

Count Me In Too

What you told us

73% of respondents had experienced some form of hate crime in the past 5 years, relating to their gender/sexual identity. Only 40 out of 819 people ONLY experienced verbal abuse from strangers in the street.

Only 42% of trans respondents said that they enjoyed LGBT venues and events. 25% of trans people had experienced hate crime in an LGBT venue.

“They – a Brighton & Hove gay magazine – did a thing about transsexuals being on the scene and they interviewed a few people and, some of them, they just didn’t like us at all. Didn’t understand us, but didn’t like us. I wrote to the editor, sent a letter about some of the comments. He said that was just the ones he could publish. He said, some of it was quite hostile. It’s deeply ingrained to dislike us. Don’t matter that a lot of us are in same sex or bisexual relationships.”

“Safety’ to me doesn’t just mean being safe from verbal / physical harassment. I want to feel comfortable that I’m not going to be subject to a range of annoying behaviour from ‘jokes’ and unwanted sexual advances to ‘funny’ looks and whispers.”

“The message is that you are welcome to come to Brighton but if you come to Brighton you must have money. You must have somewhere to live and you must have a job. Don’t come here unemployed. Don’t come here disabled. Do not come here if you have got mental health issues.”

76% of respondents found it easy or very easy to live in Brighton & Hove. Of those who have lived elsewhere, 74% thought that Brighton was a better place to live.

“It’s been my experience that neither the LG community nor the straight community is even prepared to accept bi people, let alone provide truly inclusive services or an inclusive scene. It is actually scary being out on the gay scene. I actually feel really frightened.”

“We’ve got a queer history as everybody else in the pub... Sometimes we’re like getting filthy looks from people like...

50% of respondents had taken illegal drugs or used legal drugs without a prescription. 85% of respondents drink alcohol.

“what’s that straight couple doing in here?” I have to regulate my behaviour to gay pub.”

“A culture based on alcohol and money and drugs in a culture which has a very limited opportunity for community is actually quite harmful.”

“We’ve all had challenging lives and stuff, but there has been progress, there’s been a huge amount of progress in the city and Pride is the example of that... I think is a fantastic thing. From those early days when there we a few hundred of us dodging missiles around Churchill Square and trying to chant, ‘We’re here, we’re queer, we’re not going shopping.’”

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LGBT people attending Count Me In Too's community consultation event called for the findings to be exhibited at PRIDE in the Summer of 2009, LGBT History Month at Jubilee Library in February 2010, and Golden Handbags in June 2010.

What are your thoughts on Count Me In Too and the findings presented here?

Was there anything that surprised you or didn't surprise you?

Will this research influence your ideas and actions in any way?

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