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### **A further £215,000+ of public money paid to sodomites More responses to enquiries about public body funding for sodomite organisations**

Here are some more extracts from responses to enquiries under the "Freedom of Information" legislation which were put to a number of public bodies in Northern Ireland.

#### **NORTHERN IRELAND POLICING BOARD.**

Date: 17 August 2011.

RE: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

I am responding to your email dated 21 July 2011 requesting information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You requested a breakdown of funding provided by the Policing Board to lesbian, gay or bisexual groups in each of the last five years. I can confirm that the Northern Ireland Policing Board holds the information you have requested and the response to your question is set out below.

- **November 2008**  
**Study Visit – Hate Crime Research**  
**£600 to Chair of the LGBT Reference Group**

Northern Ireland like many other parts of the world has very low levels of reporting and recording homophobic hate crime. The Board in partnership with the Rainbow Project provided funding to the Chair of the Policing Board's LGBT Reference Group to visit Berlin and London, to learn more about methods of data collection in the LGBT community and how individuals can be encouraged to support the police by reporting homophobic hate crime.

- **June 2009**  
**Publication of "Through Our Eyes" Report**  
**£2160 to the Rainbow project**

Using the information obtained through the Study Visit, referred to above, the PSNI commissioned the Rainbow Project to survey the LGBT community in Northern Ireland to gather information in relation to their experience of policing. A Report TRIM 169247 entitled "Through our Eyes" was launched in June 2009. The Policing Board provided the funding for the publication of the Report.

- **August 2010**  
**Launch of LGBT Advocacy Service**  
**£645 to the Rainbow Project**

The Advocacy Service for LGBT people is a partnership between the Rainbow Project,



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PSNI, Belfast City Council and the Housing Executive. This is a confidential service for the LGBT community and their family and friends who experience homophobia and transphobia. The Policing Board provided £645 to cover the hire costs of a venue for the launch of the Advocacy Service.

- **July 2011**  
**Production of the Laramie Project in the Lyric Theatre July 2011**  
**£1040 to the Rainbow Project to cover the hire of the Lyric Theatre**

A production of the Laramie Project dealing with homophobic hate crime was staged on two evenings in the Lyric Theatre. The Policing Board provided £1040 to cover the hire costs of the theatre.

## **THE ARTS COUNCIL**

(The Arts Council is a non departmental public body of the Department of Culture, Arts and Leisure.)

### **Our Ref: FOI/162**

Dear Mr . . . . .

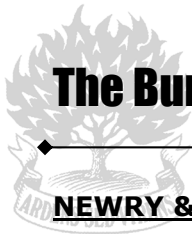
### **Freedom of Information Act 2000**

I am writing to confirm that the Arts Council of Northern Ireland has now completed its search for the information in relation a breakdown of all funding provided by the Arts Council to lesbian, gay or bisexual groups and events in each of the last five years.

In response to your request, please see the table below which details all such funding:

Within the last four years, the Arts Council has funded the following projects that work specifically with the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community.

Year	Organisation/Individual	Project Title	Grant Award
2011/12	Outburst Arts Festival	Annual OUTBURST Queer Arts Festival	£30,000.00
2011/12	Outburst Arts Festival	Queers in Northern Ireland - the comedy	£3,875.00
2010/11	Shannon Sickels	"Gay and Troubled", an interview-based drama of NI's LGBT community during the "troubles".	£3,859.00
2010/11	LASI (Lesbian Advocacy Service Initiative)	3 small arts projects from professional artists that support LASI in their role of advocating on behalf of and supporting lesbian and bisexual women and their families in Northern Ireland.	£5,000.00



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## NEWRY & MOURNE DISTRICT COUNCIL

Dear Mr . . . . .

I refer your FOI request regarding funding provided by N&MDC to lesbian, gay or bisexual groups and events in each of the last 5 years.

Please see attached breakdown. Please note all funding was awarded to the Rainbow Club.

### **RAINBOW COMMUNITY CLUB – VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS**

<b>Ref no</b>	<b>Date of application</b>	<b>Details of project</b>	<b>Amount Awarded</b>
1642	31/10/07	Monthly disco primarily for the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender Community	£5,000
1982	29/6/09	Capacity building training initiative	£700
2127	30/10/09	Provide a dedicated safe space for the provision of services to the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender Community in the Newry and Mourne Area.	£4,000
2279	19/10/10	Consolidating and providing a dedicated safe space for the provision of services to the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender Community in the Newry and Mourne Area.	£5,000

## WESTERN HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE TRUST

**23 August 2011**

Dear Mr . . . . .

### **Freedom of Information (FOI) request – our ref. 11/08/17 – Funding for lesbian, gay and bisexual groups**

I refer to your email received by the Trust on 16 August 2011 requesting information under the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act. Please find below a response to your queries.

• **Request:**

Pursuit of the Freedom of Information Act I request a breakdown of all funding provided by the Western Trust to the lesbian, gay and bisexual groups in each of the last five years. Please also specify for what purpose such funding was provided in each case.

**Response:**

The Trust contracts with the Rainbow Project for 'Information, advice and advocacy services for gay and bisexual men'. The aims of the service is to address the physical, mental and emotional health of gay and bisexual men, living in, working in, or visiting



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Northern Ireland.

The amounts paid to this organisation over the last 5 years are as follows.

2010/11 - £36,730

2009/10 - £39,077

2008/09 - £21,496

2007/08 - £36,013

2006/07 - £20,500

I hope you find this information helpful.

Yours sincerely

Damian Houston

### **ARDS BOROUGH COUNCIL**

Dear Mr . . . . . ,

Many thanks for your request which the Council received on 27<sup>th</sup> July 2011. In your request you asked the Council to provide details of all funding provided to lesbian, gay or bisexual groups in the last five years. Please be advised that in the last five years Ards Borough Council has only made **one payment of £62.50 to GLAD (Gay and Lesbians Across Down)**. The money was provided to help build up a relationship between the four District Policing Partnership's in the Down area and GLAD and to consult with them on policing experiences.

Yours sincerely,

Jennifer Holland.