

S/LGG	<p>Fonds</p> <p>Title: <i>Records of the Tower Hamlets Lesbian and Gay Campaign Group</i></p> <p>Extent: 1 box</p> <p>Description: Records of the Tower Hamlets Lesbian and Gay Campaign Group including press cuttings, letters of support and publicity covering their activities. Material covers the Group's campaigns especially against Section 28 (formerly known as Clause 28) of the Local Government Act.</p> <p>Click the PDF icon to browse descriptions to this collection in PDF format.</p> <p>Administrative history:</p> <p>The Group was created in response to Section 28 (formerly known as Clause 28) of the Local Government Act 1988. The clause imposed a legal ban on the promotion of homosexuality by local authorities and by schools and libraries.</p> <p>The threat of Section 28 launched the gay rights movement in Britain into action. Tower Hamlets Lesbian and Gay Campaign Group campaigned against its introduction. The Group launched the 'Stop Clause 28' campaign and lobbied Tower Hamlets Council to not enforce it. Key members of the group included Revered Richard Kirker, Paul Barlow and Gerard Magherini.</p> <p>On 8 April 1988, a national day of protest was held. Tower Hamlets Lesbian and Gay Campaign Group created the Pink Postcard Protest. Thousands of small pink postcards were sent to supporters to send to Tower Hamlets councillors. A giant pink postcard was presented to then-Mayor Brian Williams, who collected it on behalf of the council at Bethnal Green Town Hall. Tower Hamlets Council condemned the clause, declaring it was 'an attack on the independence of Local Authorities, and an attack on individual civil liberties.' Despite widespread opposition, Section 28 was enacted on 24 May 1988.</p>	1986 - 1988
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	<p>The Group continued to protest, lobbying the council not to enforce the Section. The Group created exhibitions such as 'Lesbians, Gays and the Law: An Exhibition Against Section 28' and 'Stronger than Pride: An Exhibition Against Section 28' to raise awareness about the new law, and their cause.</p> <p>Section 28 was as ambiguous. Campaigners feared that Section 28 banned local councils, schools and libraries from having any literature including plays, leaflets, books or information featuring gay people. For libraries in local authorities, the Library Association published a briefing on the prohibition of teaching or publishing material which 'promoted homosexuality.'</p> <p>Tower Hamlets Central Library at Bancroft Road produced in the same month Section 28 became law, the Library's Gay and Lesbian Booklist (reference: LC12596). The library declared that the books were not a 'recommend list.....simply details of over sixty titles with gay and lesbian themes'. The booklist further stated that 'if your favourite title isn't here please let us know, we will be glad to obtain it for you'. The Library service's defiance against Section 28 was covered in the press collected by the Group (archive reference: S/LGG/2/3).</p> <p>The Group also campaigned on other matters including a 'Lock Up Gays' article published in the Afro-Caribbean and Asian magazine 'Platform' in 1987 (archive reference: S/LGG/1).</p> <p>Access Conditions: Some material within this collection has been closed under the current Data Protection legislation as the records concerned contain personal data. Please check specific items for details and refer any queries to the Heritage Officer (Archives).</p> <p>Related Material: Issues 1-3 of 'Out East: Newsletter of Tower Hamlets Lesbian and Gay Campaign Group', 1989-1990 (Library reference: LC9012).</p> <p>See also records of Paul Barlow (P/PBA)</p>	
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S/LGG/1	<p>Series</p> <p>Title: <i>Campaign against Platform magazine</i></p> <p>Extent: 3 files</p> <p>Description: Records relating to the 'Lock Up Gays' article published in the Afro-Caribbean and Asian magazine 'Platform'.</p> <p>Access Conditions: Some material within this collection has been closed under the current Data Protection legislation as the records concerned contain personal data. Please check specific items for details and refer any queries to the Heritage Officer (Archives).</p> <p>Request: NO - This does not represent a physical document. Please click on the reference number and view list of records to find material available to order at file or item level.</p>	1987
S/LGG/1/1	<p>File</p> <p>Title: <i>Letters to the Editor</i></p> <p>Extent: 1 file</p> <p>Description: Letters to the editor of 'Platform' magazine regarding their article 'Lock Up Gays'.</p> <p>Request: YES - You can order this material to consult in our Reading Room.</p>	1987
S/LGG/1/2	<p>File</p> <p>Title:</p>	1987

	<p>Letters of Objection</p> <p>Extent: 1 file</p> <p>Description: Correspondence with local councillors, MPs and organisations regarding the article published in 'Platform' magazine. Correspondents include Eric Flounders and David Steel.</p> <p>Access Conditions: This record contains the personal data of adults and therefore has been closed for 84 years under current Data Protection legislation. For further information please speak to the Heritage Officer (Archives).</p> <p>Request: NO - This material is not orderable. Please see access restrictions for further details.</p>	
S/LGG/1/3	<p>File</p> <p>Title: <i>Flyers</i></p> <p>Extent: 1 file</p> <p>Description: Flyers for members of the Lesbian and Gay Group encouraging them to object to the article in 'Platform' magazine by writing to the editor.</p> <p>Request: YES - You can order this material to consult in our Reading Room.</p>	1987
S/LGG/2	<p>Series</p> <p>Title: <i>Press</i></p> <p>Extent: 7 files</p> <p>Description: Press related to the Lesbian and Gay Campaign Group and their campaign against Section 28.</p> <p>Request:</p>	1986 - 1988

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S/LGG/2/1	<p>File</p> <p>Title: <i>Funding</i></p> <p>Extent: 1 file</p> <p>Description: Press cuttings regarding funding received by the Lesbian and Gay Group by Tower Hamlets Council.</p> <p>Request: YES - You can order this material to consult in our Reading Room.</p>	1988
S/LGG/2/2	<p>File</p> <p>Title: <i>Church</i></p> <p>Extent: 1 file</p> <p>Description: Press cuttings related to the position of gay vicars. Includes articles related to the resignation Reverend Jeremy Young.</p> <p>Request: YES - You can order this material to consult in our Reading Room.</p>	1987 - 1988
S/LGG/2/3	<p>File</p> <p>Title: <i>Libraries</i></p> <p>Extent: 1 file</p> <p>Description: Press cutting related to books being displayed in Globe Town Library in spite of Section 28 of the Local Government Act.</p> <p>Request: YES - You can order this material to consult in our Reading Room.</p>	1988

S/LGG/2/4	<p>File</p> <p>Title: <i>AIDS</i></p> <p>Extent: 1 file</p> <p>Description: Press cuttings related to the treatment of people with AIDS. Includes articles related to the Mildmay Hospital AIDS Ward.</p> <p>Request: YES - You can order this material to consult in our Reading Room.</p>	1986 - 1988
S/LGG/2/5	<p>File</p> <p>Title: <i>Crime</i></p> <p>Extent: 1 file</p> <p>Description: Press cuttings relating to crimes against homosexual people. Also includes articles relating to child grooming and sexual assaults.</p> <p>Request: YES - You can order this material to consult in our Reading Room.</p>	1987 - 1988
S/LGG/2/6	<p>File</p> <p>Title: <i>Campaigning</i></p> <p>Extent: 1 file</p> <p>Description: Press relating to the campaigning activity of the Lesbian and Gay Group.</p> <p>Request: YES - You can order this material to consult in our Reading Room.</p>	c. 1987 - 1988
S/LGG/2/7	<p>File</p> <p>Title: <i>Press releases</i></p>	1987 - 1988

	<p>Extent: 1 file</p> <p>Description: Press releases by the Lesbian and Gay Group.</p> <p>Request: YES - You can order this material to consult in our Reading Room.</p>	
S/LGG/3	<p>File</p> <p>Title: <i>Promotional material</i></p> <p>Extent: 1 file</p> <p>Description: Flyers and leaflets regarding Section 28 of the Local Government Act and the campaign against it by the Group. Includes flyers for public meetings, 'Stronger than Pride: An Exhibition Against Section 28', and information events.</p> <p>Request: YES - You can order this material to consult in our Reading Room.</p>	c. 1988
S/LGG/4	<p>File</p> <p>Title: <i>Letters of Support</i></p> <p>Extent: 1 file</p> <p>Description: Letters of support for the Group. Includes letters from councillors and MPs.</p> <p>Request: YES - You can order this material to consult in our Reading Room.</p>	c. 1987