

Stonewall Ambassadors

August 2011

Dear Supporter,

Welcome to the summer edition of your quarterly Ambassadors e-newsletter! Here's a round-up of the news here at Stonewall and some reminders of important dates in the future.

It was wonderful to see some of you at last week's private tour of the Government Art Collection. We really hope you enjoyed this exclusive opportunity to view behind-the-scenes of the collection. We're really grateful to Nicky and Adrian who helped us put on the event. If you're interested in learning more about the background to the visit, check out [Art, Power, Diplomacy](#) - the Government Art Collection's first publication.

Thanks very much to all of you that we saw at the recent screening of *Beginners*. The event was made particularly special with a Q&A session with Mike Mills, the writer/director, on whose experiences it's based, and who gave a fascinating insight into the story behind the film. We are very grateful to Mike, and to Universal Studios, for making the evening so fantastic. Watch this space for the details of future screenings!

News

Stonewall - out and proud!

Over the past month, we've been marching at Pride London, visiting Student Pride and Birmingham Pride, making plans for Manchester Pride and Brighton Pride, sponsoring UK Black Pride and attending Lovebox Festival as the official charity partner. The Pride season is a really great way for us to get our messages out to a wider audience, and helps us reach out to people who may not have heard of our work. If you're attending Prides around the country, come and see us! Our Scottish and Welsh offices have also been at Prides in their respective nations - the photos from Pride Scotia (available on Stonewall Scotland's [Facebook page](#)) look amazing!

Research and Campaigns

Gay by Degree

Stonewall has launched the second edition of Gay By Degree - the only guide profiling the UK's 150 universities to show how gay-friendly they are. Gay By Degree 2012, supported by Google, will enable gay students applying to go to university in 2012 to find out what different universities offer to meet their needs, and will help them find a university where they will feel comfortable to be themselves.

The guide gives prospective students all the information they need to decide how gay-friendly each UK university really is and what they have to offer. For young people faced with a high price tag on higher university, Gay by Degree will give them the option to be more discerning about their choice of institution.

Working with faith communities

In response to requests from schools, teachers and local authorities, our Education department has produced a new education guide, [Working with faith communities](#), designed for faith schools, schools with large faith communities, and anyone who is concerned about managing the relationship between faith and sexual orientation in a faith context. The guide gives practical advice and tips on how to deal with homophobia and homophobic bullying or language in these situations.

It was launched, along with our primary schools campaign [Celebrating Difference](#) at our annual Education for All Conference, on 1 July at the British Library. With more than 200 delegates, the day was a huge success and helped us share best practise with educators at all levels, from newly qualified teachers to governors and local authority representatives. We also announced the results of our inaugural Education Equality Index, a comprehensive annual benchmarking exercise for local authorities, which showcases how well they are tackling homophobia and homophobic bullying in their schools. Congratulations to Cambridgeshire County Council, who placed first! You can see a video of Bethan Rees from the council talking about their entry [here](#).

Forthcoming Events

Parliamentary Reception - 18th October

Kindly hosted by John Bercow MP, Speaker of the House, this year's Parliamentary Reception will take place in the Speaker's house in Westminster. This event is an amazing opportunity to meet key parliamentarians and discuss the wider work across Britain to tackle homophobia. Invitations will go out later in the summer - watch this space!

Stonewall Awards - 3rd November

Our annual night of glitz and glamour returns for the sixth time! With a celebrity host, guests from across the spectrum of media and ten highly-coveted awards categories, this is a night you won't want to miss. Held at the fabulous Victoria & Albert Museum, the Stonewall Awards is a key event in Stonewall's character. Tickets will be on sale from August and Stonewall Ambassadors are the first to be offered the chance to purchase them.

I'd like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you to those of you that have joined us in the last three months and also to those of you that have introduced us to friends and colleagues that have now signed up as Ambassadors. Introductions like these are key to us growing the Ambassadors family and crucial to our continuing work towards equality for gay people in Britain, please continue to spread the word.

If you have any questions, or would like more information about our work or our events please feel free to contact me on thomas.woodward@stonewall.org.uk or 020 7593 1872. If you know anyone else who might want to learn more about Stonewall, please don't hesitate to pass on my details.

Once again thanks so much for your support and I look forward to catching up with you soon.

Best wishes,



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