



PORTY

MENTAL WELLBEING

All Trans Identities Are Valid!

Care For yourself Care For Each Other

ART SPACE

ART 4 ALL

CREATE

Queer Space

sober space all welcome

Fish & Chips

OPEN

Queer Love is Beautiful

BSL

CLUBHOUSE

sober space all welcome

Charity Shop

New Unisex Fashion

Queer Black Lives Matter

COFFEE POSSE

Today's Special: Apple Pie & Custard

OPEN LATE

Q Cinema

All your Queer Dreams, in film

space for everyone

Everyone Welcome

Making an accessible city for all



FROM HERE

by Gray Crosbie,

and the LGBTQ+ community in Edinburgh

Where do we go from here?

After all these months and that endless year
locked down, pandemic stuck.

Now we're ready

excited, nervous, desperate

to be together.

For new friends and familiar faces,

safe spaces to take it slow,

or to jump back in,

to jog, run, box, swim,

dance and sing our way back to ourselves.

To share the ways we endured the days

the discovery that flower-picking and photography
can be survival skills.

Our new favourite movies,

the best forests and hills.

To tell of the things piano keys can unlock

and talk about how it's not only time

that's been lost.

Now we're ready to be with our people,

to laugh and worry over a shared apple crumble

and tangle ourselves in cuddle-pile jumbles.

To relearn the energy of bodies,

to remember how company in itself

can be a cure.

We need music to close the meters

activities to ease anxieties.

We need journeys that are worth the three buses.

To buy tickets, hold programmes and run fingers

over plans for the future, to embrace our city

in a big queer takeover and have parties in the street.

**We need the calm of nature,
and a good night's sleep.**

**And some of us, we need
to know we won't now find ourselves alone.
That the virtual rooms where we found connection,
that sparked with joy
won't go dark and empty.**

**And some of us, we need for things to be different,
better, fairer.
Back to normal isn't as exciting
when "normal" wasn't always inclusive.
We need the same changes we did before:
affordable childcare, help with the bus fare,
spaces to be social while sober
places without prices, where it's only time that is spent.**

**We need wait lists to be smaller and bigger funds
counselling, assistants, interpreters,
to be around people who're like us.
Accessibility,
comfort,
safety—**

**Our needs are varied
but that's the beauty of diversity.**

**Lately, we've been looking forward again.
Because after all those months and that endlessly long year,
if nothing else, we've learned the importance of togetherness.
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