



Transgender Equality Network Ireland e-newsletter

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Spring Forward...

News & Events...

'Your Rights, Right Now' UPR Report

TENI endorses the the report of the Civil Society Coalition -Your Rights, Right Now - to the 12th Session of the UPR Working Group.

Read the report now: <http://tiny.cc/uyf0v>

TENI has been an active member in the 'Your Rights, Right Now' campaign and has been vocal in promoting the equality and rights of transgender people in Ireland. We have joined 16 leading organisations in putting a spotlight on Ireland's human rights record.

Stay tuned for the more information:
www.rightsnow.ie

Dublin's Good Friday Concert: 22 April

This concert is the Carmichael Centre's single annual fundraising event to support its work enabling voluntary and community groups (including TENI) to maximise their impact.

TENI's invite to the Áras



Tomorrow, TENI and LGBT Diversity will join President McAleese for her St Patrick's Day reception at Áras an Uachtaráin.

A longtime supporter of LGBT rights, President McAleese joined LGBT Diversity for their conference in November, 2010. During her speech, President McAleese praised LGBT organisations throughout Ireland as "strong and powerful advocates, promoting human rights, insisting on equality, and diligently chipping away at the hardened old mindsets and prejudices built up over centuries and which no longer hold the moral high ground."

TENI is thrilled to be part of one of the most visible, vibrant celebrations of Irish society.

Johannes Brahms Requiem

St Patrick's Cathedral

Friday 22 April, 8pm

Also featuring pieces by Bach,

Tallis and Liszt. Performed

by: **The Goethe-Institut Choir**

and Orchestra. Master of

Ceremonies: **Senator David**

Norris Tickets €25, available from

TENI, at the door, or online at:

www.stpatrickscathedral.ie and

www.ticketmaster.ie

New LGBT Parents Support Group

LGBT parents raising children are wonderful examples of what makes family... well, family.

Everywhere in Ireland, LGBT families are on the rise. Increasingly, children of LGBT families are recognized for their psychological strength, their unique capacity to express emotions and their appreciation for social diversity. Still, there are a number of unique challenges faced by LGBT families : deciding when to “come out” to their children; weighing the pros and cons of disclosing the gender characteristics of their family to the public; dealing with their children being bullied in school because their parents are LGBT.

There is a new LGBT parents group starting up in Waterford. If you are interested in participating, contact **Kevin Kelly** at:

lgbtparentswaterford@gmail.com



President McAleese with LGBT Diversity Chairperson and TENI Boardmember Patricia Prendiville (November 2010)

Community Corner

FTM Social Night, Dublin

The FTM Social Group is back (again!) on **Friday 18 March**.

If you're a Female to Male identified trans* person and want to meet similar people for a laugh and a chat, then this is for you. Chilled out social gatherings for gender-queers, gender f***ers, people questioning their gender or who are more fluid in their gender identity are welcome to this social group: from genderqueer drag kings to transsexual men, the FTM meet aims to be an inclusive space.

If you feel like it could be for you, email funtimemaking@gmail.com for further details and the location of the group.

BoLT Magazine Issue 6

Come and get it! Shiny new Issue 6 - **The Gender Issue** - is now online: <http://www.boltmagazine.ie>

If you like what you see, you can also vote on the Sister's website at <http://www.sisters.ie>!

Happy St Patrick's Day!

**Do you have news or
an event you'd like to
share? Let us know!**

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**Check out our website
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resources:**

www.teni.ie

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