



Safe Housing for LGBTQ+ Residents: Why it Matters and What You Can Do

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STONEWALL HOUSING IS THE UK'S LEADING LGBTQ+ HOMELESSNESS CHARITY.



We help LGBTQ+ people in the UK who are experiencing homelessness or living in an unsafe environment.

We provide safe accommodation, housing advice, mental health advocacy and specialist support for people fleeing or have fled domestic abuse.

Founded in 1983, we're the only charity in the UK working with homeless LGBTQ+ people of all ages.

We're fighting to end homelessness and ensure that everyone has a safe and secure space to call home.

SPECIALIST, BY-AND-FOR SERVICE

ADVOCACY SERVICES

Tailored support surrounding domestic abuse, substance misuse, and mental health.



LIVE CHAT

Accessible online help through real-time messaging.



HELPLINE

A lifeline for immediate, confidential support.



SUPPORTED ACCOMMODATION

Safe, affirming housing where residents can rebuild independence.



HOUSING ADVICE DROP-INS

In-person support sessions to help with housing challenges





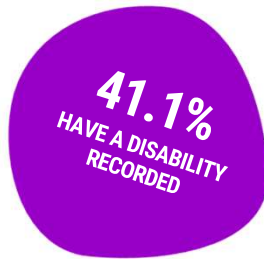
Reason for Housing Situation	Current Housing Situation
LGBTQ+ Specific Discrimination	Living with Family
Family Breakdown	Sofa Surfing
Domestic Abuse	Supported Housing
Unemployment	Local Authority
Hate Crime	Housing Association

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“Thank you for all the support and help. It’s a bit overwhelming but I’m very happy [that] for the first time in a very long time, I’m able to sleep without interruption since the place is very quiet. I appreciate the support and advice you have given me.”

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Stonewall Housing service user



MEET ALEC*, 78

Alec* is a 78 year old man who was referred to us by his Local Authority. He had been sighted looking dishevelled and experiencing homophobic attacks on the streets.

Our triage assessment established that he was currently living in isolation, experiencing years of homophobic ASB by neighbours, with no access to support.

We referred him to Adult Social Services. Afterwards, a LA worker contacted us and advised that Alec has a history of sexual offending. They said "morally they could not work on this case, and we should disclose the offending history when completing referrals."

It transpired that Alec's offending history related to being outed as gay before homosexuality was legalised in 1967.

Alec told us that his community has not evolved over the years and still considers him to be a sexual predator. He was being persecuted daily by local members of the village and experienced verbal abuse, physical assaults, and generally being isolated.

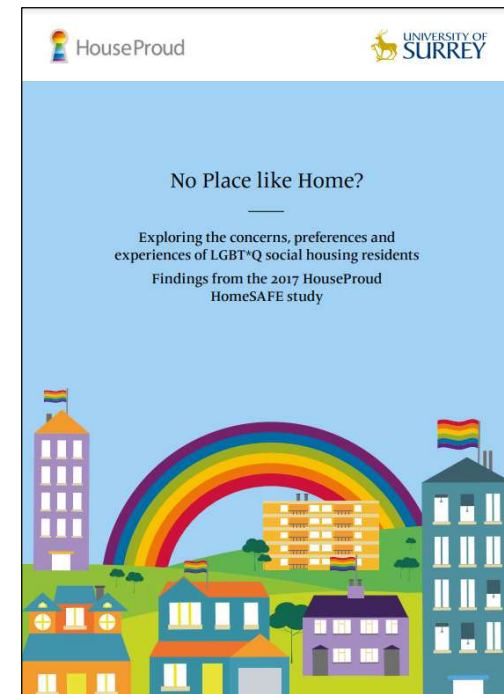
We worked with Alec and the Adult Social Services to ensure he is now living in safety.



'No Place Like Home?'

- **60% of trans and non-binary residents felt their neighbourhood was not a safe place to live as an LGBTQ+ person**
- **A third of survey respondents felt their landlord was not able to deal effectively with issues like harassment**
- **Over a fifth of gay men reported that they regularly modify their home if visited by their landlord to make their sexual orientation less visible.**
- **In focus groups, people spoke about disturbing accounts of hate crime and discrimination**

"I think it needs to be taken into account, but if somebody abuses you and they're your next door neighbour, whatever the abuse it needs to be acted on, and that's what housing associations aren't doing"



The LGBTQ+ Housing Pledge, by HouseProud and delivered by Stonewall Housing

-  Informed by research
-  Engineered to be accessible
-  Centred around LGBTQ+ residents
-  Informed by experts & partnerships



LGBTQ+ SUPPORT GROUP

For our wonderful clients who are unsure where they stand as individuals or may need a safe haven where they feel included and heard. We would like everyone's ideas in this support group as there's no hierarchy in our sessions, only learning and growth.



Proud to be part of Pride

We had a fantastic time at the Manchester Pride parade, with customers and colleagues proudly taking part together alongside our friends at HouseProud and Rainbow Roofs. HouseProud helps to support LGBTQ+ colleagues, and Rainbow Roofs is an organisation for LGBTQ+ tenants and customers. If you'd like to get involved with Rainbow Roofs, get in touch with our diversity lead or by calling our freephone at XXX.



80'S VIBES

EVERYONE IS INVITED. EVERYONE IS WELCOME. ALL AGES.

PRIDE PANTO

SATURDAY 28TH JUNE / 2.30PM

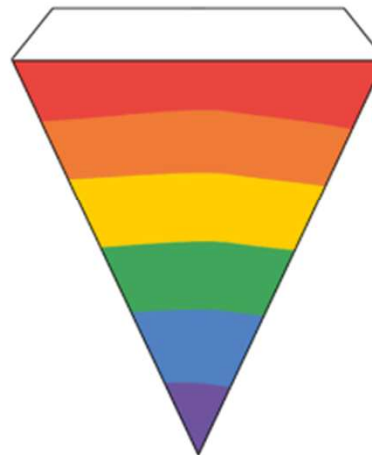
BOOK FREE TICKETS IN ADVANCE (max 2 per person)

Help! I need an heir!

Funded by Southwark Council

Pride Bunting

Cut out and make your own



BookLife PUBLISHING

Join Our EDI Forum!

Equality, Diversity & Inclusion Residents Forum



Share Your Voice!

Help shape our services to be fair and inclusive.



Find Community & Support

Connect with fellow residents from all backgrounds.



Get Involved & Get Remunerated!

Receive a voucher for your time and input.

Interested? Apply Now!

Meet monthly • Open to all backgrounds • Training provided

For more info or to join, contact:



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Celebrating LGBTQ+ History Month

- Lunch and Learn with Rainbow Roofs and Forward 11.30am - 1.00pm Cornerstone Light lunch provided
- Lunch and Learn with Adam from LGBT Foundation (Whalley Range Project) Thursday 27th February - 12pm - 1pm - Cornerstone Light lunch provided
- 19th February - Rainbow Roofs Information Stand in Reception
- Online LGBTQ+ History month Quiz! Throughout February Enter here
- 13th February LGBTQ+ Aspiring Allies Training Book your place via Cascade
- Focus on... LGBTQ+ Historical Figures throughout the month





What support is available to Pledge signatories?

- Regular 1-to-1s with the Pledge Coordinator
- A monthly newsletter of events, wider reading, resources etc. (and my ramblings!)
- Bi-monthly signatory forums to share learnings and hear from speakers
- A buddying system called 'Pledge Pals' to provide peer support
- Reduced rates for Stonewall Housing's training packages
- Access to a range of materials, resource lists, logo packs, toolkits and more
- Other celebratory events

Learn more about the Pledge!



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