



ANNUAL REPORT 2009

It has been a busy year for Wandsworth LGBT Forum attending meetings and making sure Wandsworth LGBT community are remembered in all initiatives by organisations and agencies within the Borough. Wandsworth LGBT Forum works closely with the Metropolitan Police Authority as an advisory body on LGBT matters. Wandsworth LGBT Forum is also represented on the Metropolitan Police Independent Advisory Panel.

This year Wandsworth Police with the Wandsworth Council Community Safety Division held an Equalities Conference called - 'Building Confidence in our Community - Access to Services for All'. The purpose of the conference was to examine how the police may deliver an equality of service to all, focusing on diverse communities/the six strands of diversity namely, age, faith, race, disability, sexual orientation and gender. Wandsworth LGBT Forum was represented at this Conference.

We have also formed a stronger partnership with the NHS in Wandsworth working closely with NHS Wandsworth. A Grant was awarded to Wandsworth LGBT Forum to promote health issues on behalf of Wandsworth LGBT Community and to encourage wider participation in health by our community. Wandsworth LGBT Forum is represented on the Thinking Partners Group who work on health and diversity and discuss on-going specialist health issues. The Forum has had a number of health topics on its agenda over the year, most recently contributing to the Primary Care Trust's strategic plan

We are partners with Camden 'Opening Doors' Group which is for older members of the gay community and run by Age Concern and Help the Aged.

In May Wandsworth LGBT Forum hosted the IDAHO (International Day against Homophobia) event. The day ended at Clapham Common Bandstand where 50 victims of Homophobia and Transphobia were especially remembered. The aim was to raise awareness of the discrimination faced by the LGBT community and promote equality of opportunity for LGBT people everywhere.

Wandsworth LGBT Forum funded a touring group called Gendered Intelligence in their workshops and performances. Gendered Intelligence encourage understanding around LGBT identities and tackling homophobic and transphobic bullying in schools. We sponsored the group to take their workshop to a Wandsworth school for a three week period with very encouraging results.

In November 2009 we were invited to attend, and be part of, the Pre-Launch of the LGBT History Month 2010. This event was held at the British Museum, London.

We supported a Youth Group in Roehampton to enable it to purchase publicity material for a Youth Event. The Youth Group wanted to promote a Project they are currently working upon to open a LGBT Youth club in the Borough. Wandsworth LGBT Forum is pleased to be part of this on-going project.

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