

## Proposed Amendment to 4 Motion – LGBT History Month

Moved by Cllr Nick Ward.

This Council notes:

The important contribution LGBT history month has made to fighting intolerance and raising awareness. LGBT history month is marked every February and is designed to recognise the important contribution LGBT people have made to society.

That Islington, in collaboration with Camden, runs the largest celebration of LGBT History Month in the UK. The theme of the 2015 LGBT History Month in Islington was unlocking the hidden contribution of the LGBT community. The highlights of this programme included an exhibition of LGBT history at Islington Museum, which told the stories of the UK's first gay rights demonstration on Highbury Fields in 1970 and the first Gay Pride March in 1971 on Upper Street. These ~~a number of events for LGBT history month and that these~~ artistic, cultural and community events do much to celebrate the richness and diversity of this borough.

That the 2016 LGBT History Month will focus on the theme of 'Religion, Belief and Philosophy'.

That many LGBT people face harassment or even violence, while young LGBT people are more likely to suffer poor mental health and attempt suicide, issues which were highlighted in Hate Crime Awareness Week between 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> October.-

That LGBT inclusive, Sex and Relationships Education is not a mandatory part of the curriculum, and that Caroline Lucas MP's bill to make this compulsory goes to a second reading on Friday 22nd January 2016.-

This Council believes:

That PSHE classes are invaluable tools in fighting homophobia and transphobia.

That just like black history, the teaching of LGBT history should not be confined to one month each year.

This Council resolves:

- To consult schools about their curriculum support needs to ensure that LGBT History and age-appropriate sex and relationship education are part of the curriculum:-
- To offer schools resources and partnership that can support and enrich their history and their PSHE curriculum; and to offer specialist training through the LGBT History Month umbrella.
- To protect funding for LGBT history month events run in collaboration with Camden.
- ~~To ask Islington's MPs to support the second reading of Caroline Lucas MP's bill to make PSHE education statutory.-~~