

Loving Men at New Year '21

Event Information

Our Venue llam Hall is a youth hostel recently refitted at a cost of £2million. Most beds are bunkbeds - they are solid, very comfortable and with their own storage cupboard or large drawer, discreet reading light and plug socket.

- The Bunkhouse has a maximum of 14 beds
- Large dorms have a maximum of 8 beds
- Small dorms have a maximum 4 beds
- Premium rooms only have Bottom bunks in use and have *en suite* facilities
- Some other rooms may also have *en suite* facilities. There are multiple private bathrooms available for non- *en suite* rooms, within a few steps of the room
- Rooms will be allocated on a first come, first served basis

Room types and pricing The earlybird ticket prices below are per person and are available until 5:00 pm on Sunday 31 October. From 01 November prices go up by £50.00.

Bunkhouse: Top Bunk	£425.00
Bunkhouse: Bottom Bunk	£450.00
Large Dorm: Top Bunk	£500.00
Large Dorm: Bottom Bunk	£525.00
Small Dorm: Top Bunk	£575.00
Small Dorm: Bottom Bunk	£605.00
Twin: Top Bunk	£625.00
Twin: Bottom Bunk	£650.00
Premium Triple: Bottom Bunk	£675.00
Premium Twin: Bottom Bunk	£725.00
Premium Double: (per couple)	£1,450.00
Non-Residential Place	£500.00

Payment We have organized this event within a very tight timescale. Because of this we need you to pay in full for your room when you book. To ensure the event is viable we need the vast majority of bookings to be made and paid in full before the 14 November. Please help us by booking promptly. If we do not have a minimum number of bookings by 14 November we will not be able to go ahead with the event.

Low Income / Cash Flow option and Bursary Fund We strive to make Loving Men events accessible to people on low incomes in a number of ways. If it's not possible for you to pay in full at this point, please use the Low Income / Cash Flow option when booking. Bunk House beds are reserved for people on low incomes. If you are able to afford a different type of bed please book one of those. In addition, the Bursary Fund is available to assist people on very low incomes. Please book your place using the Bursary Fund option and complete a Bursary Fund application at the same time, to maximize your chances of getting financial support.

Crew Places As usual we will have a team of people looking after the event spaces, helping out during workshops and attending to the needs of event participants. These

places get a significant discount on the ticket fee and are suited to people who can help out in a number of ways, including:

- moving furniture
- organising equipment
- tidying up
- providing information
- helping workshop facilitators
- helping people in distress.

Tom Cowan will be coordinating and supporting the crew at the event. If you would like to apply for a crew place please book a place using the Low Income/Cashflow option, email peter@lovingmen.org with some details about you, and which accommodation type you would like. There are limited crew spaces, so book as soon as you can.

Room-Sharing If you are coming with friends or partners and wish to share a bedroom, all parties who wish to share should book as close as possible to each other (that is, at the same time if possible) as rooms will be allocated on a first come first served basis - only when all parties are booked. For couples / throuples who want their own room, if there are no suitable options available when you come to book please email peter@lovingmen.org to see if anything can be done to help.

Diversity Loving Men is a diverse community – we come from many different walks of life – this is central to who we are. We have been working to create this inclusive, diverse and welcoming community for 20 years. It is important to us that bi, queer and trans men, and gender non-binary people who are attracted to men, as well as gay men feel welcome, included and safe enough to participate in our events. If you only want to be with people just like you, this event is not the right place for you. We work hard towards creating a space that is free from bigotry and prejudice and where there is support and challenge to address racism, classism, ableism, ageism, transphobia, biphobia, femme-shaming, HIV-prejudice and body-shaming, among other things. We believe that connecting across differences and dismantling oppressive structures is as much the work of intimacy as learning to listen or share your feelings with another person. It's OK if you don't know what all these terms mean. We are up for a discussion and to learn together in a respectful dialogue. If you book a place, we ask you to commit to joining us in this endeavour.

Disability / Health Access Needs If there is medical or health reason why you need an *en suite* room please let us know at the time of booking. There are two rooms on the ground floor with several beds that are accessible to people with disabilities including wheelchair users. One of our meeting rooms is not accessible to wheelchair users, but all other common spaces are. If you have disability access needs please complete the relevant box when booking.

Travelling to Ilam Hall Ilam Hall is in the Peak District National Park, three hours drive from London, 40 minutes from Derby and 15 minutes from Ashbourne. By public transport you can get a train to Derby and a taxi from there, or a bus to Ashbourne and a taxi from there. There is car-parking at Ilam Hall in the National Trust car-park adjacent to the Hall. It is free for National Trust members and £2 a day for non-

members.

Telephone and Wi-Fi There is limited Wi-Fi available at YHA Ilam Hall and no phone signal within the building, so we can indulge in a digital detox during our stay. If you do need to make a call, a mobile signal can be found in some places outside and there is a payphone available.

Workshop Facilitators If you are interested in offering a 2-hour workshop on some aspect of intimacy or personal development during the event please let us know by emailing peter@lovingmen.org. Proposals for outdoor workshops are particularly welcome given the setting of the event.