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Queen Victoria didn't believe there could be any such thing as lesbians. Gay Pride Week, when male homosexuality is brought to public attention, has usually left lesbians just as invisible. But we do exist, many millions of us, living openly as lesbians or unseen, often married with children. And this year lesbian women are more and more in evidence. In Gay Pride Week we will be speaking out about our long hidden fight for the right to have lives of our own, independent from men.

The main London event for women during that week will be a public meeting called by Wages Due Lesbians entitled "Who Holds the Baby". The issue is child custody. One of the key threats hanging over women, and particularly lesbian women, is the threat of having our children taken from us.

The guest speaker is Wilmette Brown, who as a founder of Black Women for Wages for Housework, and Wages Due Lesbians, New York, is uniquely placed to speak on this subject. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, 29 June, at 7.30p.m. at the Women's Centre, 138 Drummond St., London N.W.1. It is open to all women, women only.

Gay Pride Week also sees the publication date of a new pamphlet, Motherhood, Lesbianism and Child Custody by Francie Wyland, to be published by Wages Due Lesbians, Toronto Canada and Falling Wall Press, Bristol. The pamphlet makes clear how crucial the question of custody is for both lesbian and non-lesbian women. Review copies are available on request.

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