



LIBERATE



Annual Report 2024

Ensuring LGBTQ+ people are included and have a 'place' in the Bailiwick community.



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.

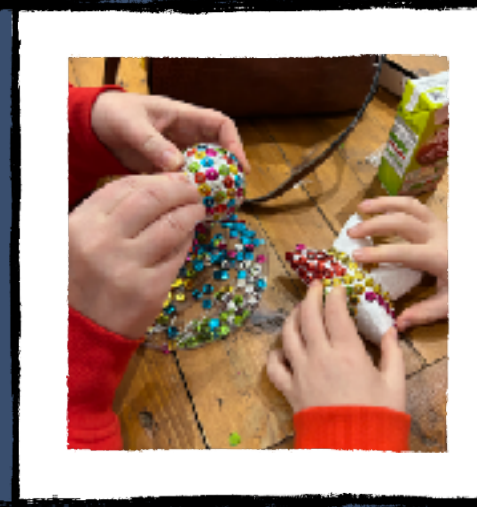
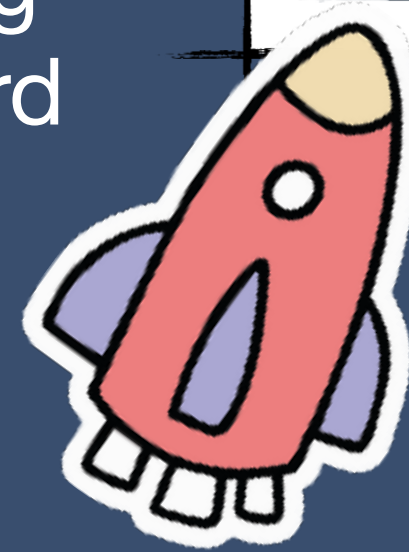


Groups

Art Club: Moved to a bi-weekly schedule this year to make it more manageable for volunteers. Art Club remains a core part of our group offerings, with a consistent number of attendees. We also held our first Family Art Club just before Christmas.

Our Art Club has been instrumental in raising awareness of Guernsey artist David Robilliard this year.

Trans Group: A monthly peer-led support group for the trans community, focusing on community connection, information sharing, and support.





Groups

LGBTQ+ Youth Network: This group was rebranded and relaunched after Pride and is gradually gaining attendance.

Lit with Liberate: A bi-monthly LGBTQ+ book group in conjunction with Guille-Allès Library. Attendance is smaller than some groups, but participant feedback has been very positive.

OUT: We relaunched the OUT group at the end of 2024 and will continue to grow it throughout 2025. The focus will be on being more active and outdoors during the warmer months, with crafts and cultural activities in the colder months.





Events

Pride: Channel Islands Pride returned to Guernsey, with over 6,000 people attending despite the predicted weather. We also hosted what we believe to be the first legal wedding on a Pride stage!

We organised a variety of events as part of Pride, including Drag Bingo, the Pride After Party, and a BBQ. We also attended other community events such as Seafront Sunday, Vale Earth Fair, and the Donkey Derby to promote Pride.

And we introduced the world to our CI Pride DonkeyCorns, who toured around the Channel Islands.....





Feedback

“I just wanted to say thank you for all your hard work and organising over the weekend.

My brother came over from London and joined the parade.

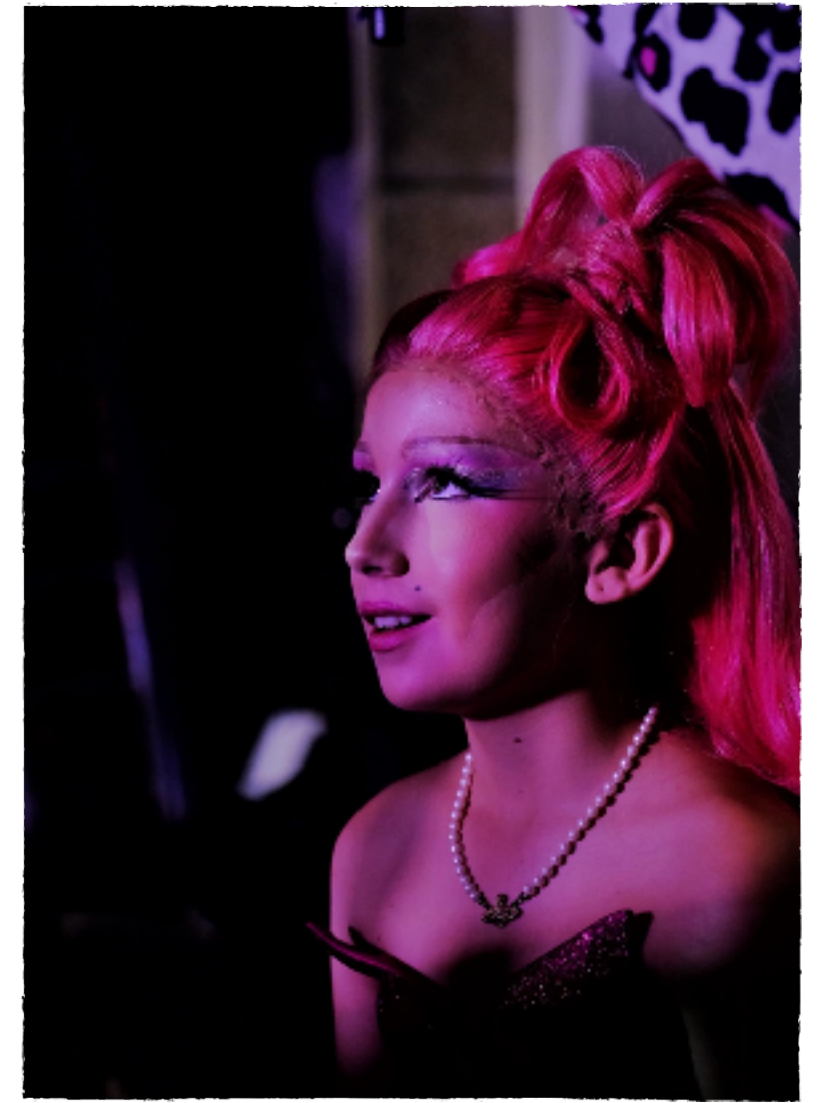
My brother knew from the age of 9 that he was ‘different’ but he didn’t come out until he was 21. He said that it was very hard growing up here being gay, and he left straight after school. Going to his first Guernsey Pride was such a cathartic experience for him, to proudly parade through his birth place, and I was the proudest big sister ever. My brother wishes this was around when he was growing up, and I wanted to you to know what a difference you make.”

“A massive well done to you, your team and all the volunteers for putting on a great Pride in Guernsey. I hope you are (and you should be) pleased with how it all went. It was great to be there attending with colleagues and to experience Pride in Guernsey for the first time.

Thank you for making such events happen!”



“Thank you SO MUCH for the wonderful weekend, thank you for having us and for giving us such a warm welcome to Guernsey. You have set the bar high!”





Events



Love is Love Soirée: This year marked our 10th birthday celebration, and we hosted a packed-out event with our Glitterati Party, raising just under £3,000.

We organised a variety of other events throughout the year, most of which help us raise funds to cover our charity's core running costs. These included Drag Brunch, the Channel Islands LGBTQ+ Writing Competition, and the launch of a new event—our 'non-traditional' meat draw, *The Sausage Raffle*.

We'd like to thank all our volunteers and group leaders for making these groups and events possible!

Feedback

“It was brilliant! Pink and Lady Gaga were amazing.”

“Loved it - highlight of my year! Just a shame it was over so soon, could have carried on all night”



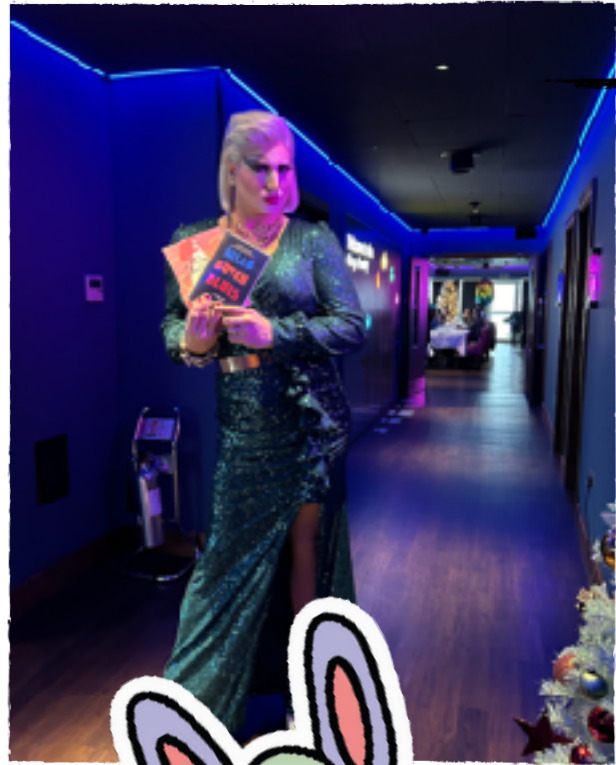
“End to end fun... it was amazing”

“For me, it was so nice to be in a totally safe space with LGBTQ+ people and allies and to feel totally able to be myself. I was able to dance and let my hair down and not be afraid or self conscious.”

“Just thanks again for all the work to make it happen - it’s a really affirming event that I think made almost 200 people feel very seen, supported and very happy and that’s down to everyone at Liberate.”

“Loved just being immersed in a room of beautifully open people with nothing but fun on the agenda”







Support



One-to-one support was provided to 14 parents of LGBTQ+ young people, 14 LGBTQ+ adults, and 12 young people, with a focus on transgender youth advocacy in education and access to healthcare for trans adults.

We responded to 162 email enquiries for information and support, with the most common requests relating to gender identity, our groups and events, Pride, or corporate training.



Feedback

“I find it comfortable talking to you as you have known me for a decade and I trust you - don’t have anyone else who is able to support/listen to me.”

“I just wanted to say a massive thank you for all your help and support last year with the situation with my child, and supporting me through a very difficult time. You really went above and beyond and I am very grateful.”



“I am thankful for you being this last year especially when I was let go for being me and the support you have always give in my transition.”

“I’ll let you know if I need any more help, but thank you for everything you’ve done for me“

Groups & Events



74 Group sessions

474 Group attendees

14 events

7,400 people attending events





INFORM & REFORM

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



Training & Inclusion

We launched the **Rainbow Mark**, a visible sign displayed by participating organisations across the Channel Islands to indicate their commitment to LGBTQ+ inclusion and friendliness.

Over 70 organisations signed up within the first six months of its launch.

We also delivered 13 in-depth LGBTQ+ training sessions to help organisations become more inclusive.





Feedback

“Thanks - such an informative and interesting session”



“I just wanted to say a big **thank you** for coming in to chat to the team. It was really helpful to hear more about the ongoing issues, history for LGBTQ+ rights and how things are changing (some not in the direction we would like!) along with what Liberate have going on.”

“I recently attended your LGBTQ+ training for HSC staff, which was very insightful. Thank you.”



“I feel the training was well presented with good material and felt that I came away leaning a lot. The training was packed full of all the information I need at this stage.”

“Liberate is a beacon of hope and inclusivity within our community, championing the rights and well-being of LGBT+ individuals. You have transformed hearts and minds through your tireless efforts, fostering an environment where diversity is celebrated and everyone feels more valued and accepted. Thank you!”

“Just wanted to say thank you - very informative and helped my understanding greatly.”

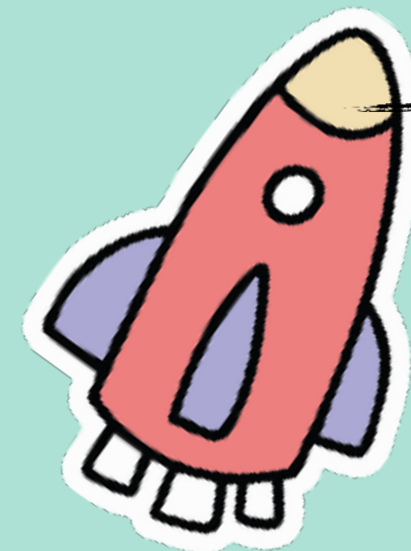


Education

During 2024, all States of Guernsey secondary schools were directed to deliver inclusive LGBTQ+ lessons in-house, rather than outsourcing them to Liberate, in line with Ofsted requirements and the Bailiwick's curriculum.

This marks the end of Liberate delivering lessons in schools after seven very successful years, and we hope it represents one BIG 'tick' towards all schools being more LGBTQ+ inclusive!

Liberate will continue to offer support, assemblies, and information to schools, teachers, and students.

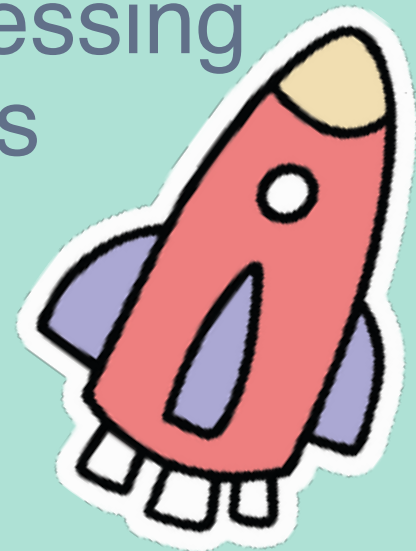




Law Reform & Services

Work has begun on reforming the island's birth laws, which will allow same-sex couples to be named on their children's birth certificates.

Additionally, the next phase of the Anti-Discrimination Legislation is underway. This will include protections for trans people from discrimination when accessing education, goods, and services. Trans people are already protected from discrimination in the workplace.





Community Engagement

We featured in over 50 media pieces, including BBC Radio and TV, ITV, the *Guernsey Press*, *Bailiwick Express*, Island FM, and others, to promote events and discuss LGBTQ+ issues.

We also participated in various community events, including the Town Church Christmas Tree Festival, International Women's Day at Government House, Arts Sunday, Alderney Pride, and Vale Earth Fair, to name a few.

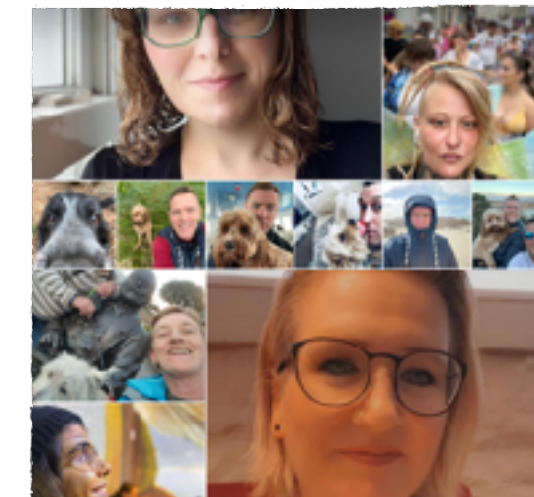
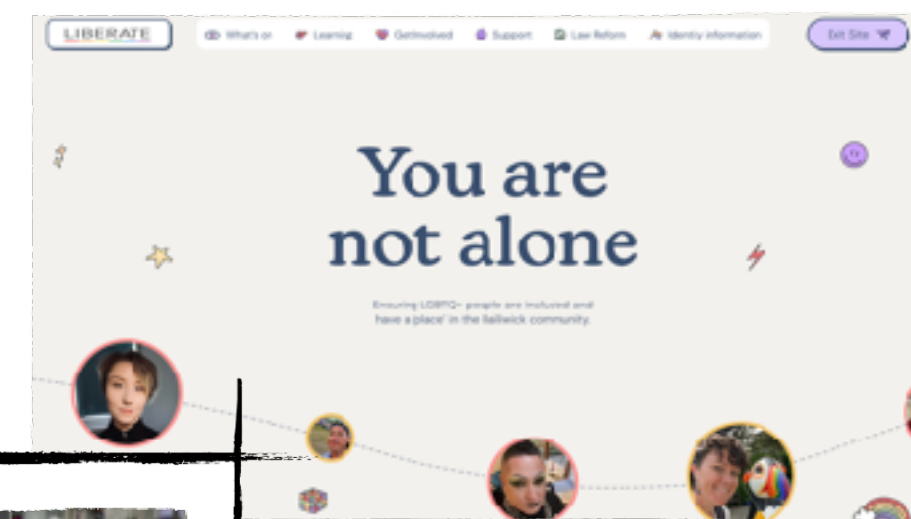
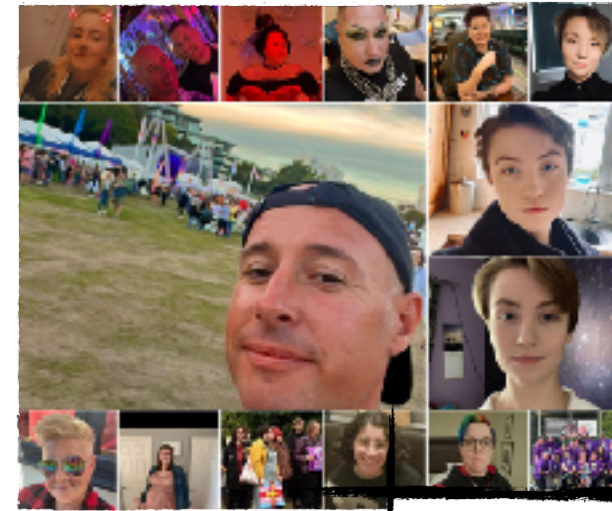


Information

And finally, we revamped our website, which now features an abundance of useful information and links.

This was a huge project to complete this year, and the website is certainly receiving a lot of visits. Please check it out at www.liberate.gg.

Thank you to everyone in our community who got involved to show that *You Are Not Alone!*





THANK YOU

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