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### **Northern Ireland Housing Executive (which presently comes under Nelson McCausland's remit as Social Development minister) pays out £9000 to sodomite organisations**



**Orangeman, Nelson McCausland, right.**

In response to enquiries the NIHE has indicated that it too is involved in the dispensing of public funds to sodomites organisations.

It also facilitates these organisations with printing and training resources.

The Social Development minister under whose department the NIHE operates, is Nelson McCausland, once the Northern Ireland Secretary of the Lord's Day Observance Society. It is quite a change of calling for Mr. McCausland!!

He took up this appointment earlier this year. He has ultimate responsibility for the NIHE and how it spends its money.

### **Letter of reply from the Northern Ireland Housing Executive.**

10th August 2011

Dear Mr. . . . . .

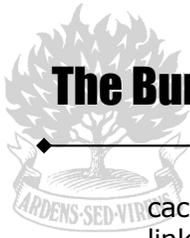
#### **Freedom of Information Act 2000**

I refer to your email of 15<sup>th</sup> July 2011 regarding funding of the Rainbow Project, including a breakdown of funding by the Northern Ireland Housing Executive over the last five years and purpose of funding. I can confirm that your request has been processed as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

In 2009 the Chief Executive's Business Committee approved the contribution of £3,000 from the 2009/10 Community Cohesion budget to the Rainbow Project Lesbian, Gay, Bi-sexual and Transgender (LGB & T) Advocacy Worker Project which was then launched in June 2010.

Additionally a commitment was made to provide 12 days staff resource for training, steering group work and surgeries. The Housing Executive has also provided posters and printed flyers to promote the Advocacy Service.

The partnership project, mainly funded by the Policing within the Community Fund and Belfast City Council, aims to identify and meet the needs of members of the lesbian, gay and bisexual and Trans (LGB & T) community through providing an Advo-



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cacy service managed by the Rainbow Project and to maintain and develop better links and information flows between the LGB & T community and the police, Belfast City Council and the Housing Executive.

The Advocacy worker will identify any information or service gaps which need to be addressed to improve mainstream service delivery including issues around the provision of temporary accommodation and support for victims of hate incidents as part of a multi agency response. The Advocacy worker will also raise awareness of the Hate Incident Practical Action scheme (HIPA) and will provide awareness training for Housing Executive staff.

Due to a successful initial year, in March 2011 it was agreed to contribute a further £6,000 from the Community Cohesion Unit Budget to the second year of the multi agency Advocacy Project to develop and build on the relationships, networks and services established. Letters of support for the continuation of the project have been received from Unite against Hate, Cara-Friend/GLYNI, the Oyster Group and the Belfast Butterfly Club (support groups for the transgender Community), Queerspace Collective, Cara-Friend Gay Helpline, the LGBT Independent Advisory Group to PSNI and Lesbianline.

The increase in the Housing Executive contribution was based on higher projected uptake, increased outputs such as more extensive publicity, more surgeries and additional training for Housing Executive staff. Funding was dependent on all partners contributing.

If you feel that the information we have provided does not fully meet your request, please telephone 028 90318252 in the first instance. You have the right to request a formal review by the Housing Executive within two calendar months of the date of this letter. If you wish to do so, please write to:

The Records Manager  
IT Dept  
5<sup>th</sup> Floor  
The Housing Centre  
2a Adelaide Street  
Belfast  
BT2 8PB

Alternatively, you can email the FOI Team at [records@nihe.gov.uk](mailto:records@nihe.gov.uk) .

If after such an internal review you are still dissatisfied with the response, you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioner at Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF, who will undertake an independent review.

Yours sincerely



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**Further information from the Department of Social Development has disclosed that much more money has been paid over to sodomites via this department directly.**

Here is the letter sent out and the financial details it contained.

Date: 11<sup>th</sup> August 2011  
Dear Mr. . . . . .

## **Freedom of Information Act 2000**

I am writing to confirm that the Department has now completed its search for the information which you requested on 18<sup>th</sup> July 2011.

A copy of the information is enclosed.

DSD has given Belfast Pride funding to provide fencing, toilets and a portacabin at the annual Belfast Pride event for the last two years. Further details of this funding and all other funding provided to Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) groups in the last five years is included in the accompanying spreadsheet. Please note we found no records of funding being awarded to any LGBT groups in 2006/07.

If you feel that the information we have provided does not fully meet your request please contact us at 02890 829437 in the first instance. You have the right to request a formal review by the Department within two calendar months of the date of this letter. If you wish to do so, please write to:

The FOI Team, Records Management Branch, Department for Social Development, Ground Floor, Lighthouse Building, 1 Cromac Place, Gasworks Business Park, Ormeau Rd, Belfast BT7 2JB.

If after such an internal review you are still dissatisfied with the response, you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioner at Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF, who will undertake an independent review.

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

Yours sincerely

James Elliott.



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## Details of grants made by DSD

OrganisationName	FinancialYear	GrantAwardAmount	Objective
Cara-Friend	2007/2008	1000	To promote volunteering.
Gay & Lesbian Youth NI	2007/2008	1000	To promote volunteering.
Queerspace Belfast	2007/2008	1000	To promote volunteering.
Cara-Friend	2008/2009	1000	To promote volunteering.
Gay & Lesbian Youth NI	2008/2009	1000	To promote volunteering.
Queerspace Belfast	2008/2009	1000	To promote volunteering.
Gender Essence Support Service	2008/2009	1443	To promote volunteering.
Belfast Pride	2008/2009	2468.75	Fencing and Toilets for Belfast Pride event
Cara-Friend	2009/2010	1100	To promote volunteering.
Gay & Lesbian Youth NI	2009/2010	1100	To promote volunteering.
Queerspace Belfast	2009/2010	1100	To promote volunteering.
Gender Essence Support Service	2009/2010	1788	To promote volunteering.
Strabane LGBT Group	2009/2010	12665.24	To work towards including every lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender person in the life of Strabane.
Belfast Pride		2560.5	Fencing and Toilets for Belfast Pride event
The Rainbow Project	2010/2011	7000	The project aims to survey and gather the experiences of lesbian, gay and bisexual people in the work place regarding their sexual orientation and how this may impact on their performance at work due to a number of factors such as self exclusion, concealment and the like.
Strabane LGBT Group	2010/2011	41171.79	To work towards including every lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender person in the life of Strabane.
Belfast Pride	2010/2011	3000	Fencing, Portacabin and Toilets for Belfast Pride event

**How can the DUP members in Stormont, who claim to be followers of Christ, justify such a funding of that which God calls an abomination? And how can any believer continue to support such a party?**