



LIBERATE

ANNUAL REPORT 2025

ENSURING LGBTQ+ PEOPLE ARE INCLUDED AND HAVE A ‘PLACE’ IN THE BAILIWICK COMMUNITY.





ABOUT US

Liberate is Guernsey's LGBTQ+ charity, working to create a community where LGBTQ+ people feel safe, included, visible, and valued.

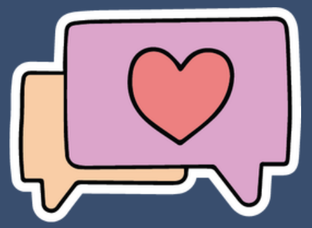
We provide support, social opportunities, community groups, events, training, advocacy, and inclusion programmes throughout the Bailiwick.

Through our work we aim to reduce isolation, improve wellbeing, increase understanding, and ensure LGBTQ+ people have opportunities to connect with others and participate fully in island life.

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STATEMENT FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES



“2025 was a year of strengthening community, creating connection, and ensuring that LGBTQ+ people across the Bailiwick continue to feel **visible, supported, and included**.

At a time when conversations around LGBTQ+ rights have become increasingly difficult and polarised, Liberate has remained focused on something simple but powerful: **bringing people together**. Through our groups, activities, support services, training, and events, we have continued to create spaces where people can build friendships, access support, develop confidence, and feel a sense of belonging.

This year has not been defined by one major event or campaign, but by the **steady work of community building**. From Youth Group and Art Club to OUT Active, Pride FC, Trans Group, and our safe social spaces, we have seen first-hand how important regular, welcoming spaces are for people's wellbeing and connection to others.

We are **incredibly grateful** to our volunteers, supporters, funders, partner organisations, and everyone who engaged with Liberate during 2025. Your time, generosity, and commitment help make our work possible and strengthen our community every day.

As we look ahead to 2026 and to celebrating a decade of Channel Islands Pride in Guernsey, we do so from a stronger foundation — one built on **resilience, compassion, and community**.“

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LIBERATE 2025 AT A GLANCE



COMMUNITY & ENGAGEMENT

- 109 GROUP SESSIONS HELD
- APPROXIMATELY 2,000 GROUP & EVENT ATTENDANCES
- 20 COMMUNITY EVENTS DELIVERED
- 97 ENQUIRIES RECEIVED FOR INFORMATION, SUPPORT AND ADVICE
- APPROXIMATELY 40 ACTIVE VOLUNTEERS







SUPPORT

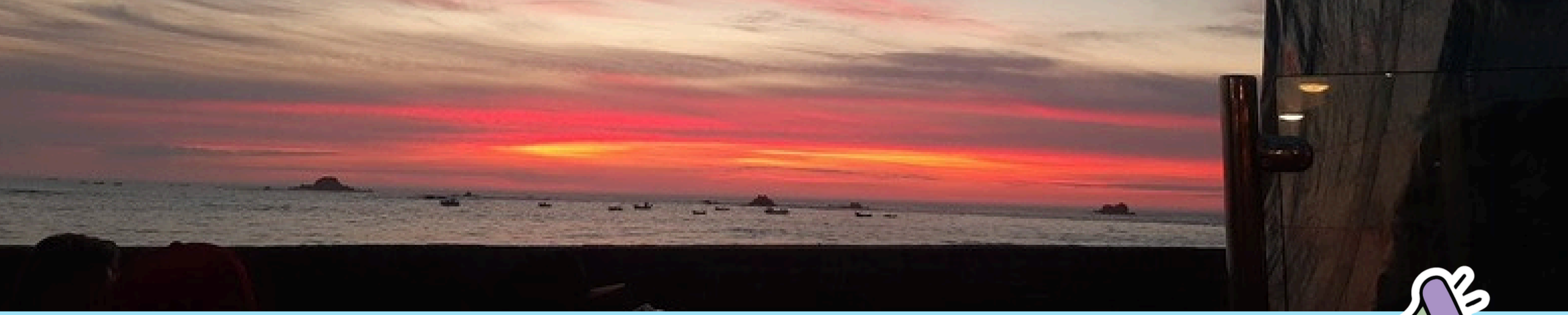
31 PEOPLE RECEIVED ONE-TO-ONE SUPPORT AND ADVICE (OUTSIDE OF GROUP SETTINGS):

- 6 PARENTS OF LGBTQ+ YOUNG PEOPLE
- 18 LGBTQ+ ADULTS
- 7 LGBTQ+ YOUNG PEOPLE

INCLUSION & TRAINING

- 89 RAINBOW MARK ORGANISATIONS
- 18 TRAINING SESSIONS DELIVERED
- 257 PEOPLE ATTENDED LIBERATE TRAINING





COMMUNICATIONS & REACH



- 5,800 ACTIVE WEBSITE USERS
- 36,000 WEBSITE INTERACTIONS/EVENTS
- TENS OF THOUSANDS OF SOCIAL MEDIA IMPRESSIONS EVERY MONTH
- OVER 30 MEDIA APPEARANCES, INTERVIEWS, ARTICLES AND PRESS RELEASES THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

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BUILDING COMMUNITY IN CHALLENGING TIMES



ONE OF LIBERATE'S KEY PRIORITIES DURING 2025 WAS STRENGTHENING AND GROWING OUR YEAR-ROUND PROGRAMME OF GROUPS AND ACTIVITIES.











GROUPS & COMMUNITY

109 GROUP SESSIONS

9 REGULAR GROUPS

OUR ‘ACTIVITIES WITH PURPOSE’ INCLUDE:

- ART CLUB
- YOUTH GROUP
- TRANS GROUP
- LIT WITH LIBERATE
- OUT TO SEA - SWIMMING
- OUT FOOTBALL - PRIDE FC









OUT SIX-A-SIDE FOOTBALL

2025 WAS THE DEBUT YEAR FOR WHAT HAS BECOME LIBERATE PRIDE FC.

IN OCTOBER, THEY BEGAN PLAYING IN THE LOCAL SIX-A-SIDE LEAGUE AT THE KGV.

New players are welcomed into a stable, supportive environment, where **the most important goal is that each player leaves every game and training session with a smile on their face**.



This diverse group of people, all of whom came seeking a safe space to play a game they love, **have quickly become a group of friends.**

“Beginning as a weekly summer evening kick-around down at La Mare playing fields, **we have evolved into fully-fledged football club**, with our own beautiful maroon kit, complete with sponsorship from Lloyds Bank and Aspida Group.”

The level of football has been a real challenge for the team, but **our rate of improvement has been stunning**. More importantly, **the players’ attitudes have been inspiring throughout.**

“I can’t wait to see how Liberate Pride FC continues to grow in 2026.”

the vast majority of our opponents and the league organisers have been so welcoming and classy. **We have been made to feel safe to play our game and to grow.**



“I HAVE BEEN GOING TO CLUB FOR ABOUT 3 YEARS, I LOVE ATTENDING AS OFTEN AS POSSIBLE, AND MADE SO MANY LOVELY NEW FRIENDS.”

“Ultimately, it is a safe space and a source of support and information.”

TRANS GROUP

“I love the representation of different age groups - seeing people so much younger than me *and* so much older is reassuring, and I'm sure it is for the younger members too.”

“the group fulfilled my early expectations - and **I made good friends there.**”

“The group has developed into a genuinely welcoming and supportive space, where members look out for one another and actively contribute to creating an environment of mutual respect and care.”

YOUTH GROUP

“I'M SO GRATEFUL FOR LIBERATE'S ART CLUB.

IT'S HELPED ME MAKE NEW FRIENDS AND GET BACK INTO MAKING ART AGAIN, WHICH IS SUCH AN IMPORTANT PART OF MY LIFE AND MY MENTAL HEALTH.

THE LEADERS ARE SO KIND, CALM AND WELCOMING, AND THE GROUP HAS SUCH A LOVELY CHILLED VIBE.”

“BEING ABLE TO VOLUNTEER AND HELP RUN THE SEA SWIMMING SESSIONS HAS BEEN REALLY GOOD FOR MY MENTAL HEALTH.

LIBERATE HAS BEEN INCREDIBLY SUPPORTIVE AND HAS HELPED ME MEET NEW PEOPLE AND FEEL PART OF A COMMUNITY.”

SUPPORTING PEOPLE

ALONGSIDE COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES, LIBERATE CONTINUED TO PROVIDE SUPPORT AND ADVICE THROUGHOUT 2025.

31 INDIVIDUALS RECEIVED DIRECT ONE-TO-ONE SUPPORT

MANY MORE ACCESSED INFORMAL SUPPORT THROUGH OUR GROUPS, ONLINE COMMUNITIES, AND PEER NETWORKS.

THE INTRODUCTION OF COUNSELLING REFERRALS HELPED INCREASE THE SUPPORT AVAILABLE TO COMMUNITY MEMBERS.





EVENTS

LIBERATE DELIVERED 20 COMMUNITY EVENTS

RANGING FROM SOCIAL GATHERINGS AND FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES TO CULTURAL PROJECTS AND CELEBRATIONS.

THESE INCLUDED:

- LOVE IS LOVE PARTY
- HALLOWEEN DRAG BINGO & CASINO NIGHT (IN PARTNERSHIP WITH SAFER)
- WRITING COMPETITION AWARDS
- DAVID ROBILLIARD CULTURAL PROJECTS

EVENT FEEDBACK

"A FANTASTIC EVENT AMAZINGLY EXECUTED! THANKS SO MUCH!"

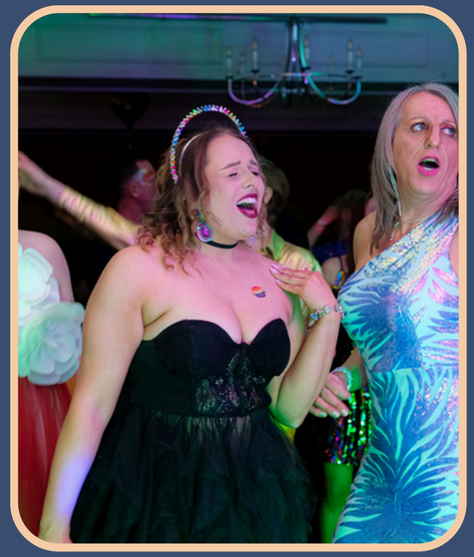
THE INCLUSIVE ATMOSPHERE AND THE SENSE OF COMMUNITY MAKE IT A FANTASTIC EXPERIENCE.

"JUST TO THANK YOU ALL FOR THE HARD WORK AND DEDICATION. IT'S BECAUSE OF YOU ALL WE HAVE THESE NIGHTS AND WE ARE SO GRATEFUL."

I HAD A GREAT EXPERIENCE MEETING NEW FRIENDS AND RECONNECTING WITH OLD ONES AT THE LAST EVENT; IT REALLY FELT LIKE A SAFE SPACE.

NO MATTER WHO YOU MEET THERE THEY ALWAYS MAKE YOU FEEL WELCOME

"THE ATMOSPHERE WAS FABULOUS, THE ENTERTAINMENT WAS INCREDIBLE!"









RAINBOW MARK

THE PROGRAMME HELPS ORGANISATIONS DEMONSTRATE THEIR COMMITMENT TO LGBTQ+ INCLUSION WHILE PROVIDING PRACTICAL GUIDANCE AND SUPPORT AROUND CREATING WELCOMING ENVIRONMENTS FOR STAFF, CUSTOMERS, CLIENTS, AND SERVICE USERS.

89

ORGANISATIONS AT YEAR-END



257

TRAINING ATTENDEES

OVER 18 SESSIONS



"I feel the training was well presented with good material and felt that I came away learning a lot."

"This was an extremely interesting and topical session, professionally and personally relevant, both in and out of the workplace."

"It was a particularly well timed workshop considering the recent changes to legislation relating to prevention of discrimination in Guernsey."

TRAINING

CREATING CHANGE

ALONGSIDE DIRECT SUPPORT AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES, LIBERATE CONTINUED TO ADVOCATE FOR LGBTQ+ PEOPLE IN CONVERSATIONS AFFECTING THE COMMUNITY.

THIS INCLUDED WORK AROUND:

- BIRTH LAW REFORM
- EDUCATION
- CIVIL PARTNERSHIP REFORM
- ANTI-DISCRIMINATION LEGISLATION
- ELECTION ENGAGEMENT
- YOUTH PARTICIPATION
- LGBTQ+ HEALTHCARE INCLUSION





RAINBOW ALLIANCE 'ASKS'

DURING THE 2025 ELECTION, LIBERATE'S RAINBOW ALLIANCE 'ASKS' CAMPAIGN INVITED CANDIDATES TO PUBLICLY SUPPORT PRACTICAL MEASURES TO IMPROVE THE LIVES OF LGBTQ+ PEOPLE ACROSS THE BAILIWICK.

- **19** CANDIDATES PLEDGED THEIR SUPPORT
- **12** OF THOSE 19 WERE ELECTED
- NEARLY **1 IN 3** MEMBERS OF THE NEW STATES PLEDGED THEIR SUPPORT TO THE RAINBOW ALLIANCE 'ASKS'



SHARING LGBTQ+ STORIES ACROSS THE BAILIWICK

5,800 ACTIVE WEBSITE USERS
36,000 WEBSITE INTERACTIONS

OVER 30 MEDIA APPEARANCES, INTERVIEWS, ARTICLES AND PRESS RELEASES

TENS OF THOUSANDS OF MONTHLY SOCIAL MEDIA IMPRESSIONS

OVER 400 PEOPLE PARTICIPATING ACROSS LIBERATE WHATSAPP GROUPS AND NETWORKS



LIBERATE IS BUILT BY ITS COMMUNITY.
BECAUSE OF OUR VOLUNTEERS, FUNDERS, RAINBOW MARK ORGANISATIONS, PARTNERS AND SUPPORTERS, WE CAN CONTINUE CREATING SPACES WHERE LGBTQ+ PEOPLE ACROSS THE BAILIWICK CAN FIND FRIENDSHIP, SUPPORT, CONFIDENCE AND BELONGING.

WHETHER YOU GAVE YOUR TIME, DONATED, ATTENDED AN EVENT, JOINED A GROUP, SHARED OUR WORK OR SIMPLY HELPED SOMEONE FEEL WELCOME

– THANK YOU FOR BEING PART OF IT!

“LIBERATE HAS HELPED ME MEET NEW PEOPLE AND FEEL PART OF A COMMUNITY. VOLUNTEERING AND RUNNING THE SEA SWIMMING SESSIONS HAS BEEN REALLY GOOD FOR MY MENTAL HEALTH. IT’S ENCOURAGED ME TO GET OUT AND SWIM MORE, AND LIBERATE HAS BEEN INCREDIBLY SUPPORTIVE THROUGHOUT 2025.”

PAUL, LIBERATE VOLUNTEER

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COMMUNITY IS WHAT WE DO.

BELONGING IS WHY WE DO IT.

