

# In-Trust launch

## 16<sup>th</sup> June 2007 Programme

7.00 pm Doors open. Hot and cold buffet dinner. Licensed bar.  
Music by **Natalie Black** and Ian McCoy doing close up magic with guests.

7.30 pm Live magic and illusion on stage by **Ian McCoy**

8.00 pm **Welcome and introductions to the team, personal stories by local members of In-Trust** and comments by Sue Shtewi, counsellor, on supporting the families involved. Question and answers.

9 pm Intermission, music provided by **Natalie Black**

9.30 Key note speech by **Prof Stephen Little OBE**, Press for Change  
"A Grow(l)ing Tranny" is basically framed through my life story with all the funny bits and the worst bits highlighted, with a serious message of 'love gender variant people' throughout. Followed by questions and answers

10.30 **Award ceremony**

11 pm Official close, but you are welcome to stay on to chat with the team and other guests.

### **Biographies:**

#### **Professor Stephen Whittle OBE**

Founder and Vice-President of **Press for Change**



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*People ask whether I wish I hadn't been trans. My answer is 'No' - I have been able to be at the forefront of a new political movement that is really challenging the issues of body fascism. If we can win the one about trans*

*bodies, then we can win in all the other battle grounds surrounding the body whether to do with people being fat or thin, abled or disabled, black or brown, male or female. Mostly though, being trans has been a privilege because I have met wonderful people, done wonderful things, been to wonderful places - all in all had a wonderful life!*

In the Queen's New Year's Honours list of December 2005 Dr Stephen Whittle was awarded an OBE to recognised his outstanding and long term contribution to the development of social and legal recognition for transsexual people over the course of more than 30 years. During that time Stephen had not only become recognised throughout the world as a leading academic legal expert in this field (one of the foremost authorities to whom lawyers turn for advice), but he had also helped to lead a revolution in the organisation and self-awareness of transsexual people throughout the world, inspiring others to come together to form an international community through lecturing, writing, media appearances and mentoring a new generation of campaigners.

Stephen Whittle is now Professor of Equalities Law at Manchester Metropolitan University where he taught for many years in the areas of Contemporary Social Law, Gender, Sexual Orientation and the Law, and Human Rights. He is a founder and vice-president of Press For Change (<http://www.pfc.org.uk>), which campaigns for respect and equality for all trans people. He is also co-ordinator of the UK's support network for 'female to male' trans people (<http://www.ftm.org.uk>).

He transitioned from female to male himself in the mid-1970s, having come from a background of Women's Liberation and Gay Liberation politics at that time, and he has very much retained his feminist and queer political views that were developed then.

## **Natalie Black, Musician**

I've been transgendered all my life but it was only in recent times that I've allowed myself to express myself as the person I truly am inside.

I am neither male nor female, my heart lies somewhere in between the extremes of the gender divide. Life is a journey and every person has to find their own way to their final destination.

It is so important to live your life the way that you must, no matter how bizarre it may seem. Only then is it possible to find true happiness and meaning in your life. Be who you want to be, there are no boundaries and no rule book for life. Respect others and allow them to be who they want to be too and live life in peace and harmony.



## **Sue Shtewi, Counsellor, MBAC**

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### **Qualifications and Accreditations:**

MA Counselling Studies (2003)  
Advanced Diploma in Counselling (1994)  
Diploma in Clinical Hypnosis and Hypnotherapy (2001)  
Diploma in Advanced Holistic Hypnotherapy (2006)

### **Specific Training and Experience:**

Psychosexual counselling Certificate ENB 1985  
Sexual Health Certificate 2001  
MA Counselling Studies, esp cross dressing and transgender.  
Working within Gay Community at the Docs, Bloom St Manchester

### **Specialisms and Interests:**

Transgender, psychosexual, sexual health, gender dysphoria,  
hypnotherapy, clinical and holistic therapies

## **Ian McCoy**

Ian McCoy is a Liverpool based magician and is one of the worlds top sleight of hand and mindreading performers. Ian is a thinking magician with degrees in history and political science and a post-graduate degree in education and theology. He is a published author. His book "Magic in the Center" is a philosophical work which tackles some of the big questions of life.

Ruth Chambers  
20 May 2007

**Contact Tony Griffin 0151 928 2233 ex 306 for tickets and info**