

# Sexual Freedom Coalition



*Why we are  
marching  
to Downing Street  
today*

## A charity Ball got stopped by the cops!

An annual event, which has always been within the law and supports a self-help group where disabled people find partners, got stopped, due to police pressure, on 22nd March.

## The Sex Maniac's Ball

was to celebrate its 10th Anniversary. It has always been a place where members could come to express their desires and fantasies. It was not an orgy, nor a dive for extreme behaviour, but a meticulously staged legal event where everyone accepted each other and celebrated sexual happiness. It welcomed disabled people, and anyone else who had previously felt isolated or misunderstood. Its 400 volunteer workers (some of whom are on this march) cannot understand why the Police objected, or how they would dare stop such an event just before it was about to begin. Thousands of people had travelled from all over the world, with their exotic costumes, made specially. Thousands of pounds of charity money were wasted on food and organisation.

## The Charity: The Integration Trust

(Charity No 283350) promotes the integration of disabled people through Outsiders, a self-help ever-changing network of 800 socially and physically disabled members. They gain the confidence to make new friends and find partners. It is a very cost-effective way of helping people who eventually look after each other through love, which takes away many of their aches and pains, and become less reliant on the state. This unique charity is praised around the world. Tuppy Owens, its founder, recently received an Honorary Doctorate for her work with Outsiders, and for running the Sex Maniac's Ball and her publications.

**Hon. Secretary:**  
Tim Summers

### SUPPORTERS

#### Individuals:

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Annie Sprinkle  
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Revd Chad Varah CBE  
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#### Clubs & Groups:

The Anvil  
Black Widow's Web,  
Sweden  
The Firm  
Lady O Society  
Lives of Secular Saints  
(S/M Archive)

The Nurtist Society  
PM Club  
Priapean Circle  
Red Stripe Club  
Rude Food Dining  
Club  
S/M Bisexuals  
S/M Dykes  
S/M Gays  
Torture Garden  
Tribal Rhythms  
Club WideWorld, USA  
Club Whiplash

**Law reform/Pressure  
Groups:**

Anti-Sexism Campaign  
Cal-ACT  
Campaign Against  
Censorship  
COYOTE  
Disablement in the City  
Feminists Against  
Censorship  
Feminists for Free  
Expression, New  
York  
The Eros Foundation,  
Australia  
The Invisible Language  
Society, Amsterdam  
Israel Rehabilitation  
Society  
Lesbian & Gay  
Freedom  
Movement

Libertarian Alliance  
National Campaign  
for the reform of the  
Obscene  
Publications Acts

Passion Brigade  
OutRage!  
The Spanner Campaign  
Society of Swingers  
Spirit of Stonewall UK

**Organisations:**

AE Services  
Cal D'Or magazine  
Delectus Books  
Human Nature  
H.G. Publications  
Libido, Chicago  
The Lifestyles  
Organisation  
Lifetime Vision Ltd  
Marquis  
Paranour magazine  
The Private Case  
Spectator, San  
Francisco  
Sussex Mailbox  
Miss Vera's Academy  
for Boys who want to  
be Girls

## How did the Police stop the Ball?

They first threatened the venue, Brixton Academy, saying they would lose their license if "lewd" behaviour took place. Brixton Academy caved in, and Bagleys agreed to let the Ball take place there. After one phone call from Scotland Yard, threatening a raid, Bagleys too pulled out.

## Other recent Police action ended in triumph!

This was on the very day that the **Club Whiplash** trial was thrown out of court, the jury deciding that the licensee was NOT running a disorderly house, that people were simply enjoying themselves within the law. But the Police had already found a shortcut to stopping fun by threatening licenses, which they did recently with **Club 180**, who subsequently banned three gay erotic clubs from their premises, till the clubs fought back. The brewery who controlled the license, Bass, have now apologised and paid compensation, and this is the way to go. Now the Charity must fight to get compensation for the cancellation of The Sex Maniac's Ball.

## What can you do?

At a protest meeting after the Banned Ball, 250 people expressed determination that every effort should be made to get compensation, both from Brixton Academy and the Police, and ensure that the Police understand that their actions to stop legal events like this, must end. Join the Sexual Freedom Coalition and help fight for personal freedom.

## This March will end at Downing Street

A letter will be delivered to John Major, asking him to repeal the archaic laws which Police use in their threats on clubs. These laws fail to define the crime and can be used by the cops to restrict the personal freedom of consenting adults. They are: the **Disorderly Houses Act 1751** and the associated common law offenses of **Keeping a Disorderly House; Conspiring to Corrupt Public Decency; Conspiring to Corrupt Public Morals; Outraging Public Decency; Exhibiting Indecent Activities, Pictures or Things; Obscenity; and the Scottish common law offense of Shameless Indecency.**

## The Sexual Freedom Coalition

invites all club owners, clubbers, and people who are willing to speak out about their sexual rights, to help us achieve the following aims:

- 1) fight hypocrisy and stop people acting as our moral guardians
- 2) combat police interference on clubs, erotic events and productions
- 3) educate the press so they inform the public about current police action and present sex as joyful rather than feeding readers with endless "exposés"
- 4) get the the current conflicting laws abolished and replaced with one law which states who is protected from what, and by whom.

## The first meeting of the Coalition

will be on **Tuesday 21st May at 8.00pm**. For more details, write to **Sexual Freedom Coalition PO Box 4ZB London W1A 4ZB Tel (0171) 737 6289**. Details on the Integration Trust c/o the same address.