

UNITED KINGDOM

Population: 59,5 Mio

Area: 243.820 km²

Part 1: Laws concerning Homosexuality

Forbidden by law: No

Registered partnership/marriage: No

Comments: This is likely to change – a new law is being proposed to register partnerships.

Anti-discrimination law, protecting lesbians/gays (L/G) against discrimination: Yes, since 2003

At work: Yes

On the housing market: No

In other areas: No

Other groups in the society protected through such a law: Yes

Different groups (on the grounds of gender, age, ethnical origin, handicaps, religion, etc.) are covered to various degrees.

Incidents that briefly describe the situation of L/G in society:

There are openly lesbian and gay celebrities and politicians, but there is also discrimination.

Part 2: Situation in the Church(es)

Open L/G welcome to

Eucharist: Yes/No

Comments: Sometimes (e.g. in many Anglican churches) but it varies.

Do volunteer work: In some churches

Work as ordained ministers: Yes/No

Comments: Not usually if they are openly in partnerships, but this varies (and does not apply to the Metropolitan Community Church, which is lesbian and gay-led). Sometimes congregations and senior clergy pretend not to notice.

Other employment in church(es): In some churches.

Partnership blessing possible: Yes/No

Comment: It varies (most denominations do not endorse it, but some ministers do it anyway).

Incidents/outspoken attitudes that briefly describe the situation of L/G in the churches

Recent debate in the Church of England (Anglican), reflecting divisions in several denominations.

Part 3: Christian Lesbian/Gay Networks

Network name: Lesbian and Gay Christian Movement (LGCM)

Web page/contact address: Lgcm@lgcm.org.uk, www.lgcm.org.uk

Network name: LGCM, Roman Catholic Caucus

Web page/contact address: Lgcm_rccausus@hotmail.com

Network name: Anglican Clergy Consultation
Web page/contact address: Clergy.consultatio@virgin.net

Network name: Evangelical Fellowship for Lesbian and Gay Christians
Web page/contact address: Info@eflgc.org.uk , www.eflgc.org.uk

Network name: Quest
Web page/contact address: quest@dircon.co.uk

Network name: Integrity
Web page/contact address: Info@integrityUK.org , www.integrity.org

Network name: Metropolitan Community Church, European District
Web page/contact address: www.mcceurope.vdirect.net

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