

count me in too

COMMUNITY SUMMARIES OF FINDINGS REPORTS

Count Me In Too is a ground-breaking research project that explores what it is like to be LGBT (lesbian, gay, bisexual and trans) and to live, work or socialise in Brighton & Hove.

Count Me In Too built on learning from the Count Me In research project in 2000 and other local research into the experiences of local LGBT people. The project invited all LGBT people in the city to take part in a survey. The project has worked with identity groups within the LGBT collective who are less frequently engaged by research studies and who may not feel part of 'LGBT Brighton'.

The research has been carried out by Dr Kath Browne at the University of Brighton with Spectrum, Brighton & Hove's LGBT Community Forum, working with LGBT people, LGBT groups and service providers including NHS and council services, to identify local LGBT needs and plan how to address these.

The research tools were designed by a community steering group of LGBT people facilitated by the researchers, and included questions put forward by service providers and members of LGBT community groups.

Data was gathered from LGBT people who live, work and socialise in Brighton & Hove. In 2006 819 people completed questionnaires and 69 people discussed issues in focus groups. These included LGBT people with shared identities, such as older people, young people, Black & Minority Ethnic people, parents, hate crime survivors, Deaf people.

The data was initially analysed by a group of LGBT people and initial findings were published in June 2007 in an academic report with a parallel community report.

In the past two years, the project has produced 9 detailed reports with LGBT people and local service providers on a range of themes. Additional themed analyses reports have reported on Domestic Violence and Abuse, Safety, Housing, Mental Health, General Health, Bi people and Trans people. They have recommendations on how to address issues and needs identified from the data.

This series of community summaries provides a 'taster' of each additional themed analysis report.

All the reports published by this project and further information about the project, can be accessed at our website:

www.countmeintoo.co.uk

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