

LGBT+ SOG



This has been another busy year for the LGBT+ Self Organisation Group. We saw the launch of the Trans Equality Training which was attended by Shop Stewards Tracy McBurnie and Gordon McFatter. This training will be rolled out to all Branch Shop Stewards.

We continue to advertise and promote the benefits of being a member of the LGBT+ SOG.



Stewart Young and Gordon McFatter represented the Branch at the STUCs annual LGBT+ workers conference in Glasgow in May 2023 and we are delighted to report that the proposal to make 2024 the year of the LGBT+ worker was unanimously passed by the STUC. Lothian Health Branch also had a delegation at UNISON National Conference

where UNISON endorsed the decision to make 2024 the year of the LGBT+ worker.

Edinburgh Pride took place in June and was well attended by Branch members and Steward. It was one of the hottest days of the summer and everyone there had a fantastic time. Stewart Young manned a stall where we promoted Pride and our LGBT+ Self-organised groups.

The branch Stewards manned LGBT+ stalls to celebrate Pride month across all of our Lothian Health sites prior to this year's Pride event itself. UNISON prides itself on being inclusive for every member of staff.

Earlier this year Gordon McFatter stepped back from the LGBT+ Regional Committee to concentrate on other commitments and Stewart Young will now represent the branch on the Committee and we are sure he will do an amazing job.

November sees the annual LGBT+ national conference in Liverpool which Lothian will have a delegation attending.



The Branch will be planning a year of activities in 2024 to celebrate the Year of the LGBT+ worker and our programme of events will be advertised on our social media accounts and website so look out for them and come along and join in..

As your LGBT+ Officer I am committed to ensuring that annual LGBT+ events are marked pan-Lothian. Please join me in supporting these to challenge discrimination, win equality and celebrate the diversity in our Membership.

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pronouns he/him/his; LGBT+ Officer.*