

Proposal Women's Night at the SPA

The Women's Outreach Program at AIDS Committee of Toronto would like to co-sponsor an event for lesbian and bisexual women at the SPA on Maitland. There are few sex positive events and no venues for lesbians and bisexual women to meet for the purposes of sex. This void is even more noticeable during Pride Week. This event will serve several purposes: it will provide lesbians and bisexual women with a concrete and visible way to celebrate our own sexuality, and it will create an opportunity to further develop an awareness of safer sex practices. While ACT is coordinating the initial stages of this project, the event itself will be a community event organized by a number of individuals and organizations.

Entertainment: Based on informal response to the idea of a bathhouse night for women we anticipate a large turn out. However we do not know how women will use the space. We are proposing that we offer some entertainment (perhaps some comedy or sex positive show) to help women relax and get comfortable in the bar area. The committee would coordinate the entertainment for the evening keeping in mind space limitations.

Space: Early in January Bridget McFarthing, (a co-worker at ACT) and myself, were given a tour of the SPA and thought the space itself would work very well for women. We would like to decorate the space with images of women to make the environment more comfortable. Committee members coordinating the entertainment and set up would need to tour the space in order to plan the event. The committee will supply condoms, lube, dental dams and gloves to all participants. Volunteer hostesses will be available to take women on a tour of the space when they arrive, explain the agenda for the evening and the rules of the bathhouse. The organizers will take responsibility for supplying videos for the porn room.

Promotion: The event will be at no cost to the SPA (and may be quite lucrative). Promotional materials for will be developed and distributed by the committee. The committee will be responsible for planning all promotional events. Community organizations, and gay and lesbians bars will be the target for most of the outreach done, but we expect many women will hear about the event by word of month. We will advertise in Xtra and Siren magazine and will seek interviews from both newspapers. Women will have a contact number should they have any questions. The SPA as well as other contributors will be acknowledged on all materials.

Cost: We would ask The SPA to offer women half priced passes for the evening. Most women would be reluctant to pay \$17.50 for a room or \$9 for a locker when they aren't sure how they will use the space or what to expect. Passes could be designed specifically for the event and could either be given to women before hand or at the door.

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Staffing: We would like to staff the event with women particularly in areas where women may be undressed. We will provide volunteer towel girls who would collect the used towels and deliver them to laundry staff, this provides a womans face without compromising the role of male staff. If possible we would like to have a woman behind the bar serving drinks as this will help women to feel more comfortable.

Date and Time: Although we would ideally like to be able to offer the event during Pride Week (Tuesday or Wednesday) we recognize this is your busiest week. It was suggested that Tuesday or Wednesday perhaps the week before Pride Week is a more likely possibility. We would like to have access to the space from 4pm to give us an opportunity to set up. The event itself wouldn't begin until 8 or 9 in the evening and would end at 5 am giving organizers an hour to clean up.

I have outlined some preliminary ideas for the event to give the management of the SPA a sense of what the evening would look like. Our sense is that we have enough lead time to plan and promote a successful and unique event for all involved.

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