Dear colleague,

A message from Luke Tryl, Head of Education

It's an exciting time for Stonewall's Education team. We now have just over one month to go until our flagship Education for All Conference on 4 July in London. Over 400 staff and young people and a wide range of organisations will be coming together to share evidence, ideas and best practice in tackling homophobic bullying in schools, colleges and universities.

We're delighted to be joined by such a fantastic range of speakers, including Camila Batmanghelidjh, Will Young and many more.

The conference, kindly supported by Prudential, will also see the launch of some of our latest research and resources, such as our first ever coming out guide for young people, our new curriculum guides and a ground-breaking website around FREE (our new feature film for primary schools).

In June, we'll be hosting 150 young people from around the country at our **Youth Pride** event in London. If you'd like to march with us, please register on our website.

I hope you have a fantastic summer.

Best wishes

Luke Tryl

Youth Awards

This year's Youth Volunteering Programme, kindly supported by Lloyds Banking Group, culminated in an exciting award ceremony on 25 April. Our two Young Campaigners of the Year, Alice McKee and Michael Young, were presented with their awards by surprise guest Sir Ian McKellen. Thanks to all of our young campaigners who took part!

FREE screening

Want to see FREE, our new feature film for primary schools? BNP Paribas are hosting a free screening at their offices in Marylebone, London, on 26 June. If you're interested in attending, please get in touch.

Bookings hotting up: Education for All Conference

Places at our annual Education for All Conference on 4 July in London are going quickly. Book now to avoid missing out on:

- **Camila Batmanghelidjh CBE**, Founder and Director of Kids Company; **Charlie Taylor**, Chief Executive of the National College for Teaching and Leadership; **Will Young**, singer and campaigner; **Dr Christian Jessen**, TV Presenter of the BAFTA award winning TV series Embarrassing Bodies; and Stonewall's Acting Chief Executive, **Ruth Hunt**.

- Our largest and most innovative range of workshops yet including: • **homophobia in sport • online safety • Theatre in Education • mental health and wellbeing • special educational needs • using FREE - Stonewall's new DVD for primary schools • setting up student support groups • working with faith communities**.

- Our exciting **youth stream**, with its own range of workshops and role model

panels. If two staff members from your organisation attend, you can bring three students in key stage 4 or 5 for free

Bookings can be made online via our website or by emailing education@stonewall.org.uk.

Teacher Training

Know any teachers in Gloucester, Exeter, Northampton, Leeds or London? We're holding primary and secondary Train the Trainer courses on tackling homophobic bullying in those cities over the next six weeks. Have a look at our website for more information.

Church of England guidance on homophobic bullying in schools

On 12 May, Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby launched new guidance for Church schools on tackling homophobic bullying. We fed into the guidance and believe it's a hugely welcome step forward. You can read it online here.

Education Equality Index

Thank you to all Local Authorities who entered this year's Education Equality Index. We received a record number of entries this year and have enjoyed reading about some fantastic anti-bullying initiatives being rolled out across the UK. We look forward to announcing the top 3 local authorities at the Education for All Conference.

And finally, Stonewall has partnered with the Crown Prosecution Service, Ministry of Justice and Gendered Intelligence to produce a pack for schools about LGBT hate crime. The pack consists of a DVD and lesson plans and can be downloaded for free from the Crown Prosecution Service website. Do have a look at let us know what you think.

Have a great start to the summer from everyone in Stonewall's Education team!