

HUDDS QUEER SOCIAL

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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Happy HQ-Ween!

Welcome back to the HQS Newsletter! This is our HQ-Ween special, so steel yourself for a spooky orange hue over every page!

Like before, this is the best place to find local queer events in Huddersfield, but we also have some fun stuff to talk about, so stick around!



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HQS Member Joining Form

QUEER FRESHERS' FAIR
4TH OCTOBER

Save the Dates

THEN & NOW
17TH OCTOBER

Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed
1	2	3	**Queer Freshers' Fair**	5	6	7
8	9	10		12	13	14
15	16	**Then & Now**		19	20	21
22	23	24		26	27	28
29		31				

See Also:

October is both Black History Month in the UK and ADHD Awareness Month!

11th - National Coming Out Day
21st - International Pronouns Day
31st - Halloween



Queer Freshers' Fair



Then & Now

Drop in at Hive on the 17th of October for *Then & Now:* an exhibition on Pride in Huddersfield, from 1981 to 2026!

If you've ever been to a Pride in Huddersfield and had a missed connection, or have never been to a Pride anywhere, but want to learn more, drop in for a latte and learn a thing or two!

Who knows? You might even see yourself in the exhibition!

Renovations at Hive!

At HQS, one of our favourite hangouts is Hive Cooperative Café. But recently, we've had to find other places to spend our time and get our caffeine fix.

That's right, Hive has a fresh new renovation! With an all new paint job and more accessible bar, you're bound to fall in love with Hive all over again!

The work was completed by Hive's own Ben and their army of volunteers, who meticulously painted the walls and ceilings to create a whole new atmosphere.



Stay tuned for the next edition of the HQS Newsletter where we'll talk directly with Ben for more information on Hive's latest chapter!

Samhain: Pagan is the Old Spook



As Queer people, we love Halloween, but how much do you know about its roots? Thankfully HQS has several Pagans to answer that very question!

"Samhain, (pronounced "sow-en"), is a Celtic festival celebrating the mid point between the fall equinox and the winter solstice. The word 'Samhain' is Gaelic for "Summer's End".
Samhain is also the start of the Celtic new year.
The festival is celebrated as it is believed to fall on the day where the barriers between the land of the living and dead are thinnest, giving celebrants the chance to commune with their departed loved ones.

Samhain is often celebrated with a large communal bonfire and a feast with places set for the ancestors. I personally celebrate by burning a candle and making a stew to honour my late grandmother."

My personal favourite Samhain tradition is the Mari Lwyd. What a diva.

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Interview Conducted by Ren with Arik as Source

Safegaurding & Resources



Queer Community is precious, and we want everyone in HQS to feel safe, supported and valued when they spend time with us.

Peer Support
Watch out for announcements of our new PEER SUPPORT SPACE, which will be introduced soon.

Our Safeguarding Lead Hannah is available by WhatsApp DM for anyone who has a concern that they want to discuss, or who wants some wider support while they are struggling and access to HQS Resources.

‹Our Resources›

Want to be signposted to an appropriate service? Please don't hesitate to reach out to your community!

If you are ever concerned about yourself or another member being taken advantage of by someone, you are welcome to speak privately with a committee member.

‹First Light›

None of our support constitutes medical, legal or professional advice of any kind. Please regard our support as a group of queer friends supporting queer friends.

Thank You!

YOU MAKE THIS POSSIBLE

Yet again, we would like to say a MASSIVE thank you to everyone who has come to one of our coffee meets, drag shows, workshops or pigeon feeding sessions.

A GIGANTIC thank you to everyone who has ever engaged in our WhatsApp group or liked and shared our Instagram posts.

And a HUGE thank you for reading this issue. We'll have more for you before you know it.

REMINDER: The woman below is INCREDIBLY dangerous. Do not approach.



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Honorable Mentions



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Reach out to get your event feautured here!