

Statement regarding vote in the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE) on the resolution: [For a ban on conversion practices](#) (Doc. 15883), to be voted on 29 January 2026

LGB Alliance urges delegates to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE) to **vote no** on the proposed resolution *For a ban on conversion practices* (Doc. 15883), to be voted on 29 January 2026.

While presented as a measure to protect LGB people from outdated and abusive practices, the resolution:

1. Deliberately conflates sexual orientation with gender identity.

It evokes the historic abuse once inflicted on lesbians and gay men – practices that are already criminalised – to lend moral authority to a fundamentally different agenda: the blanket affirmation of cross-sex identification in children and youth. It applies that historic imagery to something entirely different – the distress of pubescent children and vulnerable young people struggling with their sexed bodies, their sexual orientation, and often also with depression, anxiety, or trauma. The resolution exploits that imagery to introduce affirmation-only approaches as a legal and professional obligation, extending to parents, family members, teachers, trainers, social and youth workers.

2. Harms lesbian and gay youth.

Many same-sex attracted adolescents struggle with their developing bodies and sexual orientation. Framing their discomfort as evidence of “being trans” risks medicalising homosexuality and steering young people towards irreversible hormonal or surgical interventions.

3. Misrepresents and undermines homosexuality.

While many transactivists and progressive political parties want to suggest that the trans movement is simply the organic evolution of the lesbian and gay rights movement – something known and trusted – this is not only false, but the two are also fundamentally incompatible. Homosexuality is same-sex attraction, not attraction to someone’s gender identity or self-perception. Homosexuals do not call for irreversible hormonal or medical interventions on minors, nor do they compel society to affirm subjective feelings over material facts. The resolution promotes an ideology that is incompatible with sexual orientation as a material reality and risks eroding legal and cultural protections for lesbians and gay men.

4. Introduces broad ideological obligations into public life.

The resolution calls for awareness campaigns, professional training and reporting frameworks that embed the ideological doctrine of gender identity into education, healthcare, welfare, justice and law enforcement – with serious consequences for freedom of thought, speech, conscience and professional integrity.

We call on delegates to reject this resolution and engage with us in developing safeguarding policies that support vulnerable youth, protect lesbian and gay people and respect professional standards.

About LGB Alliance

LGB Alliance is a UK-based charitable organisation that advocates for the rights of lesbians, gay men and bisexuals, based on the reality of biological sex. We promote evidence-based policy, uphold child safeguarding and oppose attempts to erase sexual orientation or reframe it as gender identity.