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Sent: 26 March 2019 13:03
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FOI-19-0321 - LGBT History Month
Attachments: V2 - Further Information - Right to Review & Appeal.pdf

Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your information request of 28 February 2019. Aberdeen City Council (ACC) has completed the necessary search for the information requested. Our response is now detailed below.

1. Did you fly the rainbow flag from any Council buildings during LGBT History Month (February) and for how long?

No, we didn't fly the rainbow flag from any Council buildings during LGBT History month.

2. What activity, if any, took place in educational establishments to mark LGBT History Month?

Dyce Academy

- 40 staff wore rainbow lanyards for the month to be the school 'everyday hero' and ally to LGBT+ students.
- Pride Group created an LGBT Icon board for staff and students to visually see how the LGBT+ community has impacted on society.
- Each day in the daily bulletin there was a different moment from LGBT history read out to all years. These moments highlighted the timeline of our struggles and accomplishments.
- There was a movie showing of the hit 'Love Simon' which was attended by approx. 30 students.

Lochside Academy

All S1 students took LGBT history month to look at Equality and Diversity in PSE and Drama

Skene Square Primary School

School is starting a LGBT group which is being set and run by senior pupils. The senior classes both studied Diversity, Transgender, Stereotypes and LGBTQ and incorporated religion into these studies also.

St Machar Academy

LGBT History Month was the theme of the week at the beginning of February. The school worked with a group of young people to identify single use toilets that can be identified as accessible toilets but the age of our building does not make this easy.

Harlaw Academy

The Alliance worked with the Harlaw Defenders (school anti-bullying group) to organise a Purple Friday party on 22nd Feb. They were supported on the day by other pupils from the Harlaw Defenders (the anti-bullying group), youth workers and the Wider Achievement department.

The party was similar to the previous year's party: a photobooth a painted flag to be signed, an LGBT music playlist, hand/face painting, glitter tattoos, food and information about Zone Youth group. This year the theme was Catalyst so they had science props for the photobooth and they had displayed handmade posters which showed this year's logo around the school.

- It was attended by around 50 pupils and staff, and there was input from LGBT Zone Youth Aberdeen who spoke about the group and what it could offer for young people in the city.
- The Alliance also worked with an RE teacher to change some PowerPoints about gender identity and sexuality.

- Additionally, they have been planning an inclusivity training course for teachers and the Defenders in order to make the learning environment more LGBT-friendly. Currently, they are working on some primary school-based activities with the Defenders as well.

3. Did the Council fund or directly organise any cultural or history/heritage events during LGBT History Month?

No.

4. Was any activity to mark LGBT History Month organised for Council staff (such as training or awareness sessions)?

No.

5. Did the Council engage followers on social media about any LGBT History Month activity in your area?

No.

We hope this helps with your request.

Yours sincerely,

Grant Webster
Access to Information Officer

INFORMATION ABOUT THE HANDLING OF YOUR REQUEST

ACC handled your request for information in accordance with the provisions of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002. Please refer to the attached PDF for more information about your rights under FOISA.

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