

NATIONAL GAY CONFERENCE - CORK 81

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C/O P. O. BOX 39
CORK CITY
IRELAND

22nd April '81.

Bernard Keogh Esq.,
General Secretary,
National Gay Federation,
Dublin.

Dear Bernard,

I wish to confirm that members of the Organising Committee will be in Dublin over the weekend of 1st - 3rd May, and as previously agreed we hope to mount a promotion for the Conference at the Centre on the Saturday night. At this stage we would also ask for your permission to hold a draw at the disco, awarding prizes of free registration, in order to raise badly needed funds for the mounting of the Conference.

Plans for the project are at near completion stage, but we would also like to meet members of your Council, when in Dublin, to have discussions on the format of the Conference and to hear of ideas that you might have with regard to Workshops and so on. I am also directed by the Committee to ask your Council to select a member from your ranks to speak at the Conference and would be obliged to hear from you at your earliest convenience on this matter as we wish to complete the Programme. Facilitators are to be selected for the Workshops and they will also speak at the opening session and report back to the general assembly - you might also have ideas in that context.

The response from across the water has been excellent, and the list of speakers/delegates includes:

Barry Prothero - Gay Rights Officer, N.C.C.L. London.

Harry Cohen - C.H.E.

Nigel Young - Gay Left Collective.

Michael J. Johnson - Gay Christian Movement.

On the home front, we will be having Nell McCafferty, Sean McGowen of N.I.B.R.A. and someone from the I.G.R.M.

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On the Saturday night we will be holding a festival of activities at Connolly Hall which will include a buffet supper, dancing to live music and full bar facilities. We are also delighted to report that the theatrical group "New Heart", which emerged with the demise of the Gay Sweatshop, will be coming over for the Conference and will be giving a performance during the Saturday night festivities. As this company would like to spend the following week in Ireland, maybe you could arrange a venue for them to perform in Dublin after the Conference? If there is any possibility of this, I can put you in direct contact.

Must sign off now, as I feel as if I've been sitting at this machine so much lately that I get nothing else done.

Kindest regards, and looking forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

Oliver, P.J. Cogan.
Chairman.

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