

LGBT Ireland, NXF and GCN deliver Key Report

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LGBT Ireland, together with the National LGBT Federation (NXF) and Gay Community News (GCN) release the LGBTI+ Life in Lockdown Survey Report on Friday 27th November.

The Covid-19 Pandemic has caused incredible hurt, damage and loss across all aspects of society around the world. There isn't a single person or community untouched by this dreadful disease. While everyone has felt the impact, some communities are hit worse than others, whether by the virus itself or by its knock-on effects. The LGBTI+ Community already endures the injustice of discrimination and inequality, and the results from this snapshot survey will show that the pandemic and lockdown has hit the LGBTI+ community much harder.

The voices represented in the report will highlight the struggles of LGBTI+ people who are additionally marginalised including LGBTI+ migrants, Traveller and Roma, refugees, older, living with a long-term disability, or other intersectional identities, they have been the most impacted amongst the LGBTI+ community.

The LGBTI+ community rely on community spaces, social connections, and the ability to take pride in their identities, together. The community has suffered so many different forms of loss throughout this pandemic, and for many it is difficult to see the end in sight.

LGBT Ireland, NXF and GCN are grateful to the people who shared their perspectives on how this global health crisis has affected their physical and mental health, how the sudden social isolation has impacted their lives and relationships and how the situation has further exacerbated existing inequalities. The insights from this research will help to design the support and educational services provided by the vital LGBTI+ groups.

The National LGBT Helpline 1890-929539 is available 7 days a week, hours of operation on LGBT.ie