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# UKAGE MANIFESTO

An Overview of The UK Alliance for Global Equality

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# ABOUT US



The UK Alliance for Global Equality is a coalition made up of (currently) fourteen U.K.-based civil society organisations. We work to promote the human rights, development needs, and equality, of LGBTQ+ populations across the globe.

We are united in our remit of bringing together UK-based civil society organisations who have any form of global facing purpose regarding LGBTQ+ rights. This means that our strong alliance is proudly made up of members of all sizes, from civil society and NGOs to trade unions. All members bring their unique skills, abilities, and networks to the fore. We are stronger together.

We meet regularly as an information and intelligence exchange, and furthermore, we work collaboratively on projects to achieve social change for global LGBTQ+ people and their populations. When coming together, we use these opportunities to share news and updates about what is happening both in U.K. and in all regions of the globe. We also work in partnership through strategic collaborations when needed, with examples of this including political advocacy, parliamentary lobbying, media work, public campaigning, and litigation.

If you are an organisation who fits our remit, and who would like to be part of our dynamic coalition at the UK Alliance for Global Equality, please contact us for a membership form.

# MISSION AND VISION

**We are guided by our vision:**



## **Our vision:**

A world where everyone can participate fully in their society whatever their sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, or sex characteristics.

## **Our mission:**

To use our collective resources and influence to promote the human rights and equality of LGBTQ+ individuals and populations around the world, to end persecution and discrimination.

## **How do we achieve this?**

We achieve this by listening to, and supporting, LGBTQ+ activists, organisations, and populations in nation states, and then helping them to bring about change. We do this through serving as a collective voice for informing, campaigning, and lobbying decision-makers in the U.K. and, in turn, relevant global institutions.

# OUR THEORY OF CHANGE



## Our impact is through our work:

Our vision is to continue to fight for a world where everyone can participate fully in their society, whatever their sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, or sex characteristics.



We capitalise on our collective networks to engage with key decision-makers and institutions. By speaking to power we enable social change to happen for LGBTQ+ people and their populations.



We use our unified efforts in which to campaign and push for change, through techniques such as lobbying, influencing, and public campaigning.



We garner our shared knowledge, intelligence, and resources, to elevate the voices and lives of global LGBTQ+ people and their populations.



We are a committed coalition of UK-based organisations with a global remit, dedicated to the human rights of LGBTQ+ people globally.

# COALITION MEMBERS



Open  
For  
Business

UK BLACK PRIDE



RAINBOW  
MIGRATION

**STOPAIDS.**

FRONTLINE  
AIDS

Stonewall

**ALL  
OUT**

MICRO RAINBOW INTERNATIONAL  
FOUNDATION



ReportOUT

UNISON  
*the public service union*



AFRICAN  
RAINBOW  
FAMILY  
LGBTIQ+ EQUALITY



KALEIDOSCOPE  
INTERNATIONAL TRUST

# THE HISTORY OF UKAGE

**2011-17**

We were originally known as the 'Doughty Street Group' group in London, set up by the late Jonathan Cooper OBE



**UK Alliance for Global Equality**

**2017**

UKAGE was rebranded with 8 members and given its current name

From 2011 until 2017, we were known as the Doughty Street Group, set up in London by the late Jonathan Cooper OBE. To develop a more structured approach to our work, we rebranded on the 5th July 2017, with an event held at JP Morgan in London. This rebrand event was to celebrate the launch party of our renewed alliance of LGBTQ+ civil society organisations. The UK Alliance for Global Equality was born.

**2024**

6 LGBTQ+ organisations have now been Chair of UKAGE

With over 150 guests in attendance, the launch was also joined by Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon, the Minister of State for the Commonwealth and the UN at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office and Nick Herbert CBE MP, the Chair of the All Party Parliamentary Group on Global LGBT Rights.

**Today**

UKAGE is now 14 members strong and growing! We now have a new logo!

Since then, we have built up strong connections with MPs, the FCDO, LGBTQ+ organisations and wider civil society. The Alliance continues to push for global LGBTQ+ equality.

# KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

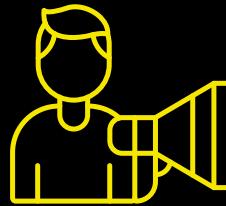
Since our inception, the UK Alliance for Global Equality has achieved great success. Here are some of our success examples, below:

## Drafted guidance



We evidenced the need for LGBTQ+ specific funding and helped to draft the (then) DfID Country Office Guidelines.

## Elevated voices



During the U.K.'s tenure as Co-Chair of the Equal Rights Coalition (ERC), we ensured the interests of civil society organisations based in the Global South were fed into ERC Working Group discussions.

## Influenced Parliament



Our coalition has strengthened our own representation in areas such as faith, smaller civil society organisations, migration, and the African diaspora.

## Shared intelligence



Shared up-to-date intelligence from civil society in crisis and communicated this advice received to UKAGE members, relevant parliamentarians and civil servants. We have enabled effective government communication and diplomatic strategies.

## Improved representation



We have led a variety of briefings, joint statements, and individual ministerial letters. Working with LGBTQ+ civil society organisations, we have influenced decision makers within Parliament and helped inform backbench debates.

## Engaged with decision makers



We have led on engagements with the All Party Parliamentary Group on Global LGBTQ+ Rights and the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO).

# KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

## The Leading the Way Report (2020)

This report was the result of a collaboration between members of the UK Alliance for Global Equality, and it was coordinated by the Baring Foundation.

This report set out the need and rationale for the UK government to contribute an average of 0.3% of Official Development Assistance (ODA) per year, over a period of five years. This was to fund new commitments to help safeguard and protect LGBTQ+ people around the world.

Since then, UK government funding has increased for LGBTQ+ projects across the globe.

### LEADING THE WAY

The role of global Britain in safeguarding the rights of the global LGBTI+ community

# KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

## The Newcastle-Gateshead Declaration (2025)

The Newcastle-Gateshead Declaration is a landmark global statement of LGBTQ+ solidarity and human rights, launched in Newcastle-Gateshead, UK during the #SaferToBeMe Global Human Rights Summit in October 2025. It represents a historic international LGBTQI+ solidarity declaration, developed through extensive international consultation to reaffirm a global commitment to freedom, dignity, and equal rights for LGBTQ+ people and to combat rising discrimination, criminalisation, and violence worldwide.

UKAGE played a central leadership role in drafting the Declaration, bringing together 14 leading UK civil society organisations working on global LGBTQI+ human rights. UKAGE coordinated with partners, including the UK Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, activists, policymakers, and grassroots organisations to craft the Declaration's language and principles.

By uniting signatories behind shared values of inclusion, protection of human rights defenders, and the amplification of LGBTQ+ voices in decision-making, the Newcastle-Gateshead Declaration aims to serve as a powerful call to action for governments, organisations, and communities worldwide. It has since been signed by over 200+ organisations and continues to grow in popularity.



# OUR MANIFESTO PLEDGE

## Our pledge as an Alliance:



1

### Pledge 1

We will continue to work as a strong, effective and varied Alliance to champion, and fight for, global LGBTQ+ human rights.

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### Pledge 2

We will mobilise our shared resources and networks to advance the cause of LGBTQ+ equality across the globe.

3

### Pledge 3

We will work with LGBTQ+ people as partners across the globe, to elevate their voices, concerns, and lived experiences.

4

### Pledge 4

We will exert our influence as an Alliance, so that LGBTQ+ voices across the globe are heard and actioned by key decision makers.

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### Pledge 5

We will work to ensure that intersectional voices are heard in our campaigning, lobbying, and work as an Alliance.



# UK Alliance for Global Equality

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