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Review of the Year!

YOU'LL BE AMAZED HOW MANY WAYS GALOP CAN HELP YOU!

EXCLUSIVE!

Interviews with Galop's patrons Cyril Nri and Sarah Waters



our **TOP TIPS** to keep you safe!

PLUS! All the info on Galop's work this year!

GLITZED!

Galop's 21st birthday bash - the pics!



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What a year it's been!

Galop has gone from strength to strength and really made our voice heard. Apart from celebrating our 21st birthday (*see p7 for pics!*) we've held consultations with LGBT people across the UK to shape the future of police training; We've lobbied all London boroughs to include LGBT hate crime in their new crime and disorder reduction strategies; Last year's training sessions on the new employment regulations were so successful we were asked to repeat them; And our services are now available to the whole of the transgender community. But amongst all these positive steps the murder of David Morley and Fanyann Eddy remind us that there is still so much progress to be made. Here's to the next 21 years of Galop's work!

Susan Paterson, Chair

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Kate Nelson (resigned 25.06.04)

Carla Owen (from 10.08.04)

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Can We

HELP you?

Galop's work covers many different areas. Here's how we've helped some of **YOU**...



Home Help

I was living at home when my father found out I was gay and began beating me up.

I didn't know how to stop it but Galop put me in touch with people who helped me get out and find my own place. **Luke, Hounslow**

Nasty Neighbour

We thought we were stuck with our neighbour's horrible threats but Galop helped us liaise with the police and local council to get him evicted.

Pam and Trudi, Enfield



Police Complaint

When I reported an incident to the police I was really unhappy about how they handled it. Galop's investigation of my complaint resulted in a full apology. **Lisa, Bromley**



Lisa, Bromley

Get What's Due

After my attacker was convicted, Galop helped me through the process of claiming criminal injuries compensation. **Benjamin, Lewisham**

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Local People

The police were able to use the information we reported through Galop's anonymous reporting scheme to stop a local gay-basher. **James and Colin, Haringey**



Work It Out

I was attacked at work for being lesbian. Not only were Galop able to advise me on my legal rights but they found me a sympathetic solicitor too. **Nadja, Camden**



WHY DON'T YOU...

call Galop's Shoutline on 020 7704 2040 for help and advice with your issues

Galop patron *Sarah Waters*, best-selling author of *Fingersmith* and *Tipping The Velvet*, explains why she supports our work

As someone who writes about lesbian life in London, I've got a passionate interest in the city's LGBT communities



△ Sarah Waters

▽ *Fingersmith*



▽ *Tipping The Velvet*



and their history.

I've been an out London lesbian for 17 years, and in that time I've seen some amazing changes in London's gay life.

LGBT people have traditionally had a pretty poor relationship with the Police. But policing practices are changing, and LGBT people need to know that.

We should be encouraging women, in particular, to

report hate crime. Reporting just one crime helps preserve the safety of our communities as a whole. Every LGBT person needs to set an example by taking hate crime seriously.

I'm proud of having got *Tipping the Velvet* onto mainstream TV. I get lots of letters from young lesbians telling me that the adaptation made them feel really positive about their sexuality, and made it easier for them to come out. That's wonderful.

In some ways, women in the 19th century may actually have found it *easier* to be lesbian than we do now. The sexual labels we use weren't necessarily in place yet. For my new book I've been researching the 1940s, and lesbianism by then was seen as a form of deviance. We're still dealing with the legacy of that. We've achieved a new kind of media visibility lately - but 'glamorous' lesbianism doesn't really have much to do with most lesbians' real lives; it just gives us a new kind of norm to live up to.

I think it's vital that people realise the extent of homophobic crime and it's a great privilege to be involved with Galop - an organisation which has worked so tirelessly, and achieved such great things, for London's LGBT people.

You can read our full interview with Sarah by visiting www.galop.org.uk/sarahwaters

He plays Superintendent Adam Okaro in *The Bill*, but Galop patron **Cyril Nri** says his interest in good policing extends off-set too.

Despite its 21 years, *The Bill* is still topical drama. I helped the Met launch their anti hate crime "report it" packs last year and I personally asked that posters and packs be placed around the set, so that you see them in the shots, Hopefully it makes people subliminally aware.

Prejudice and ignorance are big issues for policing of the LGBT communities. Domestic violence and abuse is as much a problem in the LGBT communities as it is in the straight communities.

More needs to be done to make the LGBT communities aware that there are places to take these issues and that they're likely to get help not hindrance. Equally, more needs to be done at ground level to make individual officers put their homophobia or transphobia aside and treat the victims as humans with an equal right to live without abuse.

Just because someone in the centre of London says "there's equality in the age of consent", or "bullying in schools has nothing to do with issues of sexuality", doesn't make it a reality.

I'm a black, gay, out, dad who happens, through my job, to be a little in the public eye. I was proud when a young gay policeman came up to me in Old Compton Street to say "thank you". If my profile can help to make others aware of the invaluable work that Galop does then it may just help someone somewhere to access Galop's services when they need them most.

Cyril Nri in *The Bill*



Fact File: Reporting

Tor Docherty explains why all homophobic or transphobic incidents should be reported, no matter how insignificant they seem.

In 2004 a man, nicknamed 'Gold Tooth' was jailed for 6 years for 18 assaults on gay men in Hampstead Heath. It took police nearly 4 years to catch him because many of his victims had not reported their attack.

Perpetrators often continue their actions because they think they can get away with them. Left unchecked, what starts as verbal abuse can quickly escalate to physical violence.



Graham Says..

Graham Aldus, Metropolitan Police LGBT Liaison Officer in Lambeth, gives his top tips for how to stay safe

1 In an emergency...

...call 999. Make sure you have somewhere safe to go. Get medical attention if you need it.

2 Get the evidence

Take photographs of injuries or damage. Keep evidence. Write down everything you can remember.

3 Act quickly

Contact the police or **Galop** as soon after the incident as you can. Reports can be made anonymously through **Galop**.

4 Flag it up

If you report to the police, make sure they record it as a homo-

phobic or transphobic incident.

5 Further action

The police have minimum standards for investigating LGBT hate crimes. For more help, contact your local police LGBT Liaison Officer or speak to **Galop**.

Take note

Keep a record of ongoing incidents - it can be useful later. If possible, note times and dates.



Before long they could literally be getting away with murder.

It's important to report everything, from verbal abuse shouted in the street or derogatory graffiti, to more serious incidents like harassment from neighbours, threats, hate mail and physical violence like mugging or rape.

Remember: *you* can help challenge homophobia and transphobia but only if you tell someone it's happening.

REPORT IT!

Call Galop on **020 7704 2040**. We can provide help and advice and you can report incidents anonymously

photo opportunity

Lovely bubbly: **Dodgy Totty** warm up the crowd



Award-winning comic, **Shazia Mirza**



Headliners: **4 Poofs And A Piano**



Channel 4 funny-man, **Simon Amstell**



Jazz diva, **Gwyneth Herbert**



Tutu fabulous **Madame Galina**



In the pink: **The Pink Singers**

Galop Patron, author **Sarah Waters**



Hosts **Miss Kimberley and Simon Happily** with glamorous assistant **Carla Owen**



Putting on the glitz: a good time was had by all!

Galop Chief Executive, **Tor Docherty** with Stonewall Housing Director, **Jackie Fernandez**



Get Your GLITZ Out!

What better way to celebrate 21 years of Galop than with a star-studded bash...?

Fishnets were out in force at Heaven nightclub on October 21st 2004 at the all-swinging, all-dancing cabaret party for Galop and Stonewall Housing. Glitz-kids lapped up 20 fabulous acts from top comedians to dance troupes as well as tons of prizes from the likes of Pet Shop Boys, Kylie and Stephen Fry, plus a ski trip from Alternative Holidays. And it was a great opportunity for Galop to announce the launch of our services to the transgender communities.

In the past there has been little support or advice for transgender people with policing issues and as a result many are left with no one to turn to for help. Chief Executive **Tor Docherty** hears some of the experiences which led Galop to offer its services to the transgender communities.

"Because a lot of women do wear masculine clothes anyway I've been in situations where the person dealing with me has just assumed I'm a woman" **Stephen, 31**

When it comes to prosecuting hate crimes, the gender of the victim should be immaterial. Yet many transgender people feel unable to report because they fear that who they are will negatively influence how their experience is dealt with.

"When I reported an attack I had experienced, it often felt that I was being dealt with based on what I am, rather than who I am" **Jay, 23**

"I received a number of very dangerous threats but the authorities refused to take it seriously and even blamed me at one point, saying I had invited the threats because of the way I look"

Julietta, 52

Transgender people can identify as heterosexual as well as lesbian or gay and this can often add to their problems when reporting crimes:

"The lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender communities often just get lumped together without any understanding of the differences between them" **Shirley, 38**

"I feel that some lesbian and gay people do treat me differently, even though I have a boyfriend" **Alan, 40**

Listening to how people identify themselves, no matter what their official documents say, can make a real difference:

"I was involved in a road accident with a number of other transgender people. The police were very sensitive and checked out whether our families knew about our gender and if it was OK to notify them", **Marvin, 27**

Get in touch: If you have experienced or are worried about transphobia, call Galop's Shoutline on 020 7704 2040. We have trained staff who can offer help and advice.

(Names have been changed to maintain confidentiality).

The Lost Girls

Women are 7 times less likely than men to report homophobic violence to the police. *Susan Paterson* asks why.

According to Galop estimates, up to 266,000 incidents of homophobic violence could be experienced by the LGBT community in London each year. Most surveys on homophobic crime indicate 40% of victims are women. Therefore as many as 106,000 women in London are potentially experiencing homophobic violence or abuse.

In November 2004 two candlelight vigils took place in London within 4 days of each other, another chilling reminder of the real cost of homophobic hate crime.

One of these moving memorials was for David Morley. The other, less publicised, was for Fannyann Eddy, the murdered gay and lesbian leader and activist in Sierra Leone. Courageously, she campaigned, among other things, for the UN to recognise sexual orientation as a legitimate human right.

Gays and Lesbians of Zimbabwe group, who worked closely with Fannyann Eddy, hailed her as *"an example to those of us who play the victim and claim that nothing is possible in the hostile climates in which we exist"*.

The legacy of her work stands as an inspiration for women to make a difference by standing up and speaking out against homophobia.

In the UK, 80% of domestic violence reports are made by women. But although women may be reporting violence to the police they are not reporting homophobic violence. Typically the reasons women give for not getting help from public agencies such as the police are that they think the police won't be interested or they're afraid of further abuse.

Are gay women suffering in silence? Analysis of recent social changes suggests that their experiences don't figure highly. And if they are invisible they can't receive positive support from the media, legal or political institutions.

Angela Mason is well known in the LGBT community but compared with Peter Tatchell's mainstream profile there is a real difference. Are lesbians losing the PR battle? Sadly, one of the most recent images of a gay woman in mainstream culture is that of Eileen Wornous - better known as *Monster!*

Perhaps this goes some way towards explaining why the vigil lamenting Fannyann's brutal murder went largely ignored in the UK.

Show me the Money

Who makes it happen?

The Association of London Government: Core salary and running costs + Bexley & Greenwich Liaison Officer

The Bridge House Trust and Comic Relief: Client Services Manager

City Parochial Foundation: Office Manager

Metropolitan Police and Government Office For London: LGBT Community Liaison Co-ordinator

How does Galop fund the vital work it does? Galop's treasurer **John Graham** finds out.

Galop is delighted to end this very successful year with a small surplus which we'll add to our reserves.

In addition to our funders I'd like to thank Lenna Cumberbatch, Stonewall Housing, Sarah Waters and Cyril Nri, Alternative Holidays and all who donated their time and products for Get Your Glitz Out.

Summarised Statement of Financial Activity For the Year Ended 31 March 2005

	2005 £	2004 £
Incoming Resources		
Grants & Donations	138,624	103,482
Other Income	1,723	5,879
Total Incoming Resources	140,347	109,361
Resources Expended		
Direct Charitable Expenditure	108,386	115,541
Fundraising and Publicity	8,239	6,322
Management of the Charity	20,938	8,476
Total Resources Expended	137,563	130,339
Net Movement in Funds	2,784	(20,978)
Funds Balances at 1 April 2004	5,033	26,011
Funds Balances at 31 March 2005	7,817	5,033

Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2005

	2005 £	2004 £
Fixed assets		
Tangible Assets	3,946	0
Current Assets		
Debtors and Prepayments	27,625	13,751
Cash at Bank and in Hand	38,287	0
	65,912	13,751
Current Liabilities		
Creditors amounts falling due within one year	(62,041)	(8,718)
NET CURRENT ASSETS	3,871	5,033
NET ASSETS Represented by:	7,817	5,033
Restricted Funds	0	0
Unrestricted Funds	7,817	5,033
	7,817	5,033

The small print

Trustees' report on summarised accounts

These summarised accounts may not contain sufficient information to allow for a full understanding of the financial affairs of the charity. For further information the full accounts, the auditor's report on those accounts and the Trustees' annual report should be consulted, copies can be obtained from Galop. The annual accounts were approved by the Trustees on 22/08/2005 and have been submitted to Companies House. An unqualified opinion was issued by the auditors on the full annual accounts. The summarised accounts above are a summary of information extracted from the annual accounts.

Auditors' Statement to the Trustees of Galop

We have examined the summarised accounts. The Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the summarised accounts. The Auditors have agreed to report their opinion on the consistency of this report with the full financial statements, on which they reported on 22 August 2005. The Auditors have carried out the procedures necessary to ascertain whether the summarised accounts are consistent with the full financial statements from which they have been prepared. In their opinion the summarised accounts are consistent with the full financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2005.

Susan Paterson Susan Paterson, Chair

Lewis Jordan Ltd Lewis Jordan Ltd, Registered Auditors



Cruise Control

I've heard that the Sexual Offences law has changed and I can now go cruising in public places without being arrested. Is this true?

Gary, 41, Tower Hamlets

Cruising itself is no longer illegal. However, sex in public can be prosecuted under other laws. These now apply to everyone and not just gay men, as previously. The general rule seems to be that out of sight is less likely to attract arrest but this does depend on the circumstances. Sex in public toilets *is* illegal though, and can carry a prison sentence.

Living In Fear

My girlfriend and I have always had a volatile relationship but I've started feeling scared of what she might do, even

Bad Neighbours

My anti-gay neighbour has made my life hell for over three years now. I've spoken to the police but don't feel like they've really done much about it. What else can I do?

Fran, 30, Bexley

Jackie, Galop's Greenwich & Bexley Liaison Officer says:

Sadly, according to a recent Galop study, the most common forms of harassment for lesbians in Bexley are threats, intimidation and abuse from those near the home. Galop now offers

though she hasn't actually been violent towards me yet. As a transgender woman, what are my rights?
Rose, 34, Brent

Feeling scared can be a warning sign that your relationship is more than just volatile. Abuse can be emotional as well as physical. Domestic abuse laws contain measures to prevent your partner from harming you, even if your



Reach out:

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a specific service for the Greenwich and Bexley areas - why not call me on 020 7704 2040?

Galop can also access local police LGBT Liaison Officers if you don't feel that enough has been done to deal with your problem.

relationship continues. These laws can now be applied to same-sex partnerships. You can protect yourself in the short term. Make a safety plan: have emergency money handy for travel; keep a spare key for a friend's house so you have somewhere to go if you need to leave. You can also call Galop's **Shoutline on 020 7704 2040.**



"WE CAN'T CONSULT WITH LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL & TRANSGENDER PEOPLE BECAUSE THERE AREN'T ANY LIVING IN THIS BOROUGH"



MAKE SURE YOUR VOICE IS HEARD JOIN YOUR LOCAL LGBT FORUM

FOR MORE INFO CALL SAM ON 020 7704 6767 OR EMAIL forums@galop.org.uk



help us to keep helping...

I am interested in:

- Making a donation - £10 allows us to answer one more call to our Shoutline (*cheques should be made payable to Galop*)
- Volunteering my time (*please give us your contact details and we will get in touch to discuss how you would like to do this*)

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