

HEADLINE NEWS

Happy LGBTQ+ History Month!

We are excited to be partnering with Kingston College for History Month supporting their 'rainbow takeover'! The college has launched an art contest for their students and our very own Rainbow Power youth council will be judging the entries and choosing the winning designs.

Free2B Shop

We are delighted to launch our fabulous new e-shop! With huge thanks to [2020Media](https://www.2020media.com) for getting us up and running.

We currently have three beautiful designs you can choose from. The wonderful rainbow frog design was created by one of our talented young people, originally developed as part of a fun art activity during an online lockdown youth club!

We hope to add more member designs in the future. From mugs to hoodies we're sure you'll find something you'll love at www.free2b.lgbt/shop



FUNDRAISING

THANK YOU so much to everyone who donated to our Christmas appeal. Through donations, lottery tickets and e-cards we raised a fabulous £2137.

The Battersea Crime Prevention Panel made an amazing donation to get us to £2500 and with a private match fund donor, we reached our £5000 target!

To kick off our fundraising activities in 2022 we are delighted to announce that we have been chosen by [Make It Clear](https://www.makeitclear.org) to be their charity of the year.

There are lots of ways to support us...

Why not organise a fundraiser for Free2B! From sponsored walks to parachute jumps, if you have an idea please do get in touch as we'd love to hear from you.

Consider becoming a regular giver and receive our special donor's edition newsletter.

Or why not grab yourself some Rainbow Lottery tickets and you'll be in with the chance to win £25000! www.free2b.lgbt/donate



FREE2B BULLETIN SPRING 2022

YOUNG PEOPLE

We've had some great events over the past few months including a fancy dress Halloween party, a Christmas party with festive genderbread decorating!

Our worthy Jack Petchey winners enabled us to have all these wonderful events as well as purchasing fantastic new equipment for our clubs including bean bags, emoji cushions and a whole range of board games.

In November Debbie Weekes-Barnard, Deputy Mayor of London visited us to learn about our vital work, meet some of our junior members and speak to our Rainbow Power youth council. They shared with Debbie their concerns and insights into the inequalities face by LGBTQ+ young people in London.

Rainbow Power have also been busy working on social action projects tackling major issues including: inequalities in schools, under reporting of HBT-hate crime and youth mental health support.

And as if that wasn't enough, they came up with the great idea of hosting a clothes swap which we trialled in January and our next event is planned for the 25th March. It's a great opportunity for members to ensure unwanted clothes go to a new home and hopefully pick something else up in exchange!



TRAINING

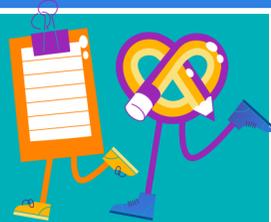
We are delighted to announce we now have five CPD accredited training programmes.

We are offering a monthly online course for organisations: 'Have Pride in Your Work', alongside our primary and secondary school packages.

For more info please visit our training webpage: www.free2b.lgbt/training

"I think the major difference for me after the training is my awareness and understanding. Whilst before they were just letters, now they have got a very strong meaning. Thank you very much!"

Please get in touch for more information: hello@free2b.lgbt | 07757 502 726



PROUD PARENTS

Upcoming sessions: 2nd Mar
16th Mar | 30th Mar | 13th Apr

We are now running a mix of online sessions fortnightly and a quarterly in-person group.

Recent topic discussions have included names, surgery options, hormones and positive trans role models.

We were delighted to welcome the wonderful [Freiya Benson](#) who spoke about her book: The Anxiety Book for Trans People.

We also have a lively WhatsApp group where parents can stay in touch, seek peer advice and share their journeys.

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