





Green Party policies


 Rainbow communities are entitled to equal opportunities in law and in practice. We support making the Government comply fully with the right to freedom from discrimination in concordance with the Human Rights Act 1993 and its amendments. We support programmes that eliminate prejudice, discrimination and harassment.

 Rainbow and heterosexual partnerships are equally entitled to respect and support. We support the extension of all legal partnership arrangements and rights, including marriage, to same-sex couples.

 Parenting skills are distinct from sexual orientation or gender identity. We support equal criteria for both rainbow and heterosexual couples in their assessment for suitability and eligibility for parenting.

 Community development is crucial for the empowerment of rainbow communities. We encourage the development of adequately resourced community centres, outreach programmes and events and the creative self-expression of people with rainbow identities through drama, literature and the arts.

 Rainbow communities have special health needs. The Green Party supports a holistic approach to health. We support the development of specific programmes, including professional education, in partnership with 'rainbow' communities. All people have the right to adequate medical care and protection from discrimination within the health services.

 The interests and identity of rainbow students in schools and tertiary institutions need to be protected. We support the creation of safe and supportive educational environments through appropriate teacher training and core human rights education. We support a partnership with schools and rainbow youth organisations to reduce the unacceptably high level of suicide and drug abuse among youth.

“Rather than gay and lesbian people needing to ‘fit in’, we would actually say that society needs to change to reflect the genuine diversity of its members.”

- Kevin Hague, Nov 2008

We are family








Introducing: the Rainbow Greens

The Greens are the only political party in which every MP has always voted in favour of human rights for LGBTI communities.

We in the rainbow community are natural champions of diversity - with a potential to enrich everyone. The Green Party's fundamental values lead us to promote an inclusive society in which each minority group feels at home, without having to compromise who we are.

Every Green MP voted for:

-  Human Rights Amendment Act 2001
-  Property (Relationships) Amendment Act 2001
-  Civil Union Act 2004
-  Relationships (Statutory References) Act 2004
-  Care of Children Act 2004

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