



# Transgender Equality Network Ireland e-newsletter

5 April 2011

## Spring in our step...

### News & Events...

#### Update on Gender Recognition Legislation

On 31 March, Joan Burton, Minister of Department of Social Protection responded to a written question about the progress regarding the introduction of gender recognition legislation. While giving no fixed timeline, Minister Burton did state that, "I understand that the [Gender Recognition Advisory Group] hopes to report within a matter of weeks." (More info: <http://bit.ly/hVoONv>)

In the upcoming weeks and months **TENI and trans allies will be lobbying the government for the introduction of inclusive gender recognition legislation for trans people.** Let's build the momentum for trans rights! Stay tuned at [www.teni.ie](http://www.teni.ie) for more information!

#### High Vis

**International Transgender Day of Visibility** took place on Thursday 31 March. Join TENI in celebrating the lives of trans people everyday!

#### Transgender Stories in the Media

**Transgender lives and issues have**

### TENI at the Áras

Representatives of TENI were delighted to attend the President's St Patrick's Day reception at the Áras. A great day for transgender rights in Ireland.



Left to Right: Vanessa Lacey, Dr Martin McAleese, President Mary McAleese, Allen Lacey, Orlaith O'Sullivan, Broden Giambrone

### Afternoon 'T' with with LGBT NOISE

This Saturday, TENI is partnering with LGBT Noise to present: **Afternoon 'T' with LGBT Noise.**

[From LGBT Noise's Press Release]

As a result of Dr. Lydia Foy's successful legal battle the government is obliged to legislate for the legal gender recognition of trans people. Noise in partnership with Transgender Equality Network Ireland is hosting 'Afternoon 'T' with LGBT Noise'; a community discussion on gender recognition.

Everyone is welcome to come along to learn more about the issues involved. Come along and support rights for our trans friends and allies because we all

been a popular topic on Irish media in recent days.

> **Trans Rights – Towards Recognition and Respect:**

Great article on trans rights and gender recognition legislation by Cat McIlroy in the new GCN. You can read the article here:

<http://goo.gl/fb/WbNDF>

> On Wednesday 23 March, RTE1's Four Live interviewed Darrin Matthews to learn more about his experience as a transgender man and his family's support.

> Thursday's edition of TV3's Morning Show featured Kevin Kelly, who discussed his experience as a gay parent and the inspiration he received from a transgender individual to establish a support group for LGBT parents in Waterford.

To view the shows, see:

<http://www.rte.ie/tv/fourlive/>

[http://www.tv3.ie/shows.php?  
request=themorningshow](http://www.tv3.ie/shows.php?request=themorningshow)

## TENI Updates

It's been all go go go here at TENI.

> In March we hosted trans support group facilitators from all across Ireland for a full day **facilitation and grant writing workshop**.

> TENI submitted **grant applications** to both the CFI/ Diversity LGBT Communities Fund and The Ireland Funds. Fingers crossed!

> TENI staff and Board have also been busy taking part in **media, advocacy and fundraising trainings**.

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## Transgender Support Group Calendar

Wednesday 6 April

deserve equality!

**Saturday 9th April 11:30-5:30**

**The Exchange  
Exchange Street Upper  
Temple Bar  
Dublin 2**

Everyone is welcome. Fully accessible venue. Light lunch provided. Please contact us if you have any special dietary requirements. Limited budget available for subsidised travel. Please contact us for more information. Should you require ISL interpretation please let us know as soon as possible. Social gathering afterwards in Panti Bar.

If you have any other special requirements please do get in touch:  
[info@lgbtnoise.ie](mailto:info@lgbtnoise.ie)

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TENI Board Member **Tanya Ní Mhuirthile** will be part of a panel discussion on *Intersex People's Rights and Relationship and Family Recognition*.

Last year both Noise and TENI made a submissions to the Gender Recognition Advisory Group, the submissions can be found here:

[http://www.teni.ie/TENI\\_GRAG\\_Submission](http://www.teni.ie/TENI_GRAG_Submission)

<http://lgbtnoise.ie/wp-content/uploads/2010/10/noise-grag-submission.pdf>

Let LGBT Noise know that you're coming along on Saturday by rsvping on Facebook:

<http://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=137445602991196>

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## Community Corner

### Launch of Stand Up!

Congratulations to BeLonG To's successful launch of Stand Up! LGBT Awareness Week! This campaign is aimed at creating positive understanding of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender young people and their issues.

Watch the national anti-homophobic bullying advertisement campaign: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lrJxqvalFxm>

**Cork Transgender Peer Support Group**

7.30-9.30pm

The Other Place (8 South Main Street)

**Wednesday 13 April**

**Dublin Trans Support Group**

7.30-9.30pm

Outhouse (105 Capel St.)

**Saturday 30 April**

**Rainbow Support Services Trans Support Group**

6.30-8.30pm

Please email [rainbowlmk@eircom.net](mailto:rainbowlmk@eircom.net) for location

**Friday 6 May**

**GOSSIP Galway**

7:30-9:30pm

Please email

[gossipgalway@gmail.com](mailto:gossipgalway@gmail.com) for location.

**Cavan LGBT Support Group** expect to launch their trans support meetings in mid-May. We will post details here when dates are set.



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an event you'd like to  
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Check out our website  
for more news and  
resources:

[www.teni.ie](http://www.teni.ie)

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