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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



‹HQS Member Joining Form›

HQS PEER SUPPORT
4TH NOVEMBER

Save the Dates

HQS COFFEE SOCIAL
21ST NOVEMBER

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
 1	2	3	**HQS Peer Support**	5	6	**Crow Exchange**
 8	9	10	11	12	13	14
 15	16	17	18	19	20	**HQS Coffee Social**
 22	23	24	25	26	27	28
 29	30	31				

See Also:

November is also Men's Mental Health Awareness Month!

1st - Transgender Parents' Day
5th - Guy Fawkes Day
8th - Intersex Day of Solidarity
20th - Trans Day of Remembrance



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HQS PEER SUPPORT
4TH NOVEMBER

HQS Events

CROW EXCHANGE 2
7TH NOVEMBER



HQS Peer Support

You read that right. HQS will soon host our first Peer Support meeting!
We've been planning this for a long time. So, if you have something you need to get off your chest, reach out to a member of the committee!

Crow Exchange 2

The Crow Exchange is back by popular demand! Bring your old trinkets, trousers, trash and ties! Maybe you'll find something you'll use daily. Or maybe you'll bring it back to the next Crow Exchange!



HIVE CAFÉ
12PM-CLOSE

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More Peer Support Sessions in Nov. TBD

Hate Crime: What to Do



Hostility towards queer people is on the rise in the UK. According to the police's national Crime Survey, reported hate crimes based on sexual orientation have **increased by 20%** in the last five years, and **those based on trans identity have increased by 50%.**

If you have experienced harassment for being queer, it can leave you feeling **stressed, frightened, angry, or isolated long after the event.** Physical or emotional violence can contribute to **existing mental health issues or trauma** burdens, even when it doesn't happen to you personally.

If this has happened to you, **you're not alone,** and **Huddersfield Queer Social wish to support you. We are committed to helping every member keep themselves and each other safe from hate.**
The queer charity **Galop have** ‹guidance› on recognising and responding to **anti-LGBT+ hate crime.**

Hate Crime: What to Do



‹The Royal College of Psychiatrists› and ‹Mind› have **comprehensive guides** on how to **look after yourself** after **traumatic events.**

How can you get support through HQS?

- Access the **HQS Peer Support group by messaging any committee member** for details.
- **Find a resource** on our ‹HQS Resource Guide› for **emotional or practical support.**
- If it happened at a particular business or public institution, **speak to HQS about addressing the business, or warning others.**
- **Connect** with our **community.**
- **Speak to a Safeguarding Officer** for **confidential guidance** on accessing support, or reporting the crime **if you feel comfortable doing so.**

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Information Provided and Captured by Hannah





Trans Day of Remembrance



The 20th of November is Trans Day of Remembrance.
As trans people and trans allies, we at HQS would like to take the opportunity to spotlight those special people we have lost.
We have taken submissions from our community and are so touched that we have been trusted to share their stories.
Thank you all so much.





Theodore



“The person I would like to share for Trans Day of Remembrance is my now deceased friend, **Theodore, or T** as he sometimes went by. He was one of the most creative people I've ever known. **He loved drawing**; his sketchbooks were always full of these **incredible concepts and characters** he'd come up with. Half the time he'd explain an idea to me and I'd have absolutely no clue what he was talking about, but he was so **passionate** about it that I'd happily listen anyway.

He had this habit of starting a hundred different projects and finishing about three of them. I used to tease him about it, but looking back, I think **he just had too many ideas** for one person.

I was the one who found him. It's something I still struggle to talk about, and for a long time it was all I could think about when I heard his name.

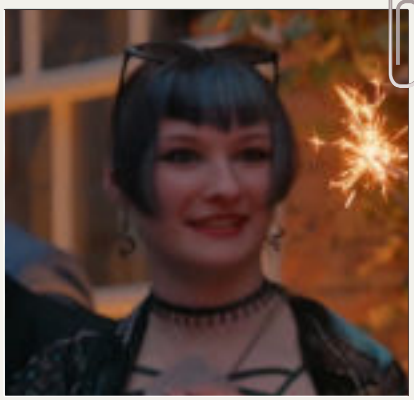
But **I don't want that moment to be what defines him**. Theodore was **funny, ridiculously talented**, and had so much he **wanted to create.** I still have some of his drawings, and sometimes I look through them and wonder what he would have made next.

I wish he'd had more time. I wish I could see him get excited about one more stupid little character he'd invented.

I miss you, T. More than you'll ever know.“

~Sage

Belle



“We lost Belle in April of this year.
They were the **most amazing person** in so many different ways.
Belle was **kind, funny, fierce, resilient, loving, caring and beautiful.**
Throughout their life **they enjoyed drawing and painting, swimming, gymnastics** and always **really loved animals** - especially guinea pigs, dogs and cats.
Belle had **worked at the yarn shop** with me for a year and **learned to knit and crochet.** They were **always working on projects for themself or others.**

Belle was able to marry their partner Chase whilst in hospital. **They passed away two days later, aged 20**, from osteosarcoma.
Belle was on the Teenage Cancer Trust ward in St James, Leeds. The support from the nurses and staff there was invaluable.”

~Belle’s Mother, Katie - Crafty Praxis

Belle



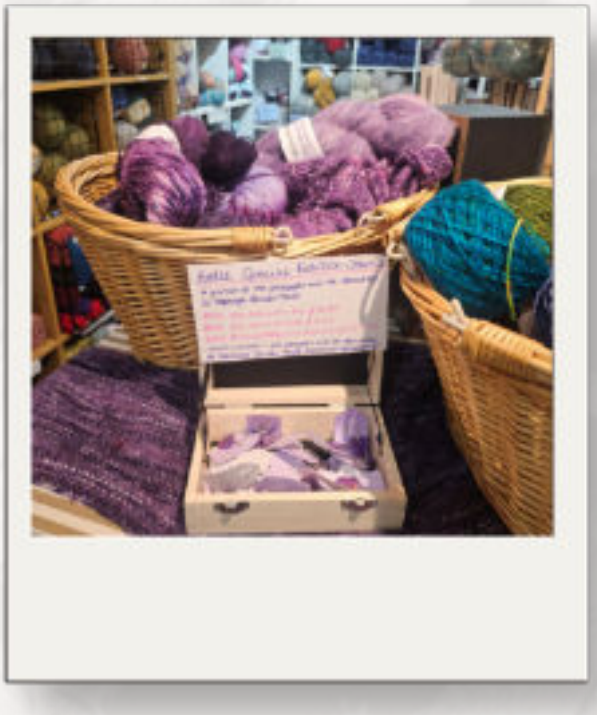
“Belle was my best friend. I met them while hanging out in Crafty Praxis with their mum and they **gave me no choice but to be their friend.** I remember the first time I met them and I told them their hair reminded me of the Hex Girls and **they were so happy** because that was the exact look they were going for. They had **the coolest sense of style**, I loved going to charity shops with them during lunch and **finding clothes for each other while we talked** about things they didn’t want to say in front of their mum in the shop. **They were so creative** and artistic with such an eye for colour, **I miss planning craft projects together**, they always found the coolest stuff to make and they had (almost) **endless patience** for my indecisiveness. I miss getting calls from them telling me to get my ass down to the shop because “mum’s buying lunch” or because an annoying customer (usually a loud child) was making them lose their sanity and they needed company. **They were fiercely loyal** and **always spoke their mind** and were **such an amazing friend** who **cared so deeply** for their loved ones and I’m so **glad I got to be their friend.”**

~Theo

Belle



*We at HQS would like to spotlight Crafty Praxis' **Belle Collection**.*
*As well as being beautiful and a personal favourite of ours, a purchase of any yarn or stitch marker from the **Belle Collection** is a donation to the **Teenage Cancer Trust**, who help young people like **Belle** every day.*





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Trans Day of Remembrance 2026

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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Artwork By @Azaneetsan

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