

# The Lesbian Archive and Information Centre Timeline

Revealing the hidden history of British lesbian women.

## 1974: The beginning of a scene?

The Scottish Minority Group was the euphemistic term that described the first gay and lesbian interest group that appeared in Scotland in 1969. It concentrated on campaigning and providing a social scene for lesbians and gay men.

The SMG later became 'Scotland Homosexual Rights Group' and then later again, 'Outright Scotland'. A very good history of SMG is available on the Knitting Circle website.

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### McSapphos

Scottish sisters show solidarity in Scottish Minorities Group. (Say that in the sma<sup>r</sup> hours of Hogmanay. You can? You<sup>r</sup>e a Sassenach)...

Edinburgh women meet fortnightly, 8.00pm, Mondays in a central hotel. In between they arrange private socials. SMG sisters are into meetings with Womens Lib Workshop, 31 Royal Terrace, Edinburgh. Gay pub scene: Kenilworth, Rose St. Abercromby downstairs bar, Ambercromby Place. The Baillie, St Stephen St/NW Circus Place. Bandwaggon, Frederick Place. Women in the minority in all these places, but the men are very friendly. GLF scene swings too with Linda Blyth, 141 Dundee St, Edinburgh.

Dundee SMG meets 7.30pm, Mons in the Officers of Dundee Association of Social Services, 1 High Street.

Paisley SMG getting off the ground with coffee/chat eves. For info write with s.a.e. to Secretary, SMG, Glasgow, see Spike.

Small ads for the Scottish Minority Group from 'Sappho', 1974.

