

## London Link Group annual report for 2017

London Link Group had both the biggest and smallest single events in our history in 2017. The Brighton residential proving very popular whilst the Winterval and the Finchley events less so. Getting dates in the diary early and the timing for other things going on in young people's lives continues to prove a difficult balancing act.

We have been able to welcome a number of new appointments to the committee from area meetings this year, in some cases giving us reps from AMs which haven't been represented for quite a number of years. We rely on these reps to help promote London Link Group in their areas.

In October following an enquiry from a parent we decided to update our young people boundaries document – a document which sets out our expectations of the young people. After a good amount of preparation and discernment we agreed on changes. We hope this clarify and makes our boundaries transgender inclusive. Having these discussions helped us make sure that we are better prepared for including transgender people in our community. [More about this can be read in minute 17/20 with the additional notes.](#)

We have been enrolled in the new BYM DBS checking system and are now able to process our DBS certificates ourselves rather than relying on other Meetings.

London Link Group Committee has met 3 times in 2017 and has organised the following events:

Event name	Young people (volunteers)	When
Winterval	13 (4)	January
Brighton IV	32 (7)	March
Finchley	8 (4)	July
Forest Hill	23 (5)	Sept
QHA helping day	15 + parents + (4)	December

Reports of each event can be found at <http://londonlinkgroup.org.uk/2017/> . We encourage Friends at local meetings to include reports in newsletters and other publications.

### Other facts and figures

	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
Attendance (total of YP at each event)	91	80	65	88	133	115
Number of events	5	5	4	5	8	6
Members on private London Link Facebook group:	218	214	199	189	190	162
Mailing list subscribers	328	324	271	245	223	171
Volunteers mailing list subscribers	66	65	47	45	42	37

We would like to thank all the volunteers, young people and supporters of London Link Group.