



ADVICE: Michael Parker, Andrew Galloway, Robert Harper and Nick Christodoulou all from Outreach Youth.org.uk



POSITIVE: Stall holder Liz Hodder talks to college principal David Muller

History month celebrates community's rich heritage

IPSWICH: Suffolk's second Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGB&T) History Month was launched last night with speakers discussing the issues facing the community and celebrating the richness of its heritage in the county.

The Ipswich event, at Suffolk New College, began with champagne and canapes while attendees gathered and spoke to profes-

sionals from organisations such as Age UK and the LGBT Network.

David William, chairman of the latter and one of last night's speakers, said the month was important to bring together this community.

He said: "Suffolk is a rural county and it is important lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people have a network they

feel comfortable with and can trust"

Ipswich Mayor Jane Chambers agreed. She said: "We want to break down barriers and show old people, young people, and people who feel isolated that they have a community in Suffolk."

LGB&T History Month is organised by the college, Suffolk Constabulary, Suffolk County

Council, Ipswich Borough Council and Outreach Youth.

A range of events around the county will be happening throughout the next month. Principal of the college, David Muller, said: "It's about diversity and bringing together people from a range of backgrounds and as a college that's what we're about, too."

"It's very positive."