



PRESS RELEASE

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Stonewall Housing is launching its services to bisexual and transgender people for the first time.

Jackie Fernandez, Director of Stonewall Housing said “we consulted staff, service-users and stakeholders, and they told us they felt strongly that bisexual and transgender people should receive the same services as other members of the LGBT communities. We are launching our new Business Plan which sets out our work for the next three years, so this seemed the perfect opportunity to expand our service to bisexual and transgender people.”

Stonewall Housing provides supported housing, advice and advocacy for LGBT people in London. We help provide support in six shared housing projects across 4 London Boroughs to 41 young LGBT people who are homeless, living in unstable, unsafe or unsuitable accommodation, or in serious threat of becoming homeless.

We also provide housing advice to 1,000 LGBT people in London every year, who have housing problems ranging from homelessness, domestic violence, and homophobic or transphobic harassment to substandard housing, issues with landlords, and queries about benefits enquiries.

Stonewall Housing was established in 1983 and has helped over 11,000 LGBT people in housing difficulty over the last two decades.

Debbie Gold, Advice Services Manager said, “we receive hundreds of calls every year from lesbians and gay men who are homeless or having really distressing housing problems. We know that there are many bisexual and transgender people who are in similar situations, and we are very pleased that we will now be to help all LGBT people in London find safe places to live.”

Bob Green, Housing Services Manager said “there is a real shortage of suitable housing in London, and many of the young LGBT people who come to Stonewall Housing have been kicked out of their home by their parents because of their sexuality or gender orientation. It’s great that Stonewall Housing can now start to offer supported housing to all LGBT young people.”

Stonewall Housing is also currently looking for dynamic new LGBT management committee members to take the organisation forward. The management committee is fundamental to Stonewall Housing’s work and the driving force behind our dedicated staff team. If any Pink Paper readers are interested, they should call Carla Owen on 020 7359 6242 or email carla@stonewallhousing.org for more information.

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Notes to Editors

1. Stonewall Housing’s website is at www.stonewallhousing.org