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We are lesbians, gay men and bisexuals and, in 2019, we formed a group to promote our rights. In 2021, we were delighted to become a charity registered with the Charity Commission of England and Wales.

Our founders, Bev Jackson and Kate Harris, are experienced campaigners who have created a climate of hope for LGB people, in the UK and beyond.

Our Chair of Trustees, Eileen Gallagher, OBE, is an influential media figure, responsible for television that has shaped popular culture with shows including Footballers' Wives, Bad Girls and Waterloo Road, and is a recognised change-maker.

Our Chief Executive Officer, Kate Barker, is a writer, strategist and a brand expert.

We make decisions through our eight-person Policy Team and are supported by sub-groups, run by volunteers, to help us with our website, fundraising, IT, event management and marketing.

Many of us are volunteers and we are largely funded by small donations from members of the public who agree with our aims. We are independent and not affiliated to any other special interest group or political party. We are non-partisan as an organisation and welcome views from across the political spectrum.



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Why we exist

Great strides have been made to enhance the rights of same-sex attracted people over the decades and the UK remains one of the best places in the world to be lesbian, gay or bisexual.

It's a sad fact that homosexuality remains illegal in 64 countries around the world, many of which are in the Commonwealth.

Now there is a new type of homophobia in the UK that the established LGBTQ+ groups are failing to tackle and, in many cases, are actually making worse.

They promote the idea that gender, the way you feel or dress, is more important than biological sex. As lesbians, gay men and bisexuals whose orientation is sex based, we believe that replacing sex with gender means we can no longer name or describe the discrimination we face and, therefore, that our hard-won rights can be dismantled.

LGB Alliance believes that biological sex matters, that same-sex attraction is real, and we exist to support, celebrate and champion the very many people who feel the same way.



What we do

We provide information, community and support to LGB people in a world where being lesbian, gay or bisexual is, once again, under threat. We champion free speech. We campaign on issues that affect same-sex attracted people and we highlight and tackle discrimination wherever we see it.

Provide reliable information

We are evidence-based in all we do and produce a wide range of high-quality information in multiple formats.

Visitors to our website can browse easy-to-understand explainers about complex legislation, access copies of important reports such as the Cass Review and keep up-to-speed with significant news stories.

Our downloadable Info Sheets provide reliable overviews of issues, ranging from adoption rights for LGB people, to chemsex and its consequences, blood donation for gay men and global laws against homosexuality. It's a popular series and we add to it regularly.

We commission our own research and share it widely.





Our survey of supporters asked whether the term LGBTQ+ was an appropriate way to describe our community. The answer, resoundingly, was no. We shared our Don't Call Me Queer report, with its detailed findings, with our supporters and with policy makers.

Our monthly House of Commons Bulletin provides all MPs with the LGB perspective on significant legislative change and policymaking and includes in-depth analysis of the impact of proposed changes on lesbians, gay men and bisexuals around the country.

The range of our output is significant. Educational and engaging webinars include a pub quiz, a panel discussion on the key issues affecting bisexual people and a scholarly discussion of gay history. We make original films, post copies of our TV interviews and share the content from our National Conference. Those films, webinars and interviews have been viewed hundreds of thousands of times on our dedicated YouTube Channel.

Whether we are tweeting to our 100,000+ followers on social media, updating our 7,000+ newsletter subscribers or adding rigorously researched information to our website, our starting point is always evidence and truth.

Bring people together

Many attendees have told us that our National Conference is the highlight of the year. It's a fabulous opportunity to get together with hundreds of other lesbians, gay men and bisexuals, from around the UK and beyond, to hear from high-profile speakers, debate the big issues of the day, to share ideas and to build friendships for life.





We're proud that our Conference is attended by MPs and Peers, and by journalists, lawmakers and politicians from around the world, making our National Conference one of the most significant events in the LGB calendar.

Creating community matters to us. LGB Alliance has established 40 Friends' Groups around the country and that number is growing fast. Our vision is of a national network of groups giving all lesbians, gay men and bisexuals the chance to meet and socialise in their own local area. Each group is run by an energetic organiser – they're hard at work from the Isle of Skye to the South coast of England – who runs activities ranging from club nights, gallery visits, hiking and camping trips, film showings, pub lunches and picnics. A lesson in bell ringing in East London is perhaps the most unusual Friends' Group activity. So far!



LGB Alliance is dependent on the commitment, goodwill and expertise of those who would put others first. We're proud to have been formed and shaped by volunteers and we work hard to make sure that, even as we grow, our volunteers will continue to be at the core of what we do.





Promote free speech

Respectful free speech is the cornerstone of a democratic society and we give voice to the many who have felt that speaking out in defence of LGB rights has become impossibly dangerous. We are courteous but resolute – we will not have our views censored.

Support Business Leaders

Free speech in the workplace has been compromised and we developed the LGB Alliance Business Forum in response. The Forum comprises a group of senior executives from a range of private sector businesses who aim to protect our rights in workplaces which have become increasingly hostile towards LGB people.

The Forum works with business leaders and policy makers to facilitate respectful discussions about fairness at work and to tackle the ideological activism that has caused reputational, financial and legal harms to businesses. It is a beacon of hope for same-sex attracted people who have been silenced and sidelined at work in an increasingly repressive and ideologically driven culture.



Our landmark report, *Compelled Conformity*, challenged businesses to do better.





Challenge discrimination through the law

We joined forces with the Lesbian Project and Scottish Lesbians to intervene at the Supreme Court in the *For Women Scotland v the Scottish Government* to seek to clarify the meaning of the word woman in the Equality Act 2010. Our intervention highlighted the harms caused by the acceptance of the fiction that men can be lesbians. We were delighted that the ruling confirmed that ‘sex’ means biological sex and celebrated a considerable step forward in protecting the rights of same-sex attracted people.

Consult on policy

In addition to submitting over 40 detailed responses to consultations to Government departments and UN bodies, we have attended UN webinars to represent our views, spoken at all party parliamentary groups and committees, held meetings with Ministers and MPs, MEPs, MSPs, peers of all parties, the EHRC, the Police and OFCOM.

Support lesbian, gay and bisexual individuals.

We respond to emails and messages from people who contact us for help and advice.

Perhaps the most affecting of those have been from parents of young people who are lesbian, gay or bisexual and who are struggling with homophobia from their peers. In response, we developed the LGB Helpline for Young People.

It's a live-chat service, delivered via text and offers young people ranging in age from 13 – 24 a one-to-one chat with an experienced, and thoroughly trained and vetted, operator.

All of our volunteers are lesbian, gay or bisexual and all believe in biological reality. We are positive about being LGBT and we hope we can allay the worries of young people coming to terms with their own orientation. They know they can talk to us about bullying, loneliness, family alienation, relationship worries, or that they can simply get in touch to share what they're going through, in a warm and empathetic space, without judgment.

It is the only service to exclusively support same-sex attracted young people in the UK and we look forward to seeing it grow.

LGB International

Since our foundation we've been keenly aware of the struggles facing lesbians, gay men and bisexuals around the world. Our public launch in the UK prompted many of those people to get in touch to share their stories and sometimes to ask for support. We shared knowledge and resources, connected individuals and held regular meetings to help build a global community. We are delighted that this international network has formalised to become its own entity, LGB International.



LGB International is a federated body comprising LGB groups from around the world who will work together to tackle the most pressing issues affecting LGBT people. We're really proud to have shaped and driven the foundation of LGB International and we look forward to playing our part, as the UK member, in this exciting new organisation.



Campaign to tackle discrimination

Our campaigns highlight issues that impact lesbians, gay men and bisexuals and they bring the injustice and discrimination that we face to the attention of the wider public.

Our campaign to protect gender non-conforming young people from the scandal of unnecessary, experimental medication has had a considerable impact. Thanks to our work, puberty blockers and cross-sex hormones are no longer routinely prescribed to children.



Build an evidence base

We commissioned a rapid literature review on chemsex and its impact on gay and bi men. This is an escalating public health crisis that demands immediate attention. Our report highlighted the diversion of funds away from vital healthcare for gay men and we called on policy makers to recognise and respond to an increasingly urgent need.

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Let's Look After Each Other:

Chemsex Among Gay and Bisexual Men in the UK

A REPORT BY LGB ALLIANCE



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Choose best practice, not private practice.

We are pleased that the NHS will no longer be prescribing puberty blockers, saying that "there is not enough evidence of safety and clinical effectiveness".

It is right that young people accessing NHS gender services be supported by appropriate clinical expertise. The medicines in question, which are given to young people, are not without risk.

But there is more to be done. We urge you to not slow to reduce the length of the waiting list for gender services. We urge you to not slow to reduce the length of the waiting list for gender services. We urge you to not slow to reduce the length of the waiting list for gender services.

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Please help us by writing to your MP.



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Raise awareness of inequalities

We have drawn attention, to those who would seek to harm young people in the pursuit of an ideological agenda. We have alerted professionals and public alike to the fact that most young people who find themselves at gender clinics are same-sex attracted.

We've made legal interventions to support LGB people. We helped to ensure that LGB people in Russia, and 16 other countries, are afforded the same right to form partnerships as every other citizen, via the European Court of Human Rights. And, led by our Trustee Professor Rob Wintemute, successfully campaigned for amendments to the last UK pensions legislation discriminating against same-sex couples.

It's a significant milestone and means that the surviving same-sex spouse or civil partner of a deceased member of an occupational pension scheme must receive the same survivor benefits as an opposite-sex spouse.

We campaigned against Self-ID laws that would prevent lesbians and gay men from meeting in single-sex spaces. We have defended lesbians threatened with prosecution for stating that lesbians are female and we supported Ugandans who face increasingly hostile laws relating to their sexual orientation.

We will always fight for, and defend, our hard-won rights and we thank all those who continue to stand with us.



How you can help

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