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**Demand a
Brighter Future**

**The General Election
Manifesto of the
LGBTQI+ Sector.**

**Make sure
your voice
is heard at
the polls!**

What kind of Ireland do you want to live in?

We believe in an Ireland where everyone is treated equally and where LGBTQI+ people are safe, healthy, visible and celebrated.

We are 18 LGBTQI+ organisations coming together to set out our priorities for the 2024 General Election.

We've celebrated political and social progress relating to LGBTQI+ rights in Ireland over the past 30 years. But in recent years, we've experienced a slow but steady increase in discrimination and hate.

The impact of an anti-human rights movement is being seen across the world, targeting LGBTQI+ and migrant communities.

We are listening and watching as dangerous anti-LGBTQI+ rhetoric becomes louder and the legislation we fought so hard for comes under scrutiny and attack.

We need to ensure that our political representatives don't play politics with LGBTQI+ lives.

The stakes are too high.

Will you share our manifesto with the candidates who knock on your door and help ensure that LGBTQI+ rights stay on the agenda for the next government?

Vote with pride and demand a brighter future.

We are calling on the Irish Government to...

Over the next five years, we want Ireland not just to be a safe place for LGBTQI+ individuals, but to be the best place in Europe to be LGBTQI+.

ILGA-Europe's 2024 Annual Review found that the increase in violence and hatred towards LGBTQI+ people is fuelled very often by politicians and officials, in an ever increasingly polarised political climate. In this general election, we need you to vote for candidates who support the lives and rights of the LGBTQI+ community.



We are calling on the Irish Government to Strengthen LGBTQI+ Rights

We have made significant progress on legal protections over the last 30 years. All families must be treated equally under the law.

- The harmful practice of conversion therapy must be banned.
- Intersex people must be protected from harm.
- Trans young people and non-binary people should be able to simply access legal gender recognition.
- The Equality Acts must be updated to provide protections for all LGBTQI+ people.

Question to ask your local representative:

We are seeing rising hate directed towards minority groups and threats to roll back equality. How do you plan to preserve democracy in Ireland?

2 We are calling on the Irish Government to Invest in LGBTQI+ Health

Trans healthcare is in crisis. The 2024 *Being LGBTQI+ in Ireland* study shows that the mental health of the community is in decline with significant levels of anxiety, depression, self-harm and suicide ideation experienced particularly by LGBTQI+ youth and trans individuals. Urgent investment and intervention are needed. We cannot wait any longer.

- Trans adults and youth urgently need access to a compassionate model of healthcare delivered in primary care settings.
- Sexual health services must be improved and expanded.
- Mental health services must be regulated with improved access and waiting times.
- Early intervention in towns and communities is key to supporting LGBTQI+ mental health.

Question to ask your local representative:

Trans people in Ireland have little to no access to trans healthcare, causing a crisis in mental health and wellbeing. How do you propose to fix this gap in our healthcare system?

3 We are calling on the Irish Government to Implement LGBTQI+ Inclusive Education

Despite progress with an updated post-primary curriculum, LGBTQI+ youth do not feel safe at school. Education spaces need to take steps to be fully inclusive from primary level, when pupils begin to explore and understand their identity, right through to third level.

- End homophobic, transphobic and biphobic bullying in schools.
- LGBTQI+ identities must be reflected across the curriculum.
- Teachers need resources, training and CPD to feel confident teaching LGBTQI+ topics.

Question to ask your local representative:

76% of post-primary LGBTQI+ students do not feel safe at school. What steps will you take to end anti-LGBTQI+ bullying in schools, if elected?

4 We are calling on the Irish Government to Tackle Hate Speech

Hate directed at LGBTQI+ individuals causes real harm. Our failure to update our hate speech laws has been criticised by the European Union. We need a strategy to reduce hate crimes and attacks.

- Ireland needs fit-for-purpose legislation on extreme hate speech and an action plan on hate crime.

Question to ask your local representative:

Incidences of hate against LGBTQI+ people are rising. If elected, how do you plan to ensure that the LGBTQI+ community feel safe?

5 We are calling on the Irish Government to Support LGBTQI+ Communities Nationwide

LGBTQI+ people live in villages and towns right across Ireland. Distance from vital services, supports and community can result in isolation, loneliness and poor mental health.

- We want to see an expansion of LGBTQI+ community services and supports in every county in Ireland.

Question to ask your local representative:

How as an elected representative will you support local LGBTQI+ communities in this constituency?

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