

## HEADLINE NEWS - PRONOUNS PROJECT

Our Rainbow Power youth council have been working with the Open University to create a short educational animation explaining pronouns.

The group decide what social action projects they would like to tackle, and they all felt that education around pronouns was really important for their peers as well as for professionals. They developed the script ensuring that the information was clear and easy to follow and then worked with the Open University team to choose the style and approach for the actual animation elements.

We are extremely proud of the amazing animation they have co-created:

<https://youtu.be/k9CSWILezqs>

And to launch the animation, we went along to Wandsworth Southside Shopping Centre wearing giant pronoun badges to ask members of the public about pronouns. With huge thanks to Wandsworth Council staff Mark and Keziah and Met Officers Steve and Jayne for joining us.

We are already planning a second trip, hopefully with a pride pop-up stall to generate extra interest!



## RUN HELENA RUN!

Our amazing Proud Parent Helena ran the London Marathon on the 24th of April to raise funds for Free2B. She smashed her £500 target and raised a whopping £632.

With a huge thanks to everyone who supported Helena and donated.

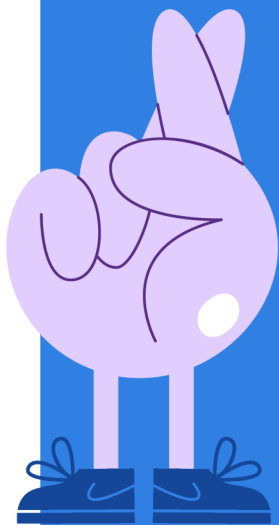
If you are interested in raising funds to support our vital work please do get in touch. From sponsored walks to parachute jumps, if you have an idea please do get in touch as we'd love to hear from you.



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## YOUNG PEOPLE

With thanks to Jack Petchey grant funding our wonderful award winners have enabled us to go on two fabulous trips. In the Easter holidays 10 young people took part in a fun packed afternoon at Gravity with e-Karting, bowling and pizza! And in the May half term a group enjoyed a riotous evening at the Rocky Horror Show! Our members are already looking ahead and sharing ideas for summer holiday excursions...



## GAPSTERS

Our Gapsters junior group is for young people aged 9-14 (with parent consent required for those under 13 years old). It's a safe and fun space for young people to be themselves. The club runs every Friday from 4:00-5:30 near Clapham Junction. Please get in touch if you would like to refer a young person or to find out more information: [hello@free2b.lgbt](mailto:hello@free2b.lgbt)

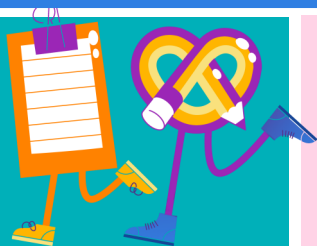
## TRAINING

We continue to deliver our monthly CPD on LGBTQ+ inclusivity for organisations supporting young people.

Alongside our regular programme, Lambeth Together have commissioned us to deliver Introductory and Advanced Level training to schools in their borough. And it was a pleasure to return once again for our annual visit to Roehampton University to train the current cohort of student primary school teachers.

Our first in-person delivery with the University since Jan 2020!

For more info please visit our training webpage: [www.free2b.lgbt/training](http://www.free2b.lgbt/training)



## PROUD PARENTS

Upcoming sessions:

28th Jun | 12th Jul | 26th Jul

We continue to run a mix of online sessions and in-person trips. And we have recently launched a private webpage to share updates, helpful links and video recordings of sessions.

Each month we have a guest speaker and since February we've had five fabulous young people joining the sessions to share their journeys.

We also have a thriving WhatsApp group where parents support each other and share their challenges and triumphs.

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