

Supporting LGBT Groups in east London

In 2009, the East London ChangeUp partnership identified the need for generic and mainstream infrastructure organisations to better engage with LGBT frontline organizations and raise awareness of LGBT issues and challenges.

Historically, across the East London CVS Network, there has been minimal engagement with LGBT organizations and it appears that LGBT organizations within the East London area have not consistently accessed generalist infrastructure support services.

Recently, the East London ChangeUp partnership sought to understand the barriers and challenges faced by both LGBT groups in accessing services and also the challenges to generalist infrastructure, namely CVS's; in trying to provide support to LGBT organizations in the East London area.

In order to better understand how to support LGBT groups across the east London sub region, the east London ChangeUp partnership approached the Consortium of LGBT Voluntary and Community organizations to request that a programme of training be developed and delivered for CVS frontline staff in east London.

The aim of the training is to provide CVS staff with information on the needs of the LGBT sector, raise awareness of the issues this sector faces and also provide information and ideas to foster improved engagement.

Through this programme of training we hope to be better equipped to respond to the needs of the LGBT sector in east London.

We anticipate that this training will take place in September 2010.

If you would like to discuss this area of work, please contact Maneesha