

HUDDS QUEER SOCIAL

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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Hello, local and ✨ ✨ distant queers!

Welcome to the very first edition of the HQS newsletter! Whether you are looking to make new friends, find local resources or want to stay connected with the LGBTQIA+ community in Huddersfield, We are so glad to have you!

First, to protect everyone within the group, we now have a Google form for people to complete.



About HQS

We recognise the diversity and strengths within Huddersfield and believe that there are not enough affirming spaces for the LGBTQIA+ community.

The HQS committee have dedicated their own time, creating safe spaces & finding inclusive places for our community to enjoy and thrive within.

Everyone under the LGBTQIA+ umbrella and our allies are welcome to any HQS activities to help create an atmosphere where everyone feels valued and welcome!



HQS Member Joining Form

CROW EXCHANGE
19TH SEPTEMBER

In association with Thread Republic,
HQS invites you to join us for a tie
dyeing and printing workshop! Bring
your own (preferably) plain cotton
fabrics and breathe new life into your
old clothes! (10:30)



Bring your bits, bobs, tools and tips to our craft exchange! Grab a coffee and cake while you give and take... Look, it's going to be fun, okay? (13:00)

Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon
1	2	3	4	5		7
8	9	10	11	12	Upcycle It!	14
15	16	17	18	Crow Exchange		21
22	23	24	25	26		28

Meet Your Committee!

To help you to know who to turn to for information, guidance, suggestions or complaints, we've got some handy photos to share!



Kasey (She/Her).

Founder and Quarter Pounder

The reason Hudds Queer Social exists. If you want something done, call Kasey. Kasey comes in a range of colours. For the record: that's a female.

Fun Fact: Kasey has never went to Oovoo Javer.

Charlie (They/Them).
Treasurer and National Treasure

The beloved partner of our founder, Kasey. They are known to be kind, sweet and relentlessly giving. Not to mention vegan!

Fun Fact: Charlie once got into a heated debate with a shrimp. The shrimp won.



Arik (He/Him).

Secretary/Vice Chair and Trans Manager

Arik is our resident sock maker. He is known for his generous laugh and outgoing personality. Did we mention that he's trans?

Fun Fact: Arik is always knitting socks, despite the fact that he has no feet.

Ren (They/Them).
Events/Comms and Mustacheketeer

Ren arrived from Stoke-on-Trent with nothing but a dream of community and a suspicious amount of wigs. They are known for saying things that nobody understands. Themselves included.

Fun Fact: Ren is a known snack thief. Watch your cashews closely.



Fern (She/Her).

Social Media and Artism

Fern is equal parts logical and creative. Whether solving a puzzle or working out a route, she makes sure the rest of the group doesn't wander off.

Fun Fact: Fern can solve a Rubik's Cube in 3 minutes and 13 seconds, but only if someone is playing Disco Snails.



Hannah (She/Her).

Safeguarding and Lover of Safety

Hannah was crowned Queen of Hudds in 1943. In her free time she makes statues out of yoghurt and teaches crabs how to tell lies, but they swear they can't talk.

Fun Fact: Hannah lost four teeth to a very hard apple. The apple was never convicted.

Sage (Any/All).

Photographer and Eagle Eyed Shooter

Sage is the world's greatest photographer. While quiet, they are unspeakably kind and generous. Talk to Sage for the best headshots a diva can ask for.

Fun Fact: Sage ate a crayon as a child and still won't give it back. :'(



Kai (He/Him).

Compliance Officer and Companion

Kai is the quiet, yet chatty partner of Arik. He is known for his impeccable art skills and soft punk attire. If you need him, he'll be busy staring at the nearest pigeon.

Fun Fact: Kai is wanted in France for unknown reasons.

Lilli (They/She/It).

Driver and Driving Us Wild

You may have seen Lilli around town, driving actual buses. Yeah.

What have you done with your life? We'd say more, but this is a family show.

Fun Fact: Lilli is the only person to ever remove a light bulb from their mouth. They don't even remember putting one in.



Jake (He/Him).

Events and SpongeBob Loremaster

Actor, YouTuber, cartoon enthusiast. These are all words that describe Jake. You may know him from his Stephen Universe rants, or his stint as both Patchy and Painty the pirate in SpongeBob the Musical, but we know him as the guy with purple trousers.

Fun Fact: Jake once got stuck in a small glass jar.

For more information about us or what we do, reach out! We'd love to hear from you!



HQS Pigeon Meetup ✨ ✨



AN INTERVIEW WITH VAUGHN

Vaughn likes pigeons. We at HQS do too. And thus, the weekly pigeon feeding meetup was born! Every Sunday, HQS get together to feed, hold and talk at pigeons!

To help you understand how this all started, here's a word from the man who started it all!

"Back in June 2023, I was visiting Milan. A strange man handed me popcorn kernels against my will and I was suddenly swarmed by pigeons. I fell in love with pigeons from there."

Did you start dressing as a pigeon to defend the weak and helpless?

"... No."

Please continue.

"In 2025, I started regularly feeding pigeons and I learned to help them with stringfoot. Then, a couple months ago, I decided I needed to spend more time outside. I invited anyone in HQS to join me in Greenhead park. By the second Sunday, I had a small group and now it's our weekly gathering.

I've taught people to feed, hold and help the pigeons, as well as how they always come back even after being spooked. Kai has been my most successful apprentice."

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Got a story you'd like to share? Speak to a committee member today!



Pigeon Gallery



Milan
2023



Helping Out
2025



Stolen Valour
2026



The Real Me
2026



Succession
2026

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Thank you to James Shepherd for the incredible photos!



Safeguarding & 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.

This will include:

- A new online Peer Support forum where we can vent our issues and emotionally support each other. (Anonymously if you so choose.)
- A periodic group meet to allow us to support each other in person.

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.

Please reach out if:

There is a safety or well-being concern regarding any HQS member or HQS event.

You are struggling with a problem and don't know what to do.

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

Everyone deserves a safe space!

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

As our first issue comes to a close, 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.

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



Other Upcoming Events! (Non-HQS)



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Reach out to get your event featured here!