



Mail-out JULY 2012

Hello from www.alt-sheff.co.uk "The guide to Sheffield's radical, alternative and ethical business and groups". Just a reminder that the website is still going strong, after 4 years, and it's updated regularly with events coming up. When there's a chance of events being rained off, we try to get the latest news on Alt-Sheff, to be a reliable source of information.

This is the first newsletter for ages, so a special welcome to people who have recently subscribed.

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1. GOOD STUFF: A quick mention for the Alt-Sheff "News" page, with news snippets on things in Sheffield. And the "Links" page, which is a huge list of good organisations to find out about.

By the way, if you don't know, "Now Then" magazine has a monthly Alt-Sheff column called "LocalCheck": www.nowthenmagazine.com

Alt-Sheff is proud to be a member of Webarchitects, a Sheffield-based co-operative which hosts our website, and offers a whole load of internet services with good ethical principles: www.ecodissident.net

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2. COMING UP: Some upcoming events of particular interest include:

Monday 23rd July 2012: The public meeting by Sheffield Stop the War Coalition in opposition to western intervention in Syria and Iran, which has some high-level speakers.

Wednesday 25th July: A consultation event because Sheffield may soon get local television, via Freeview, cable and the internet, so the public's ideas and viewpoints are needed for the formal application for licensing.

Also Wednesday 25th July: Transition Sheffield explores environmental sustainability with Jack Scott, Sheffield City Council cabinet member for “Environment, Waste and Streetscene”. If we could 'transition' to a more advanced, less polluting world, how would it work at the level of our city? Bring your ideas, and listen to some of the council's.

Saturday 28th July: Workshop by LaDIYfest, a Sheffield part of the feminist and anti-capitalist movement. By the way it is inclusive of all, including men, guided by carefully thought-out policies like those on safer spaces and accessibility. Between festivals they are busy with workshops such as this, which will be producing a magazine.

Sunday 5th August: Doncaster Pride, which starts with the "Walk of Unity" through the centre of this nearby town. If you've never been to Doncaster, what better occasion to go?

Sunday 12th August: Lowedges Festival, which is huge; last year over 10,000 people came. Alt-Sheff lists festivals and fayres because they're not-for-profit community-run events, when people get together and publicise what they're doing outside of paid work.

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3. IDEAS? Please get in touch: Alt-Sheff is run by a small collective of Sheffield people. Our next planning meeting is coming soon, so if you have any suggestions, feedback or ideas please tell us ... For example, what should we do with the “Videos” page; Expand it? Scrap it? Change it?

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4. GLITCHES happen even in the best websites, and we know there's one that causes problems with “Add An Event” on the home page. It doesn't accept apostrophes (') but this will hopefully be sorted out soon. Also the contacts form isn't working at the moment. If you spot any other problems please tell us.

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5. THANK YOU to everyone who emails in with stuff to add, comments, etc. It's really good to get help and feedback; sorry if emails are not all answered all the time. There are loads of people subscribed to this newsletter list, so that's really encouraging as well.

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That's all for now – thanks for reading this. If you want to get in touch or unsubscribe from this list just email us on **contact@alt-sheff.org**