

POLICING WITHOUT PREJUDICE

A ONE-DAY CONFERENCE

Organised jointly by the Association of
London Authorities and Gay London
Policing Group

Thursday 14 February 1991

9.30 am - 4.00 pm

at ALA 36 Old Queen Street London SW1

G A L O P

- 2.00 **Introduction by Helen Dawson,**
(Co-Chair, ALA Lesbian & Gay Committee)
- 2.10 **Police Practice Panel** to include David Smith (Gay
Times); Angus Hamilton (Solicitor); Annie Jones
(GLLAD)
- 3.00 **Tea**
- 3.15 **Policing and Politics Panel** to include Tim Barnet
(Stonewall Group); representative of Commission for
Racial Equality
- 4.00 **Closing Discussion Panel** to include Jeremy Clarke
(GALOP); Helen Dawson and Graham Nicholas
(Co-Chairs, ALA Lesbian & Gay Equality Committee);
representative from New Scotland Yard.

Cost: **£30**
£20 for representatives of ALA boroughs and
Special rate for community groups (contact number
below)

REGISTRATION

Space is limited so please return the enclosed registration
form as soon as possible to:

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Concerns surrounding policing and the gay community have increased in the last few years. A recent GALOP survey indicates a considerable increase in harassment of gay men; figures demonstrate that some 40% of gay men have suffered violent personal attack; and a recent spate of murders of gay men has resulted in a clear-up rate of only 55%, as opposed to the 90% clear-up rate for murder generally.

There are serious concerns about the willingness of the police to take serious and effective measures to halt increased violence against the gay community; and to police the gay community in a non-discriminatory fashion.

This seminar, organised jointly by the Association of London Authorities and the Gay London Policing Group, aims to achieve a frank discussion of these problems where previously dialogue has been limited; to identify areas in need of change and future work in improving relationships between the police and the lesbian and gay community; and to recommend ways in which local authorities might work to improve the policing service for the gay community.

Programme

- 9.30 **Registration**
- 10.00 **Welcome by the Chair Graham Nicholas,**
(Co-Chair, ALA Lesbian & Gay Equality Committee)
- 10.15 **Out of the Closet and Into...**
Panel to include Philip Derbyshire (GALOP);
Peter Tatchell
- 11.30 **Coffee**
- 11.45 **Lesbians & Gay Men in the Police Service**
Speakers to include Mark Burke (researcher);
Representative of Lesbian & Gay Legal Advice.
- 1.00 **Lunch**