



# THE GAY AGENDA

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## CREATE REGIONAL, OUT OF HOURS, FREE, DROP IN SEXUAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR MEN WHO HAVE SEX WITH MEN (MSM) AND THE TRANS COMMUNITY – SIMILAR TO THOSE THAT EXIST IN DUBLIN.

### This is required because:

- + MSM are disproportionately affected by a number of STIs including HIV. This issue has been historically ignored and thereby exacerbated.
- If the rollout of the promised national PrEP programme is to be effective, those based outside of Dublin will require access to PrEP monitoring clinics and regular testing, on par with those that exist in the capital.
- ▲ The long-term costs of not providing these services will exceed the costs of providing them.

## FUND LGBT+ INFORMATION, TRAINING AND EDUCATION POSTS.

### We know that:

- + A large number of people still believe dangerous and damaging myths about the LGBT+ community.
- Many public servants and care providers want and require LGBT+ awareness training and information.
- ▲ With additional resources, LGBT+ organisations can provide high quality, cost effective training that link people directly to existing community-based supports. To enhance this training and information the CSO and the census should capture data on the LGBT+ community.

## ENACT FULL AND EQUAL FAMILY RIGHTS FOR ALL LGBT+ FAMILIES.

- + In 2015, LGBT+ people were promised full and equal family rights. This promise has yet to be fulfilled.
- Failure to fulfil it in full will erode trust in our democratic system.
- ▲ The Children and Family Relationships Act should be commenced in full, as a matter of urgency. The Assisted Human Reproduction Bill should be progressed immediately, and the discrimination contained within the Adoptive Leave Act should be ended. In addition, external legal counsel should be hired to identify remaining gaps which should be fixed under the lifetime of the LGBT Inclusion Strategy.

## IMPROVE THE LIFE OUTCOMES FOR THE TRANS, NON-BINARY AND INTERSEX COMMUNITIES.

### This should include:

- + Investment in regional trans, non-binary and intersex community supports including funding for dedicated community development officers in each LGBT+ community centre.
- Extensive funding for the improvement in trans and non-binary healthcare.
- ▲ Reform of the Gender Recognition Act to make it inclusive of young people and those with diverse gender identities.

## IMPLEMENT THE ENTIRE LGBT+ YOUTH STRATEGY ON TIME AND ON TARGET.

### This includes:

- + Making all schools fully LGBT+ inclusive.
- Banning LGBT+ conversion therapy.
- ▲ Closing the gaps in hate crime and hate speech legislation.

## 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

### Get in touch

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