



birmingham lgbt community trust

Annual Report

2010/2011

CHAIRS REPORT

This report covers the period from 1st April 2010 to 30th June 2011.

Birmingham LGBT Community Trust has had another outstanding year of growth and development in 2010-11. During the past year we have sought to strengthen and consolidate our Board of Management, governance and policies and procedures and we enter 2011-12 with a refreshed, enthusiastic and engaged Board. Our two workers, Steph Keeble and Dave Viney, have worked incredibly hard during this past year to further the aims and objectives of the charity by their continued efforts to support and engage LGBT community groups and organisations throughout Birmingham and the West Midlands, alongside strategic partners and funders on a local and national level.

2010-11 has seen Dave Viney, our Development Worker, manage and deliver the second highly successful Shout Festival, which is earning itself a place as one of the UK's most successful LGBT cultural festivals. Success with fundraising has also seen the development of a range of other cultural projects including a successor to the Gay Birmingham Remembered Project, Gay Birmingham, Back-to-Back, and the ongoing Pink Picnic.

Our Strategic Development Worker Steph Keeble has overseen the strategic profiling and engagement of Birmingham LGBT within a range of networks, including Hate Crime Scrutiny Panel, Core Equality Partnership, National Equality Partnership, Hate Crime Partnership and others. She and Dave have worked hard to represent the LGBT community across a range of fora, and to support various groups individually and through the LGBT Community Forum.

2010-11 also saw Birmingham LGBT develop ambitious plans for the creation of a Health and Wellbeing Centre for Birmingham's LGBT community, and in May 2011 we were successful in achieving nearly £0.5 million to enable this.

A huge vote of thanks must go to Steph and Dave for their incredible hard work and vision. I would also like to extend thanks to my fellow Board Members for their continued engagement and time commitments, and for rising to the challenges as the charity moves forward into this new and exciting phase of its life.

As we look forward to 2011-12 it is with a sense of achievement, excitement and ambition for Birmingham's LGBT community. With plans for expansion of the Team and the charity it will be a full and busy year, and we look forward to working with a wide range of partners and supporters to realise our vision, and the vision of our LGBT communities.



Matt Daniels
Chair, Birmingham LGBT Community Trust



Birmingham LGBT Forum at Pride 2011



Images Courtesy of Midlands Zone

Birmingham LGBT Community Trust has organised the Birmingham Pride Village Green/Community Area for the past two years. The 2011 event has been hailed a resounding success by the LGBT Forum Groups, on whose behalf we organise the area.

"Working with the Positive Mental Health Group I was involved on a community stall at Birmingham Pride 2011. It was great to see that feedback from previous years had been considered. The community area worked really well for networking with other similar groups and offered the right atmosphere to discuss and inform pride-goers about mental health issues. We had a steady stream of visitors all day, including the Lord Mayor – who pledged support for our work. I am certain that we will return in 2012." Mark Hillier, Head of patient and public involvement, Birmingham and Solihull Mental Health NHS Foundation Trust.

"Being on the Community float was great, we were surprised by the amount of people who lined the route and by the positive reaction from all ages and ethnicities. The community area felt chilled and safe, we had lots of enquiries. The arrangements for disabled parking couldn't have been better – and the sun shone!! Well done!" Paddy Broughton, Pink Sou'westers

"We especially enjoyed participating in the community area as it gave us a feeling of true community cohesion with other LGBT groups as well as the opportunity to meet, greet and recruit new members to Nubian Rainbow. The entire experience throughout the day was fun, vibrancy and a combination of sheer discovery which left us wanting this period to continue!" Nubian Rainbow Management Committee

"Our vision is a vibrant, diverse lesbian, gay, bisexual and trans community in Birmingham, in which individuals can realise their full potential and have equal access to all the city has to offer."

STRATEGIC WORK

It's been a busy and exciting year at Birmingham LGBT with lots of major developments; I am going to highlight a few key achievements:

Birmingham LGBT took part in a national Pan Equality Social Return on Investment study which found that for every pound of public money invested in Birmingham LGBT between £3.70 and £9.20s worth of social return was generated for the LGBT community in the city.

Birmingham LGBT completed a large scale piece of research "Out & About" Mapping LGBT Lives in Birmingham, a report has been written by Dr.Gary Woods which provides valuable data about the needs of the LGBT community in the city, which will be important in assessing needs and developing and designing services.

Birmingham LGBT continued to be a key player in the Core Equalities partnership and had two pieces of its work showcased in the RAWM basis report a "Partnership in Equalities and Human Rights" produced by F & D associates. Birmingham LGBT works closely with the LGBT voluntary and community sector and delivered business planning days, outcomes monitoring training and Active Citizenship Training. The community forum continues to meet bi monthly and groups have accessed support with constitutions, developing policies and fundraising.

Birmingham LGBT has continued to raise awareness of LGBT and equalities issues delivering presentations to the strategic health authority and West midlands infrastructure groups, and presenting as a key note speaker at a number of conferences Birmingham LGBT has also developed its training programme over the last twelve months and has delivered Sexual Orientation Awareness Training to Aquarius and Sexual Orientation and the Workplace Training to Birmingham City Council.

Birmingham LGBT has also continued to grow as an organisation and has succeeded in continuing to successfully implement its fund raising strategy, following a number of community consultations and based on the evidence coming from the mapping research, Birmingham LGBT submitted a funding bid to the Big Lottery's Reaching Communities funding stream and following a successful application has been awarded £480,000 over four years to set up an LGBT Health and Wellbeing Centre in the city.

Exciting times for Birmingham LGBT and exciting times for the LGBT community in Birmingham.

Steph Keeble, Strategic Lead

"The Birmingham LGBT Trust in delivering its various programmes of work has proven to be a valuable partner in supporting Birmingham City Council's strategic goals around equality and cohesion." Shakil Dixon, Events and Programmes Team Leader

I have continued to work with community and voluntary groups through the facilitation of the LGBT Forum. I have worked with various forum groups on a one-to-one basis, advising them on developing their governance, and helping them with marketing and making applications for funding. This is on top of the ongoing training Birmingham LGBT delivers to support the sector.

A Heritage Lottery grant has enabled us to expand on the Gay Birmingham Remembered legacy. Gay Birmingham, Back to Back is an innovative partnership between ourselves, Women & Theatre and the National Trust. The project researched the lives and experiences of LGBT people in Birmingham between 1840s and 1970s and will culminate in November 2011 with onsite performances in the Back to Back Housing on Hurst Street.

I continued to develop and deliver the SHOUT Festival working with a steering group of arts professionals and practitioners. A grant from BeBirmingham (Social Enterprise Fund), allowed us to capacity build the festival through enhanced marketing, business planning, fundraising and professional advice. The second festival was a resounding success with increased audience and greater participation from the community groups through Your SHOUT.

I have also sustained and developed our profile within the LGBT Community and beyond, promoting our work by using the traditional gay press and digital media.

David Viney, Community Development Worker

"The support that we have received from Birmingham LGBT Community Trust has without doubt enable Nubian Rainbow to be very visible during our first year. With the small funds and practical support that we have received we are continuing to make an impact on the lives of the black LGBT community, in Birmingham." CJ White, Chair, Nubian Rainbow

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

- *Development of training and events for forum members, including LGBT History Month Event, Pink Picnic and Birmingham Pride Community Area.*
- *Development support for Eye2Eye and Nubian Rainbow.*
- *Community strand of SHOUT Festival.*
- *Development of Gay Birmingham, Back to Back.*

"The SHOUT funding that Eye to Eye received has been invaluable. It has given us a wonderful chance to start a new group, produce new work, put on a successful and well attended exhibition, and encouraged us to start to make plans for bigger projects."

Viv Harrison, Eye2Eye Photography Group

SHOUT FESTIVAL 2010

Anyone of the 46,202 audience members that attended any of the 36 programmed events or spoke to one of the 55 artists can't help but notice the impact that SHOUT 2010 had, not just on the LGBT community but on the city as a whole. At last Birmingham has a vibrant queer cultural event to match that of any other city. And we have the evidence base to back up our claims that SHOUT has made a difference. It made a difference to the lives of LGBT people in Birmingham, it made a difference to the cultural life of the city and it made a difference to the way in which Birmingham is perceived nationally and internationally.

Feedback from presenters and audiences was highly positive. SHOUT brought international, national and local artists together, challenged cultural stereotypes and provided an excellent opportunity for LGBT community engagement. It offered audiences and participants a chance to meet others in non-scene settings and celebrated the diversity of our LGBT community.

The SHOUT Festival was made possible thanks to the support of Arts Council England, Birmingham City Council, BeBirmingham and Screen WM with funds from The National Lottery through the UK Film Council as well as our small staff team and large group of steering group members and volunteers.

I'm sure you'll agree that SHOUT 2010 gave us all something to shout about!

Steve Ball
Chair, 2010 SHOUT Festival

"SHOUT is a festival with great programming, personality and integrity, and with the right support, has strong potential to grow and reach national if not international audiences in its future direction. This year's programme at mac, traversed art-form range, travelled across spaces enriching the potential for unexpected encounters. It provided a welcome focus in our cinema programme, introduced new artists, processes and perspectives to the "mac audience" and equally the new audiences who came first time to the arts centre - it confronted some, informed and entertained others. We welcome developing further links towards the 2011 festival, and seeing where mac's independent programme and artist development initiatives within the LGBT community can start to grow with more confidence..."

Amanda Roberts, Arts Development Director mac

"This festival has made a big impact on people's lives in this city... It is truly inspiring"

Festival Participant

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SHOUT



Carnation Cape, Queering the Museum by Matt Smith. SHOUT 2010
Image David Rowan Birmingham Museum & Art Gallery 2010

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