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A protest against the lack of identity responsive services for vulnerable LGBTIQ+ people

Actions and info pack

A campaign by The Outside Project supported by Hopeful Traders

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In this pack

Why we need to Make Space for Homeless Queers

- LGBTIQ+ people are disproportionately vulnerable to being homeless.
- Most homeless services are inadequate and unsafe for vulnerable LGBTIQ+ people.

What I can do to Make Space for Homeless Queers

- Support and share the campaign
- Activate your workplace
- Join the virtual protest

1 in 5

LGBT people have experienced a hate crime or incident due to their sexual orientation and/or gender identity in the last 12 months

- Stonewall 2017

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Why we need to Make Space for Homeless Queers

LGBTIQ+ people regularly face discrimination, lack of understanding and violence throughout Britain. 18% of LGBT people have experienced homelessness, 25% for trans people and 28% of LGBT disabled people.

Discrimination often follows people as they try to access services intended to help vulnerable individuals.

"abuse and homophobia, biphobia and/or transphobia can be perpetrated by services themselves" - Homeless Link, 2020

What can I do to Make Space for Homeless Queers

Support the campaign

- Follow @LGBTIQoutside and share the campaign on your socials. Or better, directly to your friends, family and colleagues.
- Run your own fundraiser to help vulnerable LGBTIQ+ people over winter. For example sponsored walks, quizzes and challenges.
- Buy from the Make Space for Homeless Queers campaign. Our sustainable notebooks, tees and sweats make great gifts for your friends, family and team (large order discounts available). 100% of profits go to The Outside Project.

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Who are The Outside Project

The Outside Project are an LGBTIQ+ identity responsive service primarily run and founded by queer people with lived experience of homelessness.

The Outside Project provides shelter to people regardless of recourse to public funds, has a majority trans and neurodiverse staff team and works to challenge discrimination within the homelessness sector and wider society.

What can I do to Make Space for Homeless Queers

Activate your workplace; make a statement about your organisations' values

- **Fundraising** as a team can help identity-responsive organisations increase their capacity and encourage activism in your team.
- **Share** the campaign with your network.
- **Services and resources** that your workplace may be well placed to provide can deliver meaningful impact for organisations like The Outside Project. Bare in mind that offers like a single day of volunteering per year are unlikely to have any impact.
- **Ask** 'could a homeless LGBTIQ+ person confidently apply for an entry level job at my workplace?'

**Not another
soup volunteer**

**Examples of actually useful
corporate support:**

- **Pro bono legal advice**
- **Free skills training**
- **Employment opportunities**
- **Advocacy support**

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What can I do to Make Space for Homeless Queers

Join the virtual protest

- Is there an LGBTIQ+ Community Centre in your local area?
- Is there an LGBTIQ+ Shelter in your local area?

If the answer is no, please join our campaign;

1. Take a photo of yourself with a sign saying 'Make Space for Homeless Queers' (you can use the last page of this pdf as a template)
2. Post with the #queervirtualprotestfromhome

Never
underestimate
the power of
your own
activism.



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Useful Links and research

[Make Space for Homeless Queers Campaign Collection](#)

[Stonewall report on hate crime and discrimination](#)

[Supporting LGBTIQ+ people in homelessness services:
An introduction for frontline staff](#)

If you are LBGTIQ+ and need advice on getting help go to [The Outside Project website](#) and click 'Need Help?' or go to stonewall.org.uk

Some people don't think they are in trouble enough to get help sooner. You don't need to be unemployed and sleeping on the streets to stay with The Outside Project.



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