GAY STUDENTS

THERE ARE ABOUT 600 LESBIANS AND GAY MEN IN U.C.C. MOST OF THESE PEOPLE STAY IN THE 'CLOSET' BECAUSE THEY REALISE THE STRENGTH OF ANTI-GAY PREJUDICE -EVEN AMONG FAMILY AND 'FRIEND'. BUT DESPITE ALL THIS REPRESSION RESISTANCE SI POSSIBLE. YOU DON'T HAVE TO DO E EVERYTHING YOU'RE TOLD.

IN 1980 A GAY SOCIETY WAS SET UP IN U.C.C. WITH THE FULL SUPPORT OF THE STUDENTS AND THE UNION. THE GOVERNING BODY LATER REFUSED WITHOUT EXPLANATION TO RECOGNISE THE GAY SOCIETY, WHICH MEANT THAT IT COULD NOT BOOK ROOMS FOR MEETINGS OR GET FUNDING. THIS IS JUST ONE EXAMPLE OF THE DISCRI MINATION WE EXPERIENCE IN EVERY ASPECT OF OUR LIVES. INTELECTUAL FREEDOM D IN UNIVERSITIES IS FINE SO LONG AS YOU ARE NOT A LESBIAN OR A GAY MAN OR A FEMINIST- AS LONG AS YOU DON'T REALLY CHALLENGE THE AUTHORITIES. YOU WILL FIND THIS PREJUDICE REFLECTED IN THE COURSES YOU TAKE- HISTORY, MEDICINE LITERATURE, SOCIOLOGY ETC. EITHER ANTI-GAY PREJUDICE IS EXPRESSED DIRECTLY OR ELSE THERE IS A CONSPIRACY OF SILENCE ABOUT THE REALITIES OF OUR LIVES.

FOUR YEARS IN COLLEGE WILL GIVE YOU SOME SPACE TO EXPLORE YOUR SEXUALITY. COMING OUT AS A GAY PERSON- REJECTING A LIFETIME OF CONDITIONING THAT SAYS YOU'RE 'QUEER'- IS NOT EASY. THE MOST IMPORTANT THING TO DO IS TO MEET AND GAIN STRENGTH AND SUPPORT FROM OTHER GAY PEOPLE. ONE OF THE WAYS USED TO CONTROL AND KEEP US DOWN IS TO PREVENT US FROM GETTING TOGETHER. THE OPPORTUNITIES FOR GAY PEOPLE IN CORK TO MEET TOGETHER ARE NOT GREAT BUT THERE ARE SOME AND ITS UP TO YOU WHETHER YOU WANT TO REMAIN ISOLATED.

THE PERSONAL IS POLITICAL. AFFIRMING THE VALIDITY OF YOUR GAY IDENTITY, BEING WITH OTHER GAY PEOPLE IS A POLITICAL ACT: CHALLENGING THE SOCIAL AND INSTITUTIONAL CONTROL OF OUR SEXUAL LIVES IS A POLITICAL STRUGGLE. WE WELCOME THE CO-OPERATION OF THE SOCIALIST SOCIETY BECAUSE WE SEE THE STRUGGLE FOR THE RIGHTS OF GAY PEOPLE

AS BEING PART OF THE LARGER STRUGGLE FOR SOCIALISM. OUR RIGHTS WILL NOT BE GRANTED FREELY BY THE ESTABLISHMENT. WE WILL HAVE TO TAKE THEM. AND WE CAN ONLY DO THIS BY ORGANISING WITH OTHERS WHO REALISE THAT THEIR NEEDS DEMAND ALSO THAT THIS SOCIETY BE RADICALLY CHANGED. THIS MEANS ORGANISED WORKERS AND WOMEN. WE HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN THE ANTI-AMENDMENT CAMPAIGN AND THE CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE BILL. WE ARE ALSO INVOLVED IN THE QUAY CO-OP AND THE TRADE UNION MOVEMENT.

WE HOPE WE WILL MEET YOU OVER THE YEAR.

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LOAFER'S BAR: DOUGLAS STREET. FRIENDLY BAR SOME GAY PEOPLE

STRIPE'S BAR: MACCURTIN STREET. NEWLY OPENED. LOTS OF GAY MEN AT PRESENT

SLICKS BAR MACCURTIN STREET. SOME GAY PEOPLE.

QUAY CO-OP 24, SULLIVANS QUAY TEL 967660

FACILITIES INCLUDE:

CAFE: DAILY 10.00 - 8.00 (EXCEPT SUN) 20% DISCOUNT FOR UNWAGED INCLUDING STUDENTS, EXCEPT AT LUNCHTIME.

BOOKSHOP DAILY 11.00- 6.00 (EX.SUN.) CARRIES A WIDE RANGE OF BOOKS AND MAGAZINES FOR GAY PEOPLE.

WOMENSPLACE: WOMENS RESOURCE CENTRE INCLUDING WOMENS LIBRARY.

GAY COLLECTIVE: C/O QUAY CO-OP. MEETS EVERY THURSDAY AT 6.00, ALL GAY MEN WELCOME.

LESBIAN GROUP C/O QUAY CO-OP. MEETS EVERY THURSDAY AT 8.00. ALL WELCOME. LESBIAN DISCUSSION GROUP.

PHOENIX CLUB: DISCO OF I.G.R.M. 4, MACCURTIN STREET, SAT & SUN. 11.00-2.00 a.m. ALMOST EXCLUSIVELY GAY MEN.

TELEPHONE LINE: I.G.R.M. SWITCHBOARD TEL 505394

A NEW TELEPHONE SERVICE FOR LESBIANS AND GAY MEN WILL BE OPENING SHORTLY.