender roles. As such she warmly welcomes trans people, as well as lesbian, gay or bisexual people. Her visit is being sponsored in part by fund-raising activities in the native two-spirit community of Vancouver, on the basis of cultural exchange. The visit is also supported by QueerSpace, Belfast's LGBT resource/events collective, in conjunction with the Voluntary Service Bureau, Belfast.

The Medicine Wheel

7-9pm, Wednesday 21 March 07
Voluntary Service Bureau
Shaftesbury Square, Belfast
(Bring a palm-sized stone special to you)

'The Sweat Lodge: A Native Healing Tool'

2-4pm, Wednesday 28 March 07
Room 301, Peter Froggat Centre,
Queen's University Belfast

The Sweat Lodge

2-4.30pm, Saturday 24 March 07
Cara-Friend Rooms
Cathedral Buildings
64 Donegall Street, Belfast

Two-Spirit Nation

7-9pm, Thursday 29 March 07
Voluntary Service Bureau
Shaftesbury Square, Belfast

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