Saturday 5th August

9:00-10:15

BiCon Decides/The Decision Making Plenary - HYBRID [Estimated 3-5 spoons]

- For more information please read <u>https://2023.bicon.org.uk/bicon-decides-info/</u>

10:30-11:30

Bi+ Equality In The Workplace with UNISON - Panel HYBRID [2-3 spoons]

- A session to keep reminding people of the importance of trade unions negotiating for bi equality in the workplace, and the importance of people joining a trade union.

Running A BiCon with Al (they/them) - Talk & Discussion [4 spoons]

But Is It Accessible? Making Bi+ Groups & Events More Accessible by

The Equality Network - Discussion [3 spoons]

- A discussion of how to make bi+ friendly groups and events more accessible:
- What works, what doesn't and what can organisers do to help everyone participate equally in the full range of queer events from local groups to Pride.

Handheld Video Gaming Chat & Chill Space with Daisy (she/her) - Activity

& Chill Space [1-2 spoons]

- Calling all handheld gamers!
- Bring along your device of choice (Nintendo Switch, DS, mobile phone etc) and play some games among likeminded folks.
- Possible opportunity for some Mario Kart!

13:00-14:00

What Is Gender? with Mx David Wilson (they/them) - Talk & Discussion HYBRID [1 spoon]

- This session explores the concept of a social construct, how gender and sex are interrelated, and how neither is binary, and invite people to reflect on their own experiences of gender.

Everything You Wanted To Know About Sex Toys! with Amy (she/her) -Lecture [2 spoons] STRICTLY 18+

- Explore the world of sex toys in this fun and interactive session!
- We'll start by looking at the different categories and types of toys that are available.
- You'll learn about which materials are body-safe and which should be avoided, how to shop for a toy for yourself or a partner, and how to store and care for your toys.
- We'll also talk about safer sex concerns with toys, and different ways to incorporate toys into partnered or solo sex.
- There will be plenty of opportunities to ask questions, get a hands-on look at an array of toys, and win prizes!
- This workshop takes a non-gendered approach to toys (e.g. we will refer to "toys for people with penises", not "toys for men") and uses genderneutral language throughout.
- CW: Sex, masturbation

Anti-Racism Discussion Space (Racially Minoritised People ONLY) with Eunice Hung (she/her) - Discussion & Safe Space [3-5 spoons]

- CW: Discussion of lived experiences of racism.

Animal Crossing New Horizons Island Hopping with Al (they/them) - Activity [1 spoon]

- Bring along your Nintendo Switch and make friends with some fellow islanders!
- Swap recipes and resources and get inspiration from other islands.
- Online attendees are encouraged to take part too! Please arrange this via the BiCon 2023 Discord Server.
- Please note: Online play will be reliant on mobile phone hotspots as the venue Wi-Fi requires signing up via a browser.

14:15-15:15

Healthier, Happier Bisexuals: Working Out How with Grant Denkinson (he/ him) - Discussion HYBRID [2 spoons]

- Bisexuals have significantly worse health and happiness than others.
- We keep hearing this from research and personal stories.
- Let's talk together about what might help: What could we do for ourselves individually or in community? What do we want others in our lives or in the wider world to do more or less of or do differently?

- CW: Potentially emotive topics of physical illness, emotional distress, discrimination, assault, self harm or suicide though we will be concentrating on solutions not sharing stories in detail.

Coming Out & Sex As A Bi+ Couple with Wayne (he/him) & Nikki (she/her) -Talk & Discussion [1 spoon] STRICTLY 18+

- CW: Sex

Fictional Speed Dating with Eunice Hung (she/her) - Activity/Game [5 spoons] STRICTLY 18+

- Role play speed dating as a fictional character!
- There will be a stack of character suggestions (with a little blurb) that you can pick from, and you will then speed date in character.
- You can also bring a character of choice, in which case feel free to dress up as your character!

Blood On The Clocktower/BYO Boardgames with Becky B (she/her) -

Game [2-3 spoons] (14:15-16:30)

- Either take part in Becky's run of Blood On The Clocktower (7-15 players) or
- BYO board game and use the rest of the space in the room.

15:30-16:30

Everything You Were Taught About Sexuality Is A Lie with Mx Mark

Cusack (he/they) - Talk HYBRID [2-3 spoons]

- Mark presents a talk challenging the notion of binary gender and sexuality and provides the audience with a new way of seeing themselves, away from the confines of strict labels.

Bi+ Activism & Visibility In Organisations Outside The Bi+ Community

with David Bowskill (he/him) - Discussion [2-3 spoons]

 This session is an opportunity for people already involved or wanting to get involved in organisations outside the Bi+ community, such as employee networks, trade unions, political parties and the wider LGBTQ+ community to discuss best practice, ideas and strategies to increase bi+ visibility and foster a positive attitude to bi+ issues in these organisations.

The Human Cat (Pet) Café with Abi (she/her) - Activity [1 spoon] STRICTLY 18+

- An informal session for all the petplayers and the hoomans that enjoy feline and canine company (other animal personas welcome).

- Bring toys (balls, sugar mice etc) and gear (ears etc) if you like or just bring yourselves!

The BiCon Bazaar (11:30-16:30)

- The BiCon Bazaar is an opportunity for all BiCon attendees to sell or trade things with other attendees.
- If you are crafty and would like a space to sell/trade your creations, please drop by and grab a spot at a table.
- Community related adverts, flyers and leaflets are welcome.
- Two Nottingham based queer owned/run organisations, Five Leaves Bookshop and The Nottingham Horror Collective, will have books and zines for sale with some proceeds going to BiCon or other queer charities
 bring some cash with you!
- Please note: This is a private market open <u>only</u> to BiCon attendees.