



THE GAY AGENDA

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FUND A NEW CITY-WIDE LGBT COMMUNITY NEEDS ANALYSIS.

- + The last study completed in 2004, is 15 years old. A new study would tell us how best we can support LGBT people in the city.
- It is estimated that such a study would cost €10,000.
- ▲ We would like to see such a study completed by the end of 2019.

EXPAND THE VERY VALUABLE SUPPORT PROVIDED TO CORK PRIDE, LGBT AWARENESS WEEK AND OUTING THE PAST, LGBT HISTORY FESTIVAL.

- + Our LGBT weeks and festivals draw crowds from all corners of Ireland – stimulating local economic activity and adding extra life to the city's core.
- Support from the City Council makes a huge contribution to the viability of new events.
- ▲ The official support for these projects sends a positive message to all LGBT citizens and residents of Cork that the Council cares for their community.

FIND A PERMANENT HOME FOR CORK'S LGBT COMMUNITY GROUPS.

- + A long-term secure space would ensure that our community groups can continue to grow and thrive.
- An 'LGBT Equality Hub' could form part of the new Docklands Project. Such a hub would be a thriving, vibrant and attractive space that would help breathe life into the new dockland's streets. While offering an opportunity for Cork to be a frontrunner for LGBT inclusion internationally.
- ▲ At present, all the LGBT community groups operate from rented or borrowed spaces.

WORK WITH THE HSE AND OTHERS TO ESTABLISH A HOLISTIC GAY MEN'S HEALTH SERVICE IN CORK IN LINE WITH THE EXISTING SERVICE IN DUBLIN.

- + It's been shown that gay, bi and trans men's health isn't as good as it should be. Too often our physical, mental and sexual health outcomes are worse than the general population.
- A dedicated, holistic, well rounded Cork Gay Men's Health Service would help tackle and end these health inequalities.
- ▲ It is unfair and unjust that there is no such service outside of Dublin – Cork is the next natural place for such a service due to its population.

ENSURE THERE IS AN AWARENESS AND VISIBILITY OF LGBT PEOPLE AND THAT AN LGBT LENS IS APPLIED TO ALL POLICY MAKING.

- + Work is required to increase awareness of 'queer bashing' and LGBT slurs and to improve the official response.
- LGBT people should be included and visible in all official publications, thought of in all strategy formation and integrated into all devised responses.
- ▲ Creation of a rainbow crossing or other visible manifestation of the City's support for the LGBTQ community. The promotion of Cork as a safe city for LGBT people is a unique tourism opportunity.

WHAT WE DO

- Run events and social groups
- Provide information resources and support
- Deliver workshops and talks
- Campaign for LGBTQ human rights and policy protections

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