Working To Connect

Creating opportunities for growth and connection with small LGBTQIA+ groups in Brighton & Hove

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COMMUNITY WORKS

BRIGHTON & HOVE LGBT COMMUNITY GROUPS NETWORK

Brighton & Hove City Council

Engagement

Small LGBTQIA+ Groups Needs Assessment (2025)

- Discovered 100+ grassroots groups & events in B&H with a selection of 20 for interview/detailed survey
- Approx 85% operating on <£5k; majority volunteer & community-led; enormous diversity of offer often with well-being focus and created due to perceived ‘gap’ in provision.
- **Challenges:** inaccessibility / inequity in funding; experiences of racism and hostility; access to inclusive resources including training or support with issues.
- **Asks:** community-informed training and resources; connection with other organisers; restoration work.



Activities

Between November 2025-Oct 2026:

- 7 x Bi-monthly meet ups @ Afrori Books
- 28 hours of training & insight sessions including Anti-Racism series, safeguarding, Group Facilitation, Aiming for Impact & fundraising
- 40+ hours of 1-1 support including consultancy on governance, fundraising and team well-being
- 6 monthly newsletters, 2 x socials & 1 Trans Pride event
- Approx 45 group interactions & 32 active engagements
- Governance review