



*Representing and campaigning for the lesbian, gay,
bisexual and transgender community in Galway City and County*

Annual Report

2011

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Foreword

Amach! LGBT Galway Ltd. is proud to present our Annual Report 2011 together with a summary of our Audited Accounts.



2011 was a busy year for the Voluntary Board of Directors. We welcomed new volunteers to the board bringing new experiences, skills and energy which will enhance our work. Collectively, we have worked to build good relationships with other Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) organisations and with the wider community and statutory sector. We faced some new challenges and had some valuable learning experiences.

Significant achievements in 2011 include; a successful campaign to raise awareness of LGBT issues and highlighting available support through a series of events in several communities in County Galway. Galway Community Pride 2011, the week long festival, included a variety of events.

At an open community meeting in November 2011 we informed those present that a decision had been made by the Voluntary Board of Directors that we are no longer in a position to continue organising the annual Galway Community Pride. This decision was taken to enable Amach! to fully engage in other work that can further the development of the LGBT community. We recommended that a separate, legally constituted, group be set up. This group should be community-based, not for profit and broadly representative of the community. This group would have the sole responsibility for the organising and running of the annual community pride. Members of the community took on the responsibility to hold a community meeting to establish such a group.

We appreciate the hard work, time and commitment involved in organising the festival. We would like to wish all those who get involved the very best! We are looking forward to it and wish everyone a very happy Pride 2012.

The Voluntary Board of Directors of Amach! LGBT Galway Ltd has good governance, sound policies and procedures and transparent methods for keeping accounts. Our accounts were audited and signed off, at our second Annual General Meeting held on 11th July 2012.

We want to take this opportunity to sincerely thank all the organisations and funders for your continued support and encouragement with a particular thank you to the team at West Training & Development Ltd and the LGBT Diversity Development Worker Poul Walsh Olesen for their continued support.

We look forward to carrying out a Community Consultation in 2012 which will guide our work into the future. Amach! LGBT Galway Ltd would like to thank everyone who contributed, volunteered and donated to community events in 2011. Your continued support is appreciated and needed for the development of Galway's LGBT community.

Nuala Ward
Chairperson

Background to Amach! LGBT Galway Ltd.

In July 2009, a meeting of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) community was held in the Commercial Boat Club, Woodquay, Galway. As a result, an Action Group was formed to research the best way forward for the community. In November 2009 the Action Group presented their findings to the LGBT community. The formation of a company limited by guarantee was identified as the best way to create a sound structure to enable the community to move forward.

At that meeting twelve people expressed an interest in being involved and put themselves forward to become Voluntary Directors of a new company for the Galway LGBT community. It was unanimously agreed that the group who stepped forward on a voluntary basis would take on the responsibility of setting up a new umbrella company for Galway's LGBT community with the expressed goodwill and support of those attending the meeting.

On December 12th 2009, eleven volunteers met for the first time and put a plan of work and a schedule of meetings in place. From January 2010 the volunteers met every two weeks and also met over a number of weekends. The wide range of training and development work we engaged in is listed in our first report. The volunteers took on the huge task of setting up a company limited by guarantee.

AMACH! LGBT Galway Ltd. was registered on March 19th, 2010, as a Company Limited by Guarantee, not having a Share Capital.

Amach's first Annual Report was launched on Friday 15th July 2011. It covers a wide range of work and projects carried out since the community meeting in 2009 right through to December 2010, including an Auditor's Report.

Amach! LGBT Galway Ltd Voluntary Board of Directors, 2011

Fintan Battles (Company Secretary)	Nuala Ward (Chairperson)
Kathy Walsh (Treasurer)	Fionnuala Spillane
Kiran Emrich	Derek Shiel
Eoin De Bhairdúin	

Two directors stood down on 14th July 2011, Marie Tierney and Michael Faulkner. Two new directors were registered on 14th July 2011. These were Fionnuala Spillane and Eoin De Bhairdúin.

AMACH! LGBT Galway Ltd Sub Groups

Terms of Reference were drawn up for each sub group. These can be accessed on our web site www.amachlgbt.com

Finance Sub Group

Nuala Ward (Chairperson)
Kathy Walsh (Treasurer)
Fintan Battles (Company Secretary)
Fionnuala Spillane

Pride Sub Group

AMACH! LGBT Galway Ltd Representatives

Kathy Walsh
Kiran Emrich
Fionnuala Spillane
Nuala Ward

Pride Committee Community Volunteers

Ian Bohan
Charlotte King
Sean Mullen
Leona Sheehan

Vision Statement

AMACH! LGBT Galway Ltd. aims to reflect equally the diversity within the LGBT community by encouraging positive participation from the community. We actively campaign to achieve a solid and safe support structure for the LGBT community in Galway.

Aims

- To ensure that the Committee reflects the LGBT community, works in an effective manner and is both transparent and accountable.
- To support the development of an accessible and safe Resource Centre that can be utilised by the LGBT community.
- To work towards supporting the provision of services for the LGBT community.
- To source funding for future development through grant applications and fundraising events.
- To support the LGBT community to have a voice in influencing and bringing about changes in LGBT issues.

Successful Work of the Voluntary Board of Directors

The Voluntary Board of Directors took on a lot of work in 2011 and was kept busy throughout the year. Voluntary Directors participated in or organised the following events:

- Information day - University College Hospital Galway
- Launch of Galway Pride
- Memorial Service, Woodquay Park for LGBT people and loved ones.
- Galway Pride Parade
- Safe Sex Workshop
- LGBT Pavee/ Irish Traveller Movement Workshop
- Open Information Day Aids West
- Community Meeting to present Annual Report, 2010
- Human Library – Westside Library
- Exhibition of Galway LGBT community related materials in Galway City Library as part of Community Arts Project
- Amach! – Celebrating Our Community Documentary screened all day on loop over a number of weeks for public to view at the Galway Arts Centre also as part of Community Arts Project
- Eight open public meetings held:
 - Presentation of Annual Report and call for new volunteer directors
 - Five open Pride Meetings
 - Two open meetings seeking new Volunteer Directors
- Amach! documentary is being used as a teaching tool by Dr. Almar Barry in St Patricks College, to educate future teachers
- Successful Funding applications to Galway Rural Development Company and The Community Foundation for Ireland
- Member of Board appointed to SHOUT! Advisory Board
- Open Meeting in Oughterard at the Clann Family Resource Centre
- Open Meeting in Gort at the Gort Family Resource Centre
- Printed material produced included:
 - Information Leaflet on Amach!

- Community Newsletter
 - Pride Annual Report (and reprint 2010)
 - DVD Documentary (and reprint)
 - 2 series of generic posters
- General Company Administration and other day to day business.

Principal Works Undertaken

AMACH! LGBT Galway Ltd is a volunteer run organisation which aims to represent and campaign on behalf of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender community in Galway City and County. Together with volunteers from Galway's LGBT Community, AMACH! LGBT Galway Ltd ran a number of very successful events in 2011:

- **Galway Community Pride 2011**
- **Awareness Campaign 2011**
- **Inter-Agency Working Group.**

Without the support, commitment and hard work of the volunteers the above would not have been possible. Whether it be your talents, your skills or just an hour or two of your time that you have to offer, volunteers are always needed in all areas of the work for the community.

The Voluntary Board of Directors has attended meetings, undertaken projects and represented AMACH! LGBT Galway Ltd at local, regional and national meetings.

Galway Community Pride 2011

Introduction

Building on the success of previous Pride festivals, Galway Community Pride 2011 went from a 3-day to a 7-day festival of events. New work this year included:

- Working with other community groups and organisations
- Securing paid advertising from local and national groups and businesses to produce a 24 page glossy booklet
- All Pride spaces were accessible for people with physical disabilities
- Awareness raising through media coverage
- Workshops
- Open days
- Information stall in the city centre.

Launch

The launch of Galway Community Pride took place on Monday 15th August in the Galway City Museum. City Mayor Cllr. Hildegard Naughton launched the festival. The County Mayor Cllr. Michael Maher was also in attendance.

Grammy nominated American singer Sonya of 'Disappear Fear' fame gave a performance and the Cabaret Ooh La La performers added some spice to the event.

Community groups and organisations involved in Pride workshops/ Open Days

Alongside the Information Day in UCHG and an information open day for local LGBT and community groups facilitated by the Pride festival, AIDS West and ShOUT! also held Open Days during the festival.

A series of workshops exploring themes relating to *Equality and Diversity: Making the Connections* were facilitated:

- Hanna McGinley (Community Development Worker, Galway Traveller Movement) and Eoin DeBhairdúin (LGBT Pavee) hosted a workshop on equality and diversity. It proved to be a fantastic opportunity for dialogue and learning.
- Vicky Donnelly (Community Development Worker, One World Centre) hosted a workshop that explored some of the issues and challenges facing new members of Irish society today.
- “How to have great sex” workshop. Siobhán O’Higgins (Sexologist and Education co-ordinator for AIDS West) gave a workshop on how to improve your sex life.

Annual Memorial Service

An informal and non-religious annual memorial service was held in the Woodquay Park to remember members of the community lost over the years. Several of the people who gathered chose to share memories of friends they had lost.

Venue

This year we had a number of proposals from different businesses to host the main Pride festival events. After careful consideration it was agreed by consensus that the Radisson Blu Hotel offered the most attractive deal for the weekend. The following factors informed this decision:

- Cost
- The need to decorate only one venue for the whole weekend
- Level of access for people with disabilities
- Size and capacity (it can cater for to 900 people)
- Safety at point of entry/ exit (taxis collect passengers at the door)
- Access to onsite accommodation/ other nearby accommodation.

Entertainment

Friday night kicked off the weekend with local band Vickers Vimy, followed by performances by burlesque troupe, Cabaret Ooh La La and music from DJ Princess Matthew.

On Saturday night Sara O’Kane got the crowd going with her Adele Tribute Act. There were performances by Cabaret Ooh La La and the Donegal Divas followed by the internationally known artist Qboy who was DJ for the night.

On Sunday night it was a singer songwriter night with Elaine Mai and friends. Then DJ Corey Hadley from the famous Nightingale Club in Birmingham was on the decks to finish the weekend.

Pride Parade

The Pride parade was launched by the City Deputy Mayor, Cllr. Frank Fahy, at the Town Hall Theatre. Cllr Fahy accompanied the colourful and lively parade through the city to its finish point at the City Museum. As usual the parade was led by the shOUT! drummers. The winner of the theme competition was Debz Kennedy.

At the museum there were speeches from the Pride Chairperson Kiran Emrich, AMACH! Chairperson Nuala Ward, shOUT! Co-ordinator Sara McDermott and presidential candidate Michael D. Higgins. There were also performances by Cabaret Ooh La La, local drag queens and music was provided by DJ Betty Herring.

Eamon Duddy Memorial Soccer Tournament

The annual football tournament took place on Sunday. There were two teams of six this year with the gay team beating a straight team 4-1.

Corrib Cruise

The ever-popular cruise on the Corrib took place on Sunday afternoon. Mr Pussy was on board to entertain the crowd and there was music from DJ Betty Herring. Entertainment was sponsored by Wilde's Bar and Dignity West.

Media Coverage and Publicity

Media coverage of the Pride festival was extensive throughout the two week period and focused on the launch, the parade and the workshops. Events were featured in various local papers including the Galway Independent, Galway Advertiser and the Galway City Tribune as well as on the local radio station, Galway Bay FM.

For the first time in the history of Galway Pride members of the committee staffed a stand on Shop Street to advertise the Pride festival on three afternoons during the week preceding the festival.

The Galway Community Pride banner was carried in the Dublin and Waterford Pride parades and on the Marriage Equality March in Dublin.

The Pride booklet and posters were distributed through a number of businesses in the city as well as towns in the county. It was also distributed nationally through the various Prides and other LGBT venues. Locally, the booklet was handed out on the Shop Street stall which also displayed the Pride banner. A number of local businesses had the Pride booklet and Pride tickets available for sale.

Community Pride Committee

The committee held 20 meetings over a five-month period starting in April, to plan and organise Pride. The first meeting to call for volunteers took place in April with the committee formally being set up in May after 4 open meetings. The committee formed in May included:

Iain Bohan, Kiran Emrich (Chairperson) Charlotte King, Sean Mullen, Leona Sheehan, Fionnuala Spillane, Kathy Walsh (Treasurer) and Nuala Ward.

Three weeks prior to the Pride festival the committee was down to five members.

We would like to thank all our advertisers and sponsors and those who donated. Warm thanks for the support of the generous volunteers who gave their time over the weekend and, as always, Galway's LGBT community and friends.



Galway Community Pride Open Community Meeting

Amach! called a community meeting to report back on the Pride festival and to release the Pride Report to the community. The meeting was also held to facilitate a discussion on the future running of the Pride Festival. After that meeting Amach! released a statement outlining its position relating to the festival's future. The statement read as follows:

Amach! LGBT Galway Ltd. gave a statement at an open community meeting on Wednesday 23rd November 2011 in Seville House Galway informing those present that a decision has been made by the Board of Directors of Amach! that they no longer have the people or time on the board to continue organising the annual Galway Community Pride. This decision has been taken to enable Amach! to fully engage in other important work that can further the development of the LGBT community.

Amach! LGBT Galway Ltd recommends that a separate legally constituted group is set up, which is made up of volunteers, community-based, non-for-profit, and broadly representative of the community. This group would have the sole responsibility for the organising and running of the annual community pride festival and that this group would work on pride throughout the year, every year.

Members of the community present on 23rd are holding a community meeting on Wednesday 18th January 2012 in the Harbor Hotel, Galway City, with a view to establishing a newly constituted group for the running of Galway Community Pride. This meeting will be hosted by members of the community not currently involved with Amach! and facilitated by Poul Walsh Olesen, LGBT Diversity Development Worker. We campaign for volunteers to attend this meeting and stand forward to establish this group. This is your community, your Pride. Without the Volunteers Galway Community Pride will not continue in 2012.

A further meeting was called by community members present at that meeting to take place on January 18th 2011 for the purpose of calling volunteers to form a committee to organise Galway Community Pride 2012.

Awareness Campaign

The overall objectives for this project were to:

- i) Increase the awareness of Amach! in Galway County, including its activities and the type of supports and opportunities we can offer members of the LGBT community, their friends and families
- ii) Explore the possibility of setting up local support groups in areas where there are currently little or no supports.

These objectives were successfully met through:

- The development of and distribution of promotional material including the Amach! Newsletter, Information Flyer and Posters
- Amach! Advertising Pull-Up Stand purchased for use at conferences and public meetings
- Re-prints of material previously produced by Amach! for further distribution including a documentary made with Galway Film Centre ID Project in 2010 and the Amach! LGBT Annual Report 2010
- The delivery of two awareness raising sessions in county towns. The first session was held in Gort on 27th November 2011 in collaboration with Gort Family Resource Centre. The second in Oughterard on Thursday, 24th November in conjunction with Clann Resource Centre.

Materials were produced and workshops delivered in two county Galway locations. Plans are in place for development of an ongoing LGBT group in Gort with support from the Gort Family Resource Centre.

Linking with the Youth Worker in Clann Family Resource Centre (Oughterard), Amach! are planning to return to Oughterard to do an awareness campaign with the new Youth Café group to be set up in the near future. Also the youth worker is planning to show the Amach! DVD to Transition Year students in some of the local schools he is involved with. Amach! members are planning

to attend these screenings for a question and answer session after the screening.

Through the development and circulation of promotional material, and the delivery of LGBT awareness workshops in rural areas, this project has had a positive impact on the general knowledge of LGBT supports in County Galway. We have developed links with LGBT people in the areas and have strengthened our networks with the management and staff of the two Family Resource Centres.

This project was made possible through the financial support from the Local and Community Development Programme facilitated by Galway Rural Development Company.

Amach! will continue to undertake low-cost LGBT awareness work throughout the region using promotional material developed through this project.

Members of the LGBT community are generally more at risk of becoming socially marginalised and excluded from mainstream society. Coming out in rural areas with little or no supports can be very challenging. There is a strong need for combating discrimination and building the information and knowledge base of LGBT issues in these communities. This project has made a contribution towards this important piece of work. Amach! intends to continue this work into 2012.

Amach! wish to thank our funders Galway Rural Development Company for the financial support that has made the delivery of this project possible. (See Funding Sources)

Inter-Agency Working Group

In November 2011 LGBT Diversity and Amach! collaborated on a project to bring local statutory and voluntary agencies together with the view to tackling the shortages and inadequacies in LGBT supports and services in Galway City and County and to develop a Strategic Development Plan aimed at achieving those goals. The group is called the Inter Agency Working Group. The Group includes representatives of LGBT Groups – Amach! and Shout!, HSE, VEC, Galway City Partnership, Galway Rural Development Company, Galway City Council, Galway County Council, LGBT Network of Family Resource Centres in Galway and Mayo, AIDS West, Western Regional Drugs Task Force, West Training and Development, An Garda Síochána, NUIG, GMIT, Galway City and County Community Fora.

At the first meeting in December 2011, Terms of Reference, Membership, Time Plan and Milestones for completion of work and meeting schedules were set. The latest research into the LGBT community available for the Region - the Needs Analysis Report 2008 and also some National Reports and Surveys were also reviewed. The Project will continue until September 2012.

Communications and Media Work

- Positive press coverage in print media included, Galway Advertiser, Galway Independent, The Sentinel, Connaught Tribune and GCN
- Interviews on Galway Bay FM and Connemara Radio were given by Amach! Chairperson Nuala Ward during Galway Community Pride Festival in August and the Amach! Awareness Campaign in November
- Maintaining the Amach! website and social networking site Facebook
- As part of the Awareness Campaign, Amach! produced newsletters, a report on the Pride festival and generic information leaflets on the work of Amach!
- The LGBT Documentary filmed in 2010, entitles Celebrating Our Community, was reissued
- The Annual Report 2010 was completed and printed.

Networking

AMACH! LGBT Galway Ltd continued to link with and create new important links with many organisations and individuals during the year. These included the following:

- AIDS West
- City of Galway VEC
- Galway City Community Forum
- Galway City Councillors
- Galway City Partnership
- Galway Film Centre Galway Says No to Health Cuts Campaign
- Galway Rape Crisis Centre
- Galway Rural Development
- Gay Westmeath
- Gort Family Resource Centre
- GLEN (Gay and Lesbian Equality Network)
- GOSSIP, Galway's Transgender Support Group
- Health Promotion Department, University College Hospital Galway
- LGBT Pavee
- Mayors of Galway City and County
- Garda Liaison Officer
- LGBT Diversity Midlands
- LGBT Network of Family Resource Centres – West Region
- One World Centre
- shOUT! LGBT Youth Group
- shOUT! Advisory Board
- Marriage Equality
- LGBT National Helplines
- West Training & Development Ltd
- Western Region Drugs Taskforce

Lobbying

In 2010, Amach! submitted a proposal to the Western Regional Drugs Taskforce on the effects of drugs and alcohol in the LGBT community and related concerns. It was submitted for consideration for inclusion in the Western Regional Drugs and Alcohol Strategy Development Plan 2011 – 2016. The submission was based on the latest national and regional research studies conducted. In 2011 the LGBT Community was named as a target group in the new Development Strategy

"Working Together" LGBT Diversity and TENI Joint Conference, Galway

In preparation for the 'European Year of Active Ageing', 2012 LGBT Diversity held a Regional Seminar on Monday, 7th November 2011 at the Menlo Hotel in Galway. The aim of the seminar was to:

- Raise awareness of the needs of Ireland's older LGBT population
- Facilitate a discussion of what can be done to ensure that older LGBT people have the best possible opportunities for living a positive and active life
- Support networking and information sharing.

The seminar explored ways to ensure that older LGBT people have the best possible opportunities for living a positive and active life. To that end, participants at the Seminar discussed key issues in relation to this and took part in facilitated group discussions structured around these issues. Finally a discussion on what can be done at a local and regional level to address these issues was held.

Treasurer's Report

We would like to acknowledge, with grateful thanks, the vital funding we have received from a number of agencies:

Galway Rural Development Company – Awareness Campaign, €3000

Community Foundation for Ireland – Development Plan (for use in 2012), €2000



Pride Funding

Galway Community Pride Festival is funded through official fundraising events held on the weekend, advertising sponsorship, donations, merchandise sales and fundraising events prior to the festival. Amach! would like to thank all who helped make the 2011 Galway Community Pride Festival a success.

Although community fundraising and donations were down significantly this year, the committee worked very hard to source new advertising sponsors for the Pride booklet. This funding was sourced mainly from local, regional and national volunteer organisations. We would like to thank all those who sponsored us.

Amach! deliberately did not source advertising from local pubs and clubs outside of our community with the exception of the Radisson Blu Hotel as the venue for events on the weekend. This was to ensure visitors to our Pride Festival on the weekend supported our local LGBT pub and club. Amach! recognises the importance of having a social outlet available to our community.

This is something that should be looked at in the future as the advertising sponsorship is a huge part of funding our festival and the potential is far greater that we have reached so far.

Amach! would like to wish the 2012 Galway Community Pride Committee all the best in organising our festival.

Amach Funding

Future funding for Amach! will be even harder to find given the recent economic downturn in our country. There has been a marked decrease in available funding from government, philanthropic and charity organisations. This added to the tougher economic conditions people are under on a personal level has seen a decrease in individual donations. There will have to be an increased effort at organising community fundraisers to support Amach! into the future.

Voluntary Supports

We would also like to acknowledge the support Dónal Walsh and of the City of Galway VEC for the use of meeting rooms.

Breda Lymer, Noel Schofield, Morgan Mee, Elaine Cosgrove and Mary Seale at West Training & Development for all the kind and generous advice and support throughout the year.

Poul Walsh Olesen, LGBT Diversity Development Worker for our region has been invaluable to the work of Amach in 2011. His support has given us the capacity to cover more ground and projects. We look forward to working with Poul in 2012.

Kathy Walsh

Treasurer



**Independent auditors' report to the members of
Amach! LGBT Galway Limited
(A Company Limited by Guarantee and not having a Share Capital)**

We have audited the financial statements of Amach! LGBT Galway Limited for the year ended 31 December 2011 which comprise the Income and Expenditure account, the Balance Sheet, the Cash Flow Statement and the related notes. These financial statements have been prepared under the accounting policies set out therein.

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with Section 193 of the Companies Act, 1990. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the company and the company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

As described in the Statement of Directors' Responsibilities the company's directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and generally accepted accounting practice in Ireland including the accounting standards issued by the Accounting Standards Board and published by the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants.

Our responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with relevant legal and regulatory requirements and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland).

We report to you our opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice in Ireland and are properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Acts, 1963 to 1983 and 1990 to 2009. We also report to you whether in our opinion: proper books of account have been kept by the company; and whether the information given in the Directors' Report is consistent with the financial statements. In addition, we state whether we have obtained all the information and explanations necessary for the purposes of our audit and whether the financial statements are in agreement with the books of account.

We also report to you if, in our opinion, any information specified by law regarding directors' remuneration and directors' transactions is not disclosed and, where practicable, include such information in our report.

We read the directors' report and consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements within it. Our responsibilities do not extend to any other information.

Basis of audit opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland) issued by the Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made by the directors in the preparation of the financial statements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the company's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements.

Independent auditors' report to the members of Amach! LGBT Galway Limited (continued)
(A Company Limited by Guarantee and not having a Share Capital)

We have undertaken the audit in accordance with the requirements of the APB Ethical Standards - Provisions Available for Small Entities, in the circumstances set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Opinion

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view, in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice in Ireland, of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 December 2011 and of its deficit and cash flows for the year then ended; and
- have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Acts, 1963 to 1983 and 1990 to 2009.

We have obtained all the information and explanations, which we consider necessary for the purposes of our audit. In our opinion proper books of account have been kept by the company. The financial statements are in agreement with the books of account.

In our opinion the information given in the directors' report is consistent with the financial statements.



Regina Cahill

for and on behalf of Regina Cahill & Co
Chartered Certified Accountants & Statutory Auditors
7 Mainguard Street
Galway

Date: 11-7-12

Amach! LGBT Galway Limited
(A Company Limited by Guarantee and not having a Share Capital)

Balance Sheet
as at 31 December 2011

		2011		2010	
	Notes	€	€	€	€
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	8		936		1,110
Current assets					
Debtors	9	1,300		1,177	
Cash at bank and in hand		8,844		9,394	
		<u>10,144</u>		<u>10,571</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	10	<u>(3,300)</u>		<u>(1,600)</u>	
Net current assets			<u>6,844</u>		<u>8,971</u>
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>7,780</u>		<u>10,081</u>
Reserves					
Income and expenditure account			<u>7,780</u>		<u>10,081</u>
Members' funds	11		<u>7,780</u>		<u>10,081</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board on ...11-7-11..... and signed on its behalf by


 Director


 Director

Amach! LGBT Galway Limited
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Detailed income and expenditure account
for the year ended 31 December 2011

	2011		2010	
	€	€	€	€
Income				
Donations	200		12,559	
Grant Income	5,241		1,200	
Events Income	6,022		6,966	
Merchandise Sales	543		1,452	
Fundraising Income	4,010		2,562	
Grant in advance	(2,000)		(300)	
		14,016		24,439
Expenditure				
Awareness Campaign	2,771		-	
Training	800		83	
Insurance	1,056		1,130	
Merchandise expenses	405		800	
Parade expenses	139		576	
Entertainment expenses	5,304		4,553	
Printing, postage and stationery	268		135	
Advertising & Promotion	3,291		3,858	
Travel expenses	40		145	
Catering and Equipment Hire	-		750	
Companies office fees	55		155	
Accountancy	300		300	
Audit	1,029		1,000	
Bank charges	88		59	
General expenses	468		537	
Depreciation	303		277	
		16,317		14,358
Deficit/(surplus) for the year		<u>(2,301)</u>		<u>10,081</u>



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