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Press Statement



LGBT+ FUTURES

Grants Programme

- **Consortium has today announced a further investment of £200,000 to 42 LGBT+ organisations across England**
- **A strong diversity of intersecting organisations receive funding to increase LGBT+ visibility and support organisational sustainability**

Consortium, the UK's umbrella body for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender + organisations has announced the successful recipients from the second round of its LGBT+ Futures Fund.

42 LGBT+ organisations across England will share the funding, with grants ranging from £550 to £10,000. Recipients will undertake a diverse range of work, from youth-led recordings of experiences growing up LGBT+ in rural Devon to setting up a disabled people's led pride style event. All those funded will work to make our LGBT+ communities more visible and help to make LGBT+ organisations stronger and more sustainable in this ever changing economic environment.

Funding for the programme is thanks to money from the Government Equalities Office, who are investing in the LGBT+ sector as a result of their National LGBT Survey—the largest survey of LGBT+ people undertaken by any Government. The LGBT Action Plan details over 75 actions, including support for the infrastructure working with those LGBT+ people most in need.

Minister for Equalities, Baroness Susan Williams, said:

“Every day, local LGBT groups are helping people across the country.

Organisations on the ground are vital to our work advancing equality - and we're empowering them to expand and grow.

This investment will be important in making sure our LGBT Action Plan brings about real, lasting change across the whole country.”

Paul Roberts OBE, Chief Executive at Consortium said:

“This funding allows a large number of LGBT+ organisations to make a real difference to their service users and local communities.

It has been awe-inspiring reading over what our recipients will look to achieve in the next 8 months. Consortium is excited to see the impact of this work.”

“The LGBT+ sector is relatively small but offers unique contributions to lives of millions of LGBT+ people and our allies.

We will be working hard to see this programme continue beyond this first phase so many more can benefit in the future, including those LGBT+ organisations beyond the borders of England. The impact of this programme will resonate with other funders and Consortium will use this opportunity to help leverage further funding into our sector.”

Chloe Cousins, Strategic Lead at Rainbow Noir said:

“The LGBT+ Futures Grant will enable Rainbow Noir to not only sustain, but also to grow over the coming year, with additional help to build our capacity as a group through toolkits and training, as well as the money to help support volunteering and group infrastructure, including our new website!”

Joseph Williams, Executive Director at ParaPride said:

“We are thrilled to have been granted funding through LGBT Consortium to enhance London’s artistic and social programming for LGBTQ disabled people.

There is a dearth of opportunity, social, artistic and recreational, that celebrates and caters for the needs of London’s LGBTQ disabled community. With the support of this funding, we are thrilled to be able to transform this.”

Projects funded will undertake their work up to March 2020, alongside the 24 organisations awarded funding in the first round earlier this year. For the full list of successful organisations please

visit: <http://www.lgbtconsortium.org.uk/FuturesRecipients>

The list of grant recipients in round 2 are as follows:

- Warwickshire Pride
- Free2B Alliance
- Breakout Youth
- Proud 2 b parents
- Oldham Pride
- Q Space
- York LGBT Forum
- Sunderland Pride Group CIC
- LGBT+ Service Nottinghamshire
- Rainbow Foundation
- Switchboard
- GayGlos
- Cumbria LGBT Pride
- Pride in North Cumbria
- LGB&T Out in the Bay
- Trade Sexual Health
- LGBT Federation North East
- LGBT Bristol
- Norwich Pride
- KeshetUK
- Q:alliance
- LCR Pride Foundation
- The Kite Trust
- Not Alone Plymouth
- Leeds Bi Group

- Rainbow Home (North East England)
- Space Youth Project
- Out of the Can
- Rainbow Noir
- Kingston LGBT Forum
- Unmuted
- New Family Social
- Proud2Be CIC
- Manchester Village Spartans RUFC
- Educate and Celebrate
- Stonewall Housing
- London Friend
- House of Rainbow
- Deaf LGBTIQ
- Learnest CIC
- ParaPride
- X2y Youth Group

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