

A Day in Westminster

Lesbian and Gay Alliance Conference



Police remove a gay man from Manchester's Sackville Street during a Pride Event in 2021

The offence committed by the gay man above was to have *gender-critical* views. That is, he does not believe that biological sex is irrelevant to the fortunes and futures of lesbians, gay men, and bisexuals. He does not believe that people should be able, in law, to simply declare that they are a man or a woman regardless of the biological sex they were born into.

This point of view is not merely highly contentious, it has been declared “bigoted and anti-trans”; anybody who supports such a view is now said to be *persona non grata*. This is why the police were called by ‘right-thinking’ LGBTQ+ persons to remove the ‘offensive’ fellow from Sackville Park. From the lobby group, Stonewall, to *Pink News*, the great and the good of the LGBTQ+ world have decided that sex, biological sex, is no longer a matter of key importance when advocating for the rights of homosexual people.

This is because they think that a man who decides *s/he’s* a lesbian, is a woman attracted to other women. By the same token, a woman who decides *s/he* is a gay man, is a man attracted to other men. Gender, what you think you are in your head, man, woman, non-binary, etc., etc., etc., on for least another ninety possible genders, is now said to trump the physical nature of your body and your genitals. The old world in which there were men and women, male and

female has been swept away by the LGBTQ+ lobby. (Including intersex persons: the around one in two hundred individuals where it was not possible to determine, at birth, whether they are male or female.)

In doing so, and perhaps unwittingly, the LGBTQ+ crowd have swept away the concept of homosexuality – same sex attraction. This is because they have decided that lesbians can have male genitals and gay men can have the genitals of women. The LGBTQ+ crowd have declared this topsy-turvy world to be the only acceptable one. They have decided that homosexuals are people who are attracted to ‘genders’ rather than to bodies. They have rejected the idea that lesbians are women, sexually attracted to other women, or, that gay men are sexually attracted to other men. They insist that homosexuals are attracted to ‘genders’, not to the bodies and genitals of people of our own biological sex.

If this is the case, it follows that same-sex attraction – homosexuality – has actually ceased to exist. If everybody can simply decide whether they are a man or a woman regardless of their genitals, and general physical characteristics, then it has to be said that homosexuality has been cast into the dustbin of history. Those *dinosaurs* who insist that lesbians are women attracted to other people with female genitals, and gay men are men attracted to other people with cocks and testicles, are according to the LGBTQ+ crowd, simply being held in the old-fashioned grip of ‘genital-fetishism’.

Now, in October 2019, seventy homosexuals, lesbians and gay men, gathered in Conway Hall in London to challenge the novel approach to gender and sexuality being pioneered by Stonewall, *Pink News*, and others in the LGBTQ+ world. They decided after much heart-searching, there and then, to found the Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Alliance – the LGB Alliance – to lobby on behalf of lesbians and gay men, and against our disappearance in a welter of assertions that the general physical characteristics, and the form of our genitals, is irrelevant.

LGB Alliance was formed to defend those who experience same-sex attraction, and is now the only national advocacy organization for lesbians, gay men, and bisexuals.

Since this founding moment at Conway Hall, the LGB Alliance has established its charitable status and gathered a raft of SNP, Tory, Labour, and Alba MPs to support its cause. It has attracted the aid of journalists, novelists, one police and crime commissioner, a lord, a baroness or two, a former prison governor, and at least one of the creators of *Father Ted*, Graham Linehan. In this respect LGB Alliance is not unlike the lobby group Stonewall; it is not democratic and was established by Kate Harris and Bev Jackson, as what might be called ‘a closed corporation’. It has a management team of three, six trustees, and has been established specifically to garner support in parliament, government, in the media, and amongst employers in general, for our view that women and men, male and female – biological sex – is a key element in same-sex attraction and cannot and must not be wafted out of existence by those who advocate for undefined and limitless notions of ‘gender’ to be passed into law, to the detriment of the protected legal status of women and homosexuals.

Last Thursday, the first national LGB Alliance supporters’ conference was held at the Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre opposite Westminster Abbey. The entire third floor was given over to the event, a large circulating space, and the 500-seat Fleming Whittle hall was packed. Two thirds of those present were lesbians, and a third was made up of gay men and a smattering of heterosexual male and female allies. The event was largely made up of white people, and the average age was around early to mid-thirties. Three out of the four plenary sessions were run by women from across the political spectrum, ranging from a former fire fighter to human rights lawyers and leading academics.

The situation of children being diagnosed as trans – i.e. those children said to have been “born in the wrong body” was regarded as particularly important both by speakers and those in the body of the hall. It was felt that the same-sex attraction, and other anxieties experienced by children, was often being masked by hurried diagnoses of gender dysphoria, resulting in the prescription of puberty blockers which initiate irreversible physical changes in children, rendering them infertile and incapable of orgasm in the

future. Consequently, the LGB Alliance will campaign against the prescription of all irreversible treatments for those under the age of 18.

A knot of around thirty gay, lesbian, and transexual people representing Stonewall, and the majority LGBTQ+ crowd gathered outside the centre to shout insults at LGB Alliance supporters, calling us, among other things, transphobes, fascists, bigots, and hate merchants, because we disagree with them, by insisting upon the decisive importance of biological sex to lesbians, gay men, and bisexuals.

This fraught atmosphere was reflected in the ‘revivalist’ tone of the conference, punctuated by thunderous applause and standing ovations throughout the day. I attribute this rather florid tone to the fact that more or less everybody present has had the experience of being traduced, insulted, and silenced for standing up for gay and lesbian rights against those who want imagined and imaginary genders to take precedence over the genital and physical characteristics of women and men.

This experience has involved LGB Alliance supporters losing their jobs, having their careers and businesses wrecked by the LGBTQ+ crowd’s virulent hostility to anybody that dares to disagree with them. This not only includes the attacks on the Professor of Philosophy at Sussex University, Kathleen Stocks, but ranges across to include the silencing of the straight writer and humourist, Graham Linehan, and of the gay founder of *Boyz* magazine and the editor of *Lesbian and Gay News*, David Brindle.

Despite this embattled tone, the conference was upbeat as the sense that whenever sexuality and our *gender-critical* views are actually discussed we win the argument – which probably accounts for the refusal of our opponents to enter into dialogue and discussion with us. From this supporters’ conference it is clear that LGB Alliance has only just begun its work in earnest. LGB Alliance and its supporters are convinced that our view that biological sex continues to matter, will win through against the bizarre claims of Stonewall and the LGBTQ+ crowd.