



## **ANNUAL REPORT 2011**

Presented to the Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2011 at 7.00 pm

### **SOUTHWARK LGBT NETWORK**

Southwark Lesbian Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Network (Southwark LGBT Network) is an unincorporated association founded in 2002. Its purpose is to build and strengthen LGBT communities in Southwark so as to improve the quality of life of LGBT people who live, work, study or socialise in Southwark and reduce our vulnerability to hate crime, harassment and discrimination. The Network's work complements that of the Southwark LGBT Forum (formerly the Southwark Anti-Homophobic Forum) and the two work closely together through their respective Chairs.

### **Members, Officers and Executive Committee**

The Network's constitution provides for individual membership and membership by affiliation. The membership fee is £1. The Network has 21 individual members and no affiliates.

At the Annual General Meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2010 the following were elected:

Chair: Gaby Charing  
Secretary: Carol Vincent  
Hon. Treasurer: Gene Dugan-Brause

Executive Committee:

Robert Brown (resigned 1<sup>st</sup> December 2010)  
Liz Day  
Magda Devas  
Roger Moore  
Terry Spencer (resigned 9<sup>th</sup> October 2010)

During the year the following have worked with the Executive Committee without being formally co-opted to it:

Janet Bull, Gilda Flores and Anne Stanesby

### **Finance**

Since its foundation the Network has received funding from Southwark Council and from various charities.

A report will be presented by the Hon. Treasurer.

## Main activities

The main activities of the Network each year are to organise a strong Southwark presence on the annual Pride London Parade and to host events for LGBT History Month.

**Pride London 2010:** as in previous years 40 people took part in the Parade in an open-topped double-decker bus. Breakfast was provided beforehand at a venue in Southwark. Organised at very short notice on behalf of the Network by Robert Brown, assisted by Carol Vincent. We are very grateful to them both.

**History Month 2011:** For the first time small grants were offered to individuals and groups wishing to put on History Month events in Southwark. Grants totalling just under £6,000 were given to eight different groups and individuals. The cost was shared between the Network and Southwark Council.

The following grants were made:

Name	Project	Award	Outturn
4 in 10	Producing film shown at Tate Modern	500.00	478.24
Charlotte Galt	Rollapaluza	750.00	748.68
CoolTan Arts	Largactyl Shuffle	400.00	400.00
Gendered Intelligence	Art workshops & exhibition	1,000.00	1,000.00
Mike Kear	Photographing events	725.00	725.00
Osmo	Producing film (young people)	1,000.00	1,098.00
Rosie Wilby	Live broadcast of Out in South London	722.00	683.80
rukus!	'Crossing Deep Waters' - Black HM (USA) and LGBT HM (UK) joint celebration	960.00	728.24
<b>Total</b>		<b>6,057.00</b>	<b>5,861.96</b>

Contributions:	
Southwark Council	£3,100.00
Network	£2,761.96
Total	£5,861.96

## **SOUTHWARK LGBT NETWORK**

### **CHAIR'S REPORT**

**14 June 2011**

I ended my report last year with the following words: "It is clear that Southwark is in the forefront of community activism, but there are lots of new ideas and new activists emerging all over south London. I challenge the Network to think big, and be ambitious for what we can achieve in the 2010s."

This has been the year in which we have begun to discern the shape of our future activity. After much uncertainty, the Network is finally moving back to its original purpose, to be a network bringing people together, an enabler rather than an organisation which tries to do everything itself.

At last year's AGM we put out a call for projects that the Network might support. Two projects were brought forward, one of which, the mentoring project, went no further. But the other, the proposal for an LGBT space in Southwark, was pursued and is still a possibility, although for the time being it appears to be in suspense. We shall have to see what happens.

#### **Achievements**

The most exciting thing we have done this year is the small grants scheme for History Month. When we agreed to this proposal by the council, we had no idea of its potential. Almost without trying, we found ourselves in contact with groups we had given up hope of reaching, notably young people and trans people. We were astonished by the resourcefulness of the groups we funded and the diversity of ideas they came up with. We saw very clearly that even small amounts of money can produce big results. I believe this a model that will serve us well in the future, and we should be broadcasting it to the world.

#### **Difficulties**

The most difficult thing to deal with this year has been communications. The Web site and email address database continued to be held by the council and the email list has been run by a council officer. The database will be handed over to the Network at the end of this month and the list will become our responsibility. The Web site contract was not renewed and so there is no Web site. We lack a communications strategy, and this must be remedied quickly. I hope we shall be able to appoint a dedicated communications officer.

#### **Finance**

We are in a strong position financially. This is not an unmixed blessing. The onus is on us to find ways of spending this money for the benefit of LGBT people in Southwark.

## **The coming year**

I have been Chair for 2½ years and am offering myself for re-election for one final term in order to complete the transition which began two years ago when the relationship with the council changed. My priorities for the year will be as follows:

- to put the membership and governance of the Network on a proper footing
- to complete the separation from the council
- to maintain and improve our relationship with the Forum, other LGBT organisations, other community organisations, and the council; to include consulting with LGBT organisations about how we can help them
- to develop a communications strategy and appoint a communications officer
- to review the financial position and options for either a) running down the balances or b) building them further by way of a fundraising strategy; this is another way of saying we should consider turning ourselves into a permanent conduit for funding LGBT projects in Southwark

I would like to end by thanking the EC members and those who have worked with us, including Helen Laker, for their help and support this year.

**Gaby Charing**

## **ACCOUNTS MAY 2011**

### **INCOME & EXPENDITURE**

**28 February 2010 to 31 May 2011**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Income</b>			
Membership & donations	22.00		
Bank interest	4.40		
Southwark Council - Pride 2010	1,000.00		
Southwark Council - HM small grants	3,100.00		
Total income			4,126.40
<b>Expenditure</b>			
HM Launch 2010		250.00	
AGM 2010		649.15	
EC meetings		16.29	
Internet & email		32.17	
Postage & stationery		50.00	
Pride 2010		1,374.64	
Out in South London - publicity		250.00	
Centre project - BSL interpreter		135.13	
HM 2011 - small grants & Network event		3,249.16	
Total expenditure			6,006.54
To balance sheet			1,880.14

### **BALANCE SHEET**

**25 May 2011**

	<b>Dr</b>	<b>Cr</b>
Assets 28 February 2010 (from last year's report)	20,408.04	
From I&E account		1,880.14
Assets 25 May 2011	18,527.90	
made up of:		
Cash at bank 25 May 2011	17,028.08	
less uncleared cheques	-1,148.00	
Balancing item	2,647.82	

## HM SMALL GRANTS

<b>Name</b>	<b>Bid</b>	<b>Award</b>	<b>Outturn</b>	<b>Balance</b>
4 in 10	500.00	500.00	478.24	21.76
Charlotte Galt	900.00	750.00	748.68	1.32
CoolTan Arts	610.00	400.00	400.00	Nil
Gendered Intelligence	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	Nil
Mike Kear	725.00	725.00	725.00	Nil
Osmo *	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,098.00	-98.00
Rosie Wilby	722.00	722.00	683.80	38.20
rukus!	960.00	960.00	728.24	231.76
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,417.00</b>	<b>6,057.00</b>	<b>5,861.96</b>	<b>195.04</b>

### Contributions:

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\* Osmo forgot to tell us they were VAT registered. We agreed to share the VAT bill.