



FREE 2B BULLETIN



Spring 2026



WELCOME MALO!

We are delighted to welcome Malo (they/them) to the team as our community support worker in Wandsworth. They have spent the last 10 years working with young people in a variety of settings including queer organisations, local councils, secondary schools and refuges. In their free time, they love dancing, cycling, baking bread and learning about trees and plants. We're so excited to have Malo on board and can't wait to see the positive impact they'll have at Free2B! You can meet Malo and the rest of the team [here](#).



TRANS DAY OF VISIBILITY



In honour of Trans Day of Visibility 2026, one of our young adult members wrote these powerful words:

The small things people don't always see about being a trans guy...

- The gender euphoria when a stranger calls you mate or young man
- The good feeling you get from buying small masculine items for yourself like boxers or mens body sprays
- The challenges of taking off your binder for the first time
- The awkwardness of sitting waiting for your T gel to dry out while you scroll through your phone
- The joy of seeing yourself in the mirror in a masculine outfit that fits you just right
- The nerves about building up the confidence to correct someone who has misgendered you
- The anxiety about knowing which bathroom to use, especially early in transition
- The happiness inside of finding community with other trans friends and relating to each other's experiences.

FUNDRAISER SHOUTOUTS

A huge thank you to everyone who has signed up to fundraise during our 10th birthday year.



Special shoutouts:

We are so excited that Dan is running the London Marathon for Free2B!

Support his amazing effort and help us keep our services running for LGBTQ+ young people and their families.



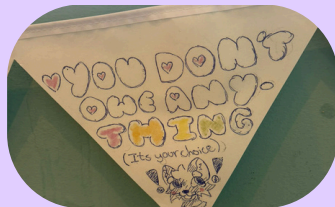
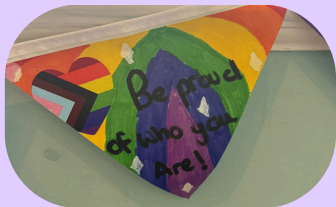
The incredible Georgina led "**Lift the Rainbow: The Big Queer Workout**" to raise vital funds for Free2B. A huge thank you to everyone who took part or donated. It means so much to us.

[Fundraise for Free2B](#)

YOUNG PEOPLE

As part of Free2B's 10th birthday celebrations, we invited members from across our youth groups to design **bunting** that reflects what Free2B means to them. From bold colours to powerful messages of identity and belonging, each design tells a beautiful queer story. These brilliant creations were then professionally printed onto bunting flags, creating a vibrant visual celebration of our community.

The bunting was displayed at Battersea Arts Centre during LGBTQ+ History Month 2026. It was really special to see our young people's voices represented at the exhibition. Take a look at the photos below.



TRAINING

We recently delivered training to members of the national **Turning the Tide** network, coordinated by The Kite Trust. The session focused on how Rainbow Power youth council works, covering everything from recruitment and ground rules to keeping projects genuinely youth-led. We received fantastic feedback for this session which you can read [here](#).

[Visit our training webpage](#)

PROUD PARENTS

Upcoming dates:

8th April | 22nd April | 6th May

Katelyn from UNICEF UK recently joined us for an informative session about **Rights Respecting Schools**.



We also had one of our amazing former youth members come along to a session to share their journey.

[Visit our Proud Parents webpage](#)

