

#SaferToBeMe Conference

**Theme: Supporting LGBTQI+ Young People
in the U.K, during uncertain times**

**Making it SaferToBeMe in 2026:
A Partnership and Get Involved Guide**



ReportOUT





A powerful full-day conference

Bringing professionals together

**Who are actively working with
LGBTQI+ young people**

Held on 6th November 2026

**Attended by delegates arriving
from across the country**

**Driven to create better futures for
LGBTQI+ young people in the U.K.**

Why do #SaferToBeMe in 2026?

Together, let's help create an environment where every LGBTQI+ young person in the United Kingdom feels safer to be themselves.

As CEO of ReportOUT, I believe there has never been a more important time to create spaces where LGBTQI+ young people feel seen, valued, safe, and empowered. In 2026, #SaferToBeMe returns with a renewed focus: a dedicated one-day conference centred on supporting LGBTQI+ young people across the United Kingdom at a time when many are navigating increasing uncertainty, hostility, and misinformation surrounding LGBTQI+ lives and rights.

Across the UK and globally, LGBTQI+ young people are growing up in a rapidly changing social and political climate. Public debates around identity, belonging, inclusion, equality, and human rights have become increasingly polarised, often leaving young people feeling isolated, unheard, or targeted. At the same time, many youth services, schools, colleges, and community spaces are facing increasing pressures, making it even more vital that we create opportunities for learning, guidance, solidarity, and hope.

#SaferToBeMe 2026 has been created to respond directly to this moment. This conference is about more than awareness. It is about action, practical support, and giving professionals the confidence and tools needed to better support LGBTQI+ young people. It will bring together LGBTQI+ young people, schools, colleges, youth groups, educators, charities, allies, professionals, community leaders, and decision-makers from across the UK for a powerful day of conversations, workshops, lived experiences, skills-building, and meaningful takeaways.

Delivered in partnership between ReportOUT, OUT North East, and Pride Action North, the conference reflects the power of collaboration, community, and collective action in creating safer and more inclusive futures for LGBTQI+ young people. The conference will explore the realities facing LGBTQI+ young people today, while also celebrating their creativity, leadership, resilience, and ability to shape social change. Through meaningful dialogue and practical engagement, we aim to equip attendees with the confidence, networks, and tools needed to address confusion, challenge prejudice, and create positive change within schools, colleges, workplaces, organisations, and communities.

To make an event like #SaferToBeMe possible, sponsorship and partnership support are essential. The backing of organisations, businesses, institutions, and allies enables us to create accessible, impactful, and life-affirming spaces for LGBTQI+ young people and the professionals who support them. At its heart, this conference is a statement that LGBTQI+ young people are not alone and that there are communities, organisations, schools, colleges, and allies standing alongside them. **Together, we can help ensure that every young person has the opportunity not only to exist, but to thrive and feel safer to be themselves.**



Drew Dalton
CEO: ReportOUT



Praise for #SaferToBeMe in 2025

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“There was this real feeling of everyone being called to action and feeling empowered to do more”

“The conference was slick, well put together, and the speakers were outstanding. This was a timely and much-needed conference which dared to touch on themes which are far too often overlooked”

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“Everyone involved should be incredibly proud of their efforts, it was probably the best run and most human event I've ever attended (in 20+ years of going to conferences)”

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“The event had a very professional conference set up, but almost like a festival feel in the sense that it felt like everyone knew each other and there was so much love and support in the room. I didn't speak to anyone who wasn't enjoying it”

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“The calibre of speakers, the events and the whole overall safe and inclusive atmosphere was just outstanding. It was informative, emotive and gave a renewed sense of hope for the future. I love that it was in the North East, we have big hearts up here and to be able to share that with people was a privilege”

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“Top quality support, great turnout and representation from local and international government bodies, private sector, local infrastructure, law enforcement, amongst others”

Support us by being our:

Bronze sponsor: £1,000

Be seen by everyone in our delegate pack

Be visible in our assets and on the day

As a Bronze Sponsor, your sponsorship will include a full-page advertisement within the official delegate pack, giving your organisation direct visibility to attendees from schools, colleges, charities, youth organisations, businesses, public services, and community groups attending the conference. You will also receive social media promotion and acknowledgement across our digital platforms, alongside sponsor recognition and shout-outs throughout the conference programme on the day itself. We will supply one free delegate space at the conference.

Bronze Sponsors will also benefit from a website presence as an official supporter of #SaferToBeMe 2026, aligning your organisation with a respected partnership between ReportOUT, OUT North East, and Pride Action North. In addition, organisations can include their own digital merchandise, promotional materials, resources, or opportunities within the online delegate pack distributed to every attendee.

Importantly, #SaferToBeMe 2026 will also be live streamed, meaning your organisation's support and visibility will extend far beyond the conference venue itself. Your brand and message will reach audiences across digital spaces, helping to position your organisation as an active supporter of LGBTQI+ inclusion, youth empowerment, and social impact. By becoming a Bronze Sponsor, you are not only increasing your organisation's visibility, you are helping to make this important event accessible, impactful, and possible for LGBTQI+ young people and the professional who support them.



Support us by being our:

Silver sponsor: £2,000

An enhanced visible presence

Free conference hire at the ONE Centre

The Silver Sponsorship Package offers organisations an enhanced opportunity to champion LGBTQI+ young people, equality, inclusion, and community impact through #SaferToBeMe 2026. Silver Sponsors will receive a full-page advertisement within the official delegate pack, providing direct visibility to attendees from across the United Kingdom. Your organisation will also benefit from increased social media promotion, sponsor recognition throughout the conference, and dedicated acknowledgement during the live event itself. We will supply two free delegate spaces at the conference.

Your logo and organisational presence will feature on the #SaferToBeMe website as an official Silver Sponsor, aligning your brand with the partnership delivery of ReportOUT, OUT North East, and Pride Action North. Sponsors can also include their own digital merchandise, promotional materials, resources, or opportunities within the online delegate pack distributed to all attendees. In addition to conference visibility, Silver Sponsors will additionally receive complimentary midweek one-day hire of the Osbourne Conference Room at the ONE Centre in Gateshead, the North East's first LGBTQI+ community centre. This provides an excellent opportunity for your organisation to host meetings, training sessions, workshops, or community engagement activities within a unique and inclusive space. Importantly, #SaferToBeMe 2026 will also be live streamed, meaning your organisation's support and visibility will extend beyond the conference venue and into digital spaces across the UK and internationally. By becoming a Silver Sponsor, your organisation is not only investing in visibility and partnership opportunities, but actively contributing towards creating safer, more inclusive futures for LGBTQI+ young people.



Gold Sponsors will receive all Bronze and Silver Sponsorship benefits, including a full-page advertisement within the official delegate pack, prominent social media promotion, website presence, sponsor acknowledgements throughout the conference, and the opportunity to include digital merchandise, promotional materials, and resources within the online delegate pack distributed to all attendees. We will supply three free delegate spaces at the conference.

A key feature of the Gold Sponsorship Package is eight weeks of complimentary advertising (and professional support to produce it) through Pride Radio, one of the UK's leading LGBTQI+ radio stations. With an audience reach of approximately 200,000 listeners per week, including more than 56,000 listeners across the North East of England, this provides substantial brand exposure and promotional value far beyond the conference itself. Gold Sponsors will also receive two-days of complimentary midweek hire of the Osbourne Conference Room at the ONE Centre in Gateshead, the North East's first LGBTQI+ community centre. Combined, the Pride Radio advertising and venue hire package alone represents added value of more than £1,000, while also providing your organisation with meaningful engagement opportunities within the community. Importantly, #SaferToBeMe 2026 will also be live streamed, ensuring your organisation's support and visibility extends beyond the conference venue and reaches audiences across digital spaces nationally and internationally. By becoming a Gold Sponsor, your organisation is not only investing in significant promotional benefits, but actively helping to make this vital event accessible, impactful, and empowering for LGBTQI+ young people and the professionals who support them.



Support us by being our:

Platinum sponsor: £4,000

A package worth £2,800 for you

Maximum visibility. Meaningful impact

As a Platinum Sponsor, your organisation will receive all core sponsorship benefits, including a full-page advertisement within the official delegate pack, extensive social media promotion, prominent website presence, conference acknowledgements throughout the day, and the opportunity to include digital merchandise, resources, and promotional materials within the online delegate pack distributed to all attendees. We will supply four free delegates at the conference.

Platinum Sponsors will receive 12 weeks of complimentary advertising through Pride Radio (and professional support to produce it), which is one of the UK's leading LGBTQI+ radio stations, reaching approximately 200,000 listeners per week, including more than 56,000 listeners across the North East of England. This provides significant promotional reach and repeated brand visibility across both local and national audiences. In addition, Platinum Sponsors will receive four promotional spaces on the Pride Grid at the ONE Centre in Gateshead, the North East's first LGBTQI+ community centre, providing physical brand visibility to more than 800 visitors and community members each month. Platinum Sponsors will also have access to an optional complimentary LGBTQI+ awareness training course for your staff, delivered by experienced professionals, helping organisations strengthen inclusion, understanding, and confidence within the workplace and wider community. Combined, the Platinum Sponsorship Package offers promotional and training benefits equivalent to more than £2,800 in return for your support. Importantly, #SaferToBeMe 2026 will also be live streamed, ensuring your organisation's support reaches audiences well beyond the conference venue and into digital spaces across the UK and internationally.

Extending your impact beyond sponsorship

By supporting us with your help

We can support you further

For an impact beyond #SaferToBeMe

By sponsoring #SaferToBeMe 2026, your organisation becomes part of a wider movement committed to equality, inclusion, youth empowerment, and meaningful social impact. Beyond conference visibility and promotional benefits, we are also committed to helping our sponsors strengthen their wider organisational impact and social value commitments.

Through our partnership with ReportOUT, OUT North East, and Pride Action North, sponsors can access additional opportunities to support their Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG), Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR), Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI), and community engagement goals.

This can include facilitated staff volunteering opportunities at the ONE Centre in Gateshead, involvement of students pre, during and post-conference at the North East's first LGBTQI+ community centre, allowing teams to directly engage with grassroots community impact and support meaningful local initiatives. We can also provide supporting statements and evidence for organisations undertaking B Corp registration or re-registration processes, particularly around social impact, inclusion, community engagement, and equality commitments. In addition, sponsors may receive impact summaries, attendee feedback, engagement data, and conference insights that can support internal reporting, annual reviews, ESG frameworks, funding applications, and CSR reporting requirements. Our aim is to ensure sponsorship is not only a visible commitment to LGBTQI+ inclusion, but also a meaningful partnership that creates measurable social impact for both your organisation and the communities we collectively support.

Our organisers

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ReportOUT

ReportOUT is an award-winning global human rights charity for LGBTQI+ populations, with a remit to report, inform, and defend. Based in Gateshead, U.K., we are global majority led, and made up of almost 100 volunteers from over 40+ nation states spread across the globe.



OUT North East is an inclusive LGBTQ+ events charity. Running numerous events over the calendar year, OUT North East lead Pride events in South Tyneside, Gateshead, and Sunderland, alongside the ONE Centre, the region's first ever LGBTQI+ community centre.



Pride Action North is one of the region's largest LGBTQ+ organisations, offering training, advocacy, and all forms of practical and emotional support to LGBTQ+ young people and adults ranging from Northumberland to Tyne and Wear.



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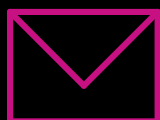
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