

INTERBANK

The London Financial Services LGBT Forum

Summer Newsletter 2014

Welcome to the summer edition of our **Interbank LGBT Forum** news letter which covers the Pride season in London and the good work that our Forum Members undertake as part of their LGBT affinity networks. We also update you on our networking evenings, forthcoming events and the work we do.

London Pride 2014

Interbank was represented by a broad range of our members, their families and importantly the financial organisations they work for and who contribute to the running of the parade. Similarly, many of our members marched with their own employee networks directly, who were partaking in the parade separately and who helped make up key sponsors ensuring it was a great success, in particular, Barclays, Royal Bank of Canada and Citi.



Interbank members met for a pre-Pride March brunch at the Volunteer public house in Baker Street. A big thank you to the management and staff of the pub for hosting us so well. We then took part in the march distributing leaflets, t-shirts and goodies for children in the crowds. It was a fun and exciting event, and we thank all of you for joining us on the day, your support is appreciated.

Interbank Sponsored Events

Back in May, Interbank sponsored an exclusive performance of San Domino a new and original musical. The event was attended by over 40 Interbank members and showed the power of connections and working together for the good of the LGBT community.

Our Committee - Our summer edition features Luke Brodie, one of Interbank's Event Co-Ordinators and our Pride London organiser.



Luke Brodie
Events Co-ordinator

Luke works for RBC Capital Markets, the Investment Banking arm of the Royal Bank of Canada, which he joined just over 7 years ago as a graduate. He is co-chair of the bank's Pride network in London which he helped found, and has also volunteered for the Interbank forum for the last two years. For Interbank, he's responsible for arranging the London Pride marching group, which at times can be a bit like trying to herd cats!

What does Pride mean to Luke?

"In London, it's sometimes quite easy to live a fairly protected life as a gay man and I think it's important to recognise the efforts that have taken us to where we are today. For me, Pride is a chance to celebrate where we've got to with the wider community.

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Are you interested in being on Committee?

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The show was never seen before and needed support to get off the ground for which Interbank was happy to provide. The show has now moved to another venue for future performances so we wish them luck.

The Creator Alan Whittaker quoted "A quick note to say how much we appreciated your support for the SAN DOMINO previews. It was great to have such a supportive audience and hopefully everyone had a good time and enjoyed the show"

Synopsis - SAN DOMINO; 1938: Mussolini's fascist Italy "Needs Sons & Daughters" Imprisoned for being gay, Carlo, Claudio and friends find a new freedom for love amidst the tragedy and isolation on San Domino. Actor-musicians interweave the historic drama of exiled gay men able to be "out" on this prison island. The musical starts and ends with a modern day pilgrimage of gay activists in the shadow of resurgent fascism in Italy. For more info see You Tube <http://youtu.be/5tVsgSzd3C0>

London Pride Run 2014

Interbank was proud to sponsor London's Pride Run on 9th August presented by London Frontrunners which was in support of Diversity Role Models. Almost 800 runners competed in a range of race-categories. Thousands of pounds was raised for Diversity Role Models, a charity which educates schools on preventing homophobic bullying. More info on The London Pride Run can be found here <http://www.pride10k.org/>



Interbank Networking Evenings



The last two networking evenings have been jointly hosted evenings with our LGBT Network colleagues in the Canary Wharf area. Both events proved very popular and attracted well in excess of 200 guests.

Future joint events are planned, however, in September we will return to our single hosting Interbank evening at our normal venue at the Off-the-Wall bar in the City. Please join us on 18th September for the next evening. Details to follow.

Interbank Women's Networking Event

In September, Interbank will host its first networking event specifically aimed at our women members and followers. The first event will be held on 2nd September in Canary Wharf. Please do come & support this exciting evening. Complimentary tickets & information can be found here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/interbank-women-networking-evening-tickets-12751731773tp://finelinecanarywharf.com>

Forthcoming Events



Interbank Networking Dates

September 18th - October 23rd - November 19th - December 11th

Canary Wharf Networking Events

27th August – 1st October -19th November

Interbank Women Network Evening

Join us on Tuesday 2nd September from 6pm for a relaxing social evening to meet like-minded financial service professionals. Let's meet up, grab a drink and enjoy the tail end of summer.

Ladies first. Guys are welcome too!

Where? Upstairs at the Sapphire Lounge, The Fine Line 29-30

Fishermans Walk, 10 Cabot Square London E144DH.

Future Interbank Women Networking

dates are; 9th October, 12th November – Venues will be confirmed nearer the time.

LGBT Press News Coverage

Did you know...

Being lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender is illegal in almost 80 countries, and in at least five of them is still punishable by death.

The link below allows you to explore the legal situation for LGBT people around sex, marriage or civil partnerships, adoption, workplace discrimination and hate crime by region, country and overall population. Simply choose a region, then select countries for information: <http://www.insideandout-banking.co.uk/>

If you have an event you think Interbank may have an interest in, then please let us know.

