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**Interviewer (Katie):** What is your favourite club or bar in Newcastle?

**Interviewee 1 (Oran):** My favourite club in Newcastle is probably World HQ, (or World Head Quarters), it hosts quite a lot of different nights out, different styles of music, a lot of them are kind of LGBT oriented nights as well.

**Interviewee 2 (Phi):** Its quite alternative as well which is good.

I think my best night out was my 21st where we went to World HQ, that was really good. With a big group of people, it makes you feel a lot better in a club, a lot safer, make you have a lot more fun

**Interviewer (Katie):** Where are your favourite places which are suitable for under 18 year olds?

**Interviewee 1 (Oran):** For me id probably say Star and Shadow cinema. So, it does do club nights, obviously it’s a cinema, it does film screenings, and it hosts just all sorts of events. So, I went to an anarchist book fair last year, where they were raising money for all sorts of different groups, bought a few books. They also do arts and crafts things. I think theres a nursery there. Its ran entirely by volunteers, and its kind of a great way to get involved. I defiently want to volunteer there at some point.

**Interviewee 2 (Phi):** I quite like the dog and Scone, I think it’s a sweet place to just relax and meet your friends. It’s a dog café. Its very cute

**Interviewer (Katie):** What qualities of a space would you deem important to consider on our map?

**Interviewee 2 (Phi):** LGBT friendly

**Interviewee 1 (Oran):** I suppose the most important thing for a place to be LGBT friendly is to be LGBT owned. I’m pretty sure, I’m not sure who owns Star and Shadow, but I know that a lot of their staff identify as LGBT, and a lot of their events are orientated towards these groups. So like 1B books for example strikes me as a very safe place for LGBT people. Its just round the corner from Eden perk, and I think that’s queer owned, and it’s a great place.

**Interviewer (Katie):** Are you aware of any charities or events in the North-East that specifically aid the LGBTQ+ community. If so, where?

**Interviewee 1 (Oran):** I’m not really aware of any charities, but I know a few of the bars in the Pink triangle host fundraisers. So, I know that Bobby’s hosts fundraisers for transition funds I think. But I’m not really aware of any charities