

- Thirty Years ago, when faced with the tragedy of the AIDS crisis our LGBT community responded by setting up grass roots voluntary groups, and fundraising
- At the time these voluntary groups spoke about fund raising together, but never did.
- Fast forward 20 years. In 2008 James Ledward and Paul Elgood started a public appeal to commission and build The AIDS memorial. Once this was done the concept of an umbrella mechanism for distributing local LGBT community fundraising was revived as a legacy project, and The Rainbow Fund was created.
- We have a well-established system, where LGBT projects apply through an annual grants round, in the knowledge that our grants panel will consider their applications in the context of need across the sector. Fundraisers can trust that what they raise will go where its needed, and that the projects are carefully monitored.
- I've been around the LGBT block a few times, including most of the Prides over the last 25 years. Fundraising has always been a fundamental part of the event. As the previous organisers ran into trouble, there was no money left to distribute to Charities for four years. When Paul and Dulcie, took over in 2013 they were determined to build a Pride with Purpose and ringfenced £1 from every ticket sold for LGBT projects. The Rainbow Fund had the wherewithal to distribute the funds raised fairly and transparently and were chosen by Pride to do just that. Pride is now the largest contributor to The Rainbow Fund, though by no means the only one.
- So, here we are



Pride 2018

£250,00 raised for good causes

£180,000 for The Rainbow Fund to
distribute

....up 50% from last year



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Contribution from Pride £180,000
Up 50% from last year

with number of applications up 85%,



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Number of applications up 85% from
last year

and total grants awarded up by 65%.

- We have awarded grants for 22 LGBT and HIV projects this year



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Total value of grants awarded up 65%,
22 LGBT and HIV projects

- Why, you may ask, are record amounts needed for LGBT projects...and the simple answer is that our LGBT and HIV communities are disproportionately affected in several areas. Our battles for equality have been won, and there are reasons to celebrate the changes in the law, on age of consent, adoption, marriage and civil partnership, hate crimes, and workplace equality. Our community fighting for our rights. A fight that is not over for Trans people in this country. These were the legal battles for equality. Now we are left with the consequences of stigma and social isolation.
- It is estimated that up to 15% of the population of Brighton and Hove identifies as LGBT+, against 2% nationally, and according to the council's website they experience a higher risk than the heterosexual population of bullying, abuse, discrimination, exclusion, mental health issues, self-harming and suicidal behaviour. Those who are socially isolated and those on low income are more susceptible.

The National LGBT survey (2017) found that 40% of respondents had experienced an incident because they were LGBT in the previous 12 months,

... there was a 147% increase in reported LGBT hate crimes in the 3 months after the referendum vote

Nationally 25% of young homeless identify as LGBT. In Brighton that figure is 33%.

...69% of those homeless young people were rejected by their parents, or suffered abuse within the family

25% of trans people had been discriminated against when seeking rented accommodation.



Hate Crimes and LGBT phobias

- 40% of respondents had experienced an incident because they were LGBT in previous 12 months. *The National LGBT survey (2017)*
- 147% increase in reported LGBT hate crimes in the 3 months after the referendum vote compared to the same period in the year before. *Galop LGBT anti-violence charity*
- Nationally 25% of young homeless identify as LGBT, in Brighton that figure goes up to 33%. *Albert Kennedy Trust*
- 69% of those homeless young people were rejected by their parents, and suffered abuse within the family
- 25% of trans people have been discriminated against when seeking rented accommodation. *Stonewall*

We awarded a grant to The Brighton and Hove LGBT Community Safety Forum “Next Step” project



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The Brighton and Hove LGBT Community Safety Forum “Next Step” project

Works with those affected by hate crime, domestic abuse, bullying, and homelessness by supporting them back into education, training, volunteering or work. In short to move on with their lives.

£15,000

52% of young LGBT people reported self harm compared to 25% of heterosexual non-trans young people.

44% of young LGBT people have considered suicide compared to 26% of heterosexual non-trans young people”

33% of Trans people have attempted suicide more than once in their lifetime.



LGBT mental health issues

- 52% of young LGBT people reported self harm compared to 25% of heterosexual non-trans young people. *Public Health Matters*
- 44% of young LGBT people have considered suicide compared to 26% of heterosexual non-trans young people. *Public Health Matters*
- 33% of Trans people nationally have attempted suicide more than once in their life. *Public Health Matters*

- In the previous 12 months
- The following had attempted to take their own life

All Men, all sexualities	0.4%
Gay men	3%
Lesbian	5%
BME Gay Men	5%
BME Lesbian	7%
Bisexual Men	5%
Bisexual Women	7%
Gay and Bisexual men with a disability	10%



LGBT mental health issues

“Developing an LGBT inclusive approach to protecting and improving mental health and to prevent suicide should be done alongside LGBT community organisations and members”

Public Health Matters

- We awarded the following grants



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- **Mindout** "Out of the Blue" suicide prevention project, and peer support projects **£5,000**
- **Mindout** LGBT counselling project **£10,000**
- **Men Talk Health..**12 podcasts around LGBT Mental Health issues **£4,700**
- **Allsorts LGBT youth project.** To address isolation, invisibility and low self esteem of LGBT children and young people, including Transformers trans specific project.
£19,901



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- **Longhill School LGBT group.** Project to produce short films for use in schools **£6,780**
- **Switchboard** Rainbow Café project for LGBT people living with memory loss and dementia. **£11,500**
- **Switchboard.** Grief Encounters LGBT Bereavement Counselling Project. **£7,000**



Trans primary care

“21% of trans respondents said that their specific needs were ignored or not taken into account when they accessed, or tried to access, healthcare services. 18% were subject to inappropriate curiosity and 18% said that they avoided treatment for fear of discrimination or intolerant reactions.”

National LGBT Survey

- **We gave the following grant**



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The Clare Project

Seed funding to prepare the charity to bid for the contract to provide trans specific NHS Primary Health Services. Brighton based, with national importance

£16,700

- Whilst asking for acceptance in the wider community, we must also recognise that prejudice exists within our LGBT communities. This is especially true for People of colour. LGBT People of colour often also face rejection or exclusion from family and their wider ethnic communities.
- I've used the acronym LGBT so far for brevity, but we must recognise that younger people, especially, have embraced the concept of a Queer community. So here we add a Q.



Intersectionality and LGBT People of Colour

"32% of LGBTQ people have experienced some form of discrimination or poor treatment from others in the LGBT community. That number rises to 51% for those who are Black or Asian." *Stonewall/YouGov*

"There is a need for LGBTQ and BME third sector organisations to support QTPOC community building "

Univ. of Brighton

- We have awarded a grant to initiate a monthly QTIPoC (Queer, Trans, Intersex People of Colour) meet up. We also believe that meetup groups are an excellent way to address social isolation, and have awarded a grant to the BAME/POC LGBTQ+ Network Meet Up Group



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QTIPoC community monthly meet up space

Including creative workshops,

£7,600

BAME/POC LGBTQ+ Network Meet Up Group

£250



Negative effects of Social Isolation in LGBT and HIV communities

- Social connectedness keeps older adults healthy and helps them live longer.
- LGBT older adults are twice as likely to live alone
- LGBT adults living with HIV also face high rates of isolation, which has been shown to have a negative impact on health and wellbeing, particularly cognitive function

SAGE Report

- We awarded the following grants.



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- **Lunch Positive.** Weekly nutritious meal for people living with HIV £5,000
- **Lunch Positive.** 5 wellbeing projects for people living with HIV £1,550
- **Lunch Positive.** New Supper Club for older people living with HIV £3,770



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- **Older and Out.** Monthly Supper Club for older LGBT people **£6,000**
- **The Sussex Beacon.** Group work to empower people with HIV to live well **£7,640**
- **Sea Serpents LGBT Rugby Club.** Bursary Fund. **£1,000**
- **The Rainbow Chorus.** Monthly meeting, singing for pleasure. **£8,020**
- **The Rainbow Chorus.** BSL signed performances. Outreach to LGBT deaf community. **£1,500**