



# ANNUAL REPORT 2023

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# INCLUDE & SUPPORT

Liberate organises groups and events for the LGBTQ+ community so we can more easily get involved in island life. We support LGBTQ+ people however we can, together with their families, friends, and others around them.

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# Groups

- **Art Club:** Weekly sessions continued successfully after receiving a grant from the Channel Islands Co-op for supplies, and holding special events. One of the highlights of the year was taking part in the Autism Guernsey Puffin Parade.





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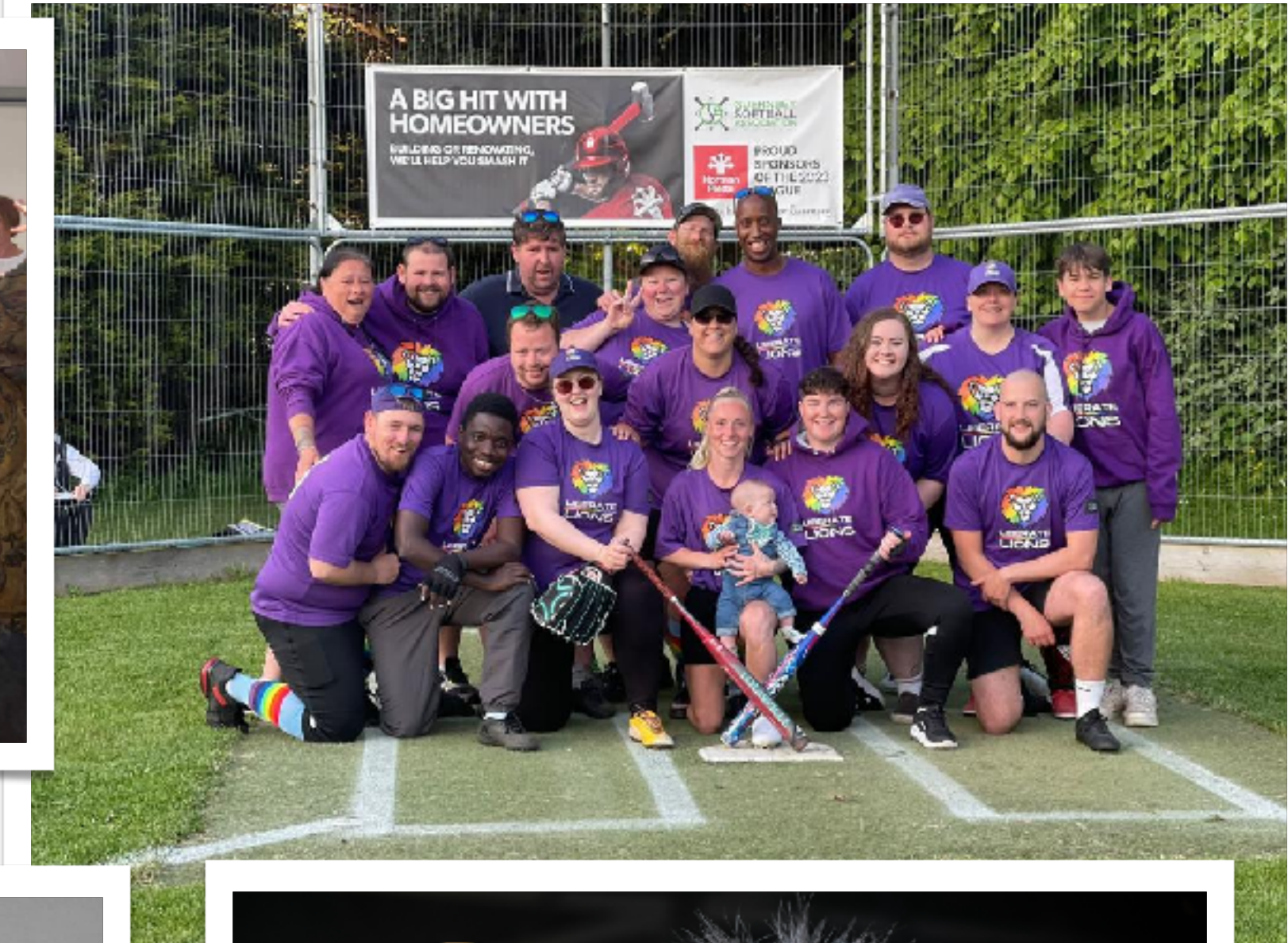


- **LGBTQ+ Youth Network:** Operated twice monthly with consistent attendance. Youth groups at schools also received support. All our youth support is done in partnership with the Youth Commission for Guernsey & Alderney.
- **Lit with Liberate:** Our LGBTQ+ book club was held bi-monthly at the Guille-Alles library, gaining regular attendance of 8-10 participants (boosted by the inclusion of pizza!).
- **OUT Group:** Provided monthly outings, including seashore adventures, climbing, and visits to local attractions. Efforts continue to broaden the scope and participation.



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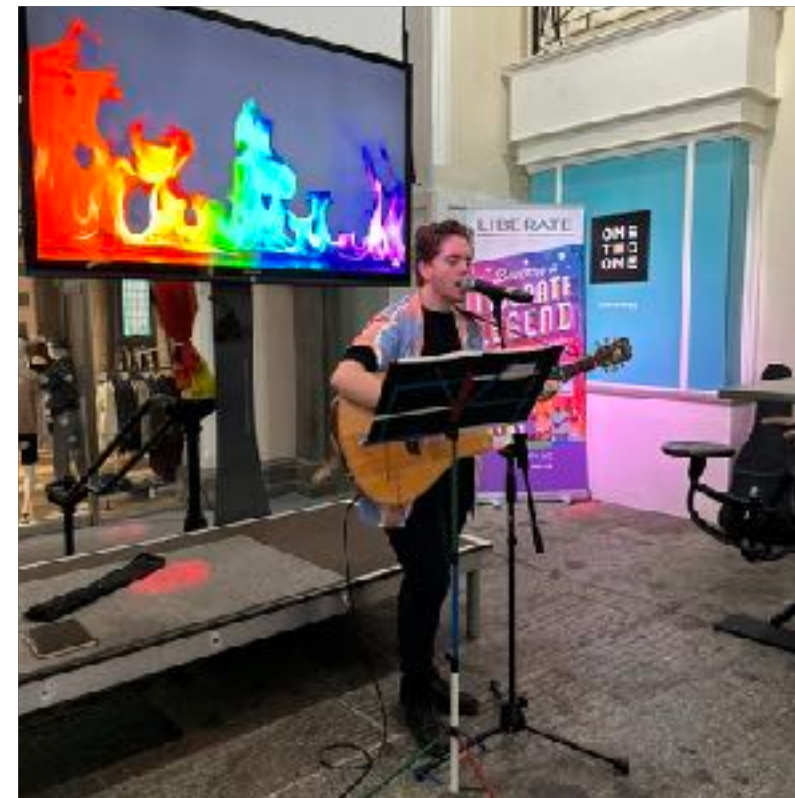
- **Rainbow Creatives:** Transitioned from a weekly choir to a performing arts group with pop-up events, including drag character workshops and open mic nights.
- **Softball:** The Lions had a milestone year, winning their first three games after two-and-a-half seasons. Regular training and games fostered a strong, supportive community.
- **Trans Group:** Successfully provided regular meetings and WhatsApp group support. The group continued to thrive, with facilitators offering vital transition and healthcare advice.





# Events

- **Pride House @ The Island Games:** A flagship six-day event featuring talks, performances, and exhibition. Approximately 2,000 attendees engaged with activities.





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- **Drag Brunch & Bingo:** Three sold-out community engagement events, generating positive feedback and laying the foundation for future drag fundraisers.
- **Lip Sync & Campioke:** Quarterly events drawing new participants and creating an inclusive space for the LGBTQ+ community and allies.
- **Love is Love Soriee:** Our annual black tie birthday fundraiser attracted 140 attendees.
- **Vigil for Brianna Ghey:** A solemn gathering of 50 attendees to honour the life of the young trans girl who was murdered (in conjunction with the Guernsey Women's Collective).





# Summary of Groups & Events

- **Summary of Groups:** Across the year, **79 group sessions** were held, with a total attendance of approximately **1,900**.
- **Summary of Events:** In total, **25 events were hosted**, with attendance exceeding **3,500 participants**.





# Individual Support

**Handled 161 new enquiries** for information and support, with the most common requests relating to gender identity, our groups and events, or corporate training.

Expanded online support through WhatsApp groups.

**Provided 1:1 support and guidance to:**

11 parents

17 LGBTQ+ adults

4 LGBTQ+ young people







# REFORM & INFORM

We work to reform outdated laws and practices, and we inform and educate people on LGBTQ+ experiences and issues.

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# Law Reform

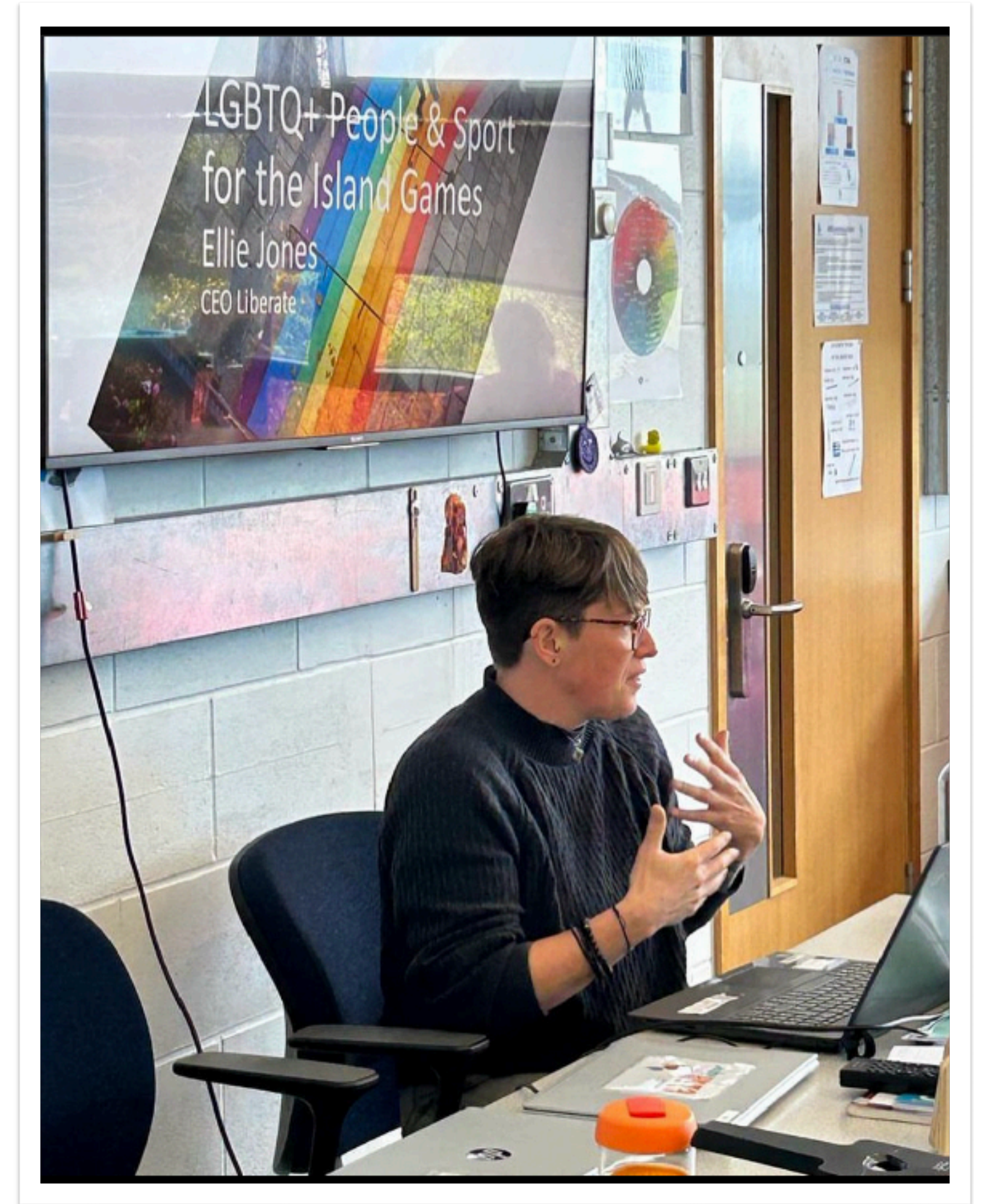
The long awaited **anti-discrimination legislation** came into force this year in October. Brings protections for people when they access goods and services, employment and education (education are exempt until sometime in 2025). This brings protection for Race, Disability, Carers, Religion, Belief and Sexuality.





# Inform

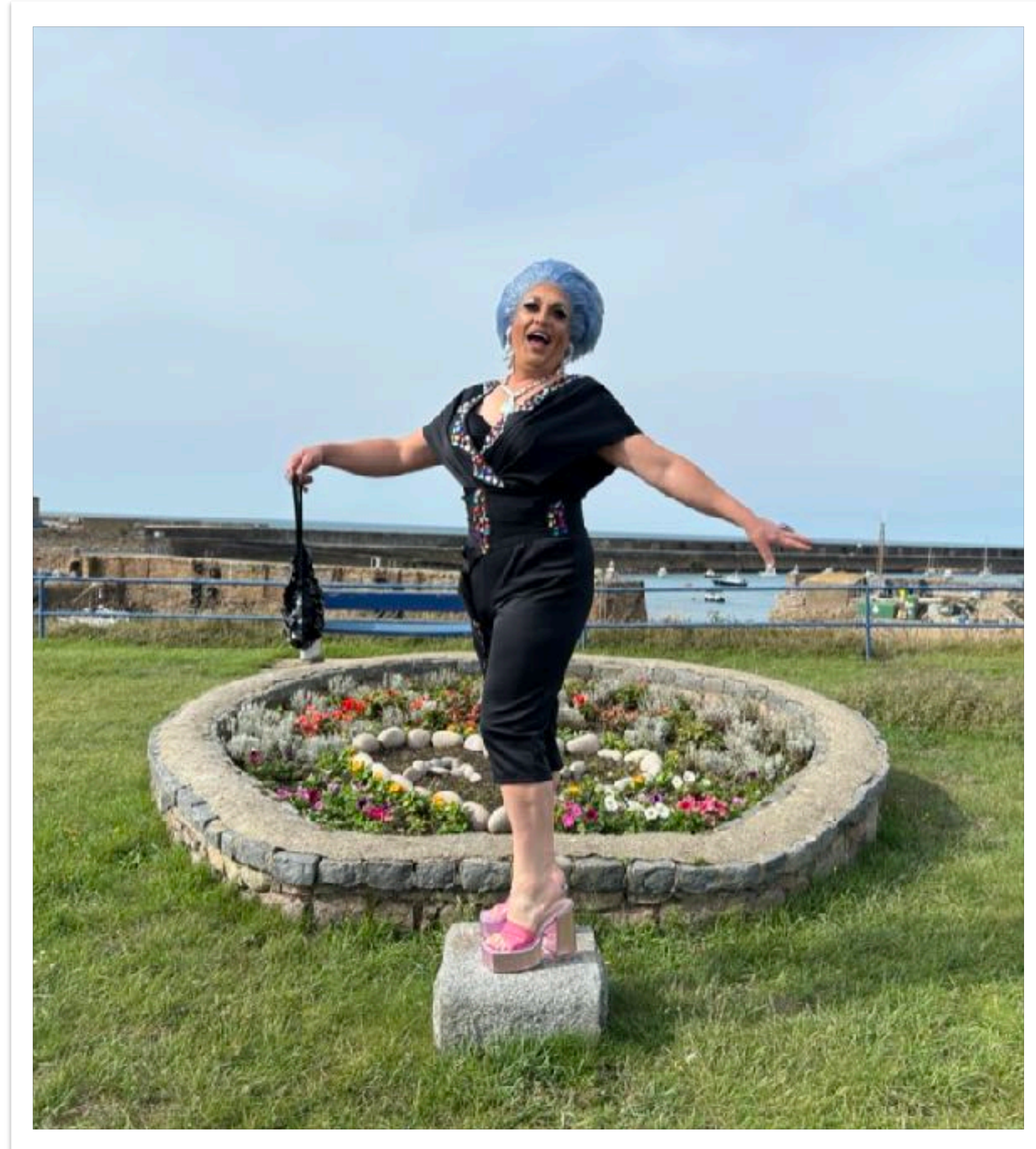
- **Schools:** Delivered lessons and assemblies to Year 7, 9 & 11 pupils at Grammar, Beaucamp, La Mare, Le Vois, St Sampson's, Elizabeth College and Ladies College, as well as the College of FE students, emphasising diversity and inclusion.
- Initiated “**No Outsiders**”, distributing inclusive books across primary schools.
- **Training:** Conducted LGBTQ+ inclusion workshops for 19 local organisations, including the States of Guernsey, private and third sector organisations including all of the volunteers for the Island Games!





# Community Engagement

- Featured in over 30 media appearances across BBC, ITV, Guernsey Press, and others to promote events and discuss LGBTQ+ issues.
- Participated in the Grow Bake Off and Puffin Parade charity events.
- Supported Alderney Pride and attended meetings with 'Inter LGBT' representatives from France.





# Summary of Impact in 2023



- Total Groups Held: 79 sessions with just over 1,900 attendees.
- Total Events Hosted: 25 events with over 3,500 attendees.
- Collaborations: Partnered with over 10 organisations to enhance inclusivity and outreach.
- Educational Impact: Reached hundreds of students through school lessons, delivered 19 training sessions with over 350 people attending.
- Media Presence: Boosted awareness with consistent coverage in local and regional outlets.

This year's efforts reflect a strong commitment to fostering inclusivity, supporting the LGBTQ+ community, and engaging the wider public. The charity's activities continue to create safe spaces, empower individuals, and advocate for equality across all areas of life.



# THANK YOU GUERNSEY!

For more information, support or help contact [hello@liberate.gg](mailto:hello@liberate.gg)

We'd also like to thank the Social Investment Fund, Youth Commission, TMF Group & Guernsey Community Foundation for supporting the work we did this year, as well as all our wonderful volunteers. We couldn't do anything without your support.