What did we do?

We recruited 8 volunteers from the LGBTQ+ community, along with media experts Media Co-op, to work together with the Glasgow LGBTQI Substance Use Partnership to develop a community co-produced, social media harm reduction campaign on alcohol and drugs.



- We ran **one** LGBT Substance Use Training session for volunteers prior to the workshops.
- We ran **three** facilitated workshops with Media Co-op.
- We produced **four** short campaign videos and **six** campaign graphics, featuring **eight** key messages.
- We named the campaign #KinderStrongerBetter
- We developed and launched a brand new website - <u>kinderstrongerbetter.org</u>

Other Developments

Following the launch of the campaign:

- Campaign volunteer Wendy
 Masterton and Oceana Maund of
 the Scottish Transgender Alliance
 have now joined the Glasgow LGBTQI
 Substance Use Partnership
- We have received two additional requests from services to add them to our website support page - from Crew 2000 and Pink Saltire
- We have added a Blog page to kinderstrongerbetter.org which will feature blog posts, creative works and video interviews with community members and professionals/experts

Campaign Launch

We launched the campaign and website online on Zoom on 29 June at the end of Pride Month.

The launch event premiered the new campaign videos & messages & featured speakers from the LGBTQ+ community, including Oceana Maund of the Transgender Alliance & Judith Schooling, founder of an LGBT alcohol & drugs recovery group - with discussion on the videos with volunteers & Media Co-Op, as well as a poem by one of the #KinderStrongerBetter volunteers.

The event was **opened by Joe Fitzpatrick**, **Minister for Public Health**.

- **54 people** from the LGBTQ+ community & staff from alcohol, drugs & health services attended the event
 - The campaign got a full page feature in the Daily Record
 - The campaign was discussed on the Kaye
 Adams show on BBC Radio Scotland

Campaign Statistics Overview

The campaign has garnered huge attention on social media and been shared widely by the Partnership - as well as by other LGBTQ+ community members and groups.

So far, the campaign has achieved the following stats:

- 153 additional followers for the LGBTQI Substance Use Partnership on Twitter
- 51,631 Impressions, 1437 engagements, 131 URL clicks & a Total Reach of 425,769 on the LGBTQI Substance Use Partnership Twitter alone
- 3,949 campaign video views (LGBTQI Substance Use Partnership accounts)
- 181 unique users and 269 sessions in the first 9 days since the website was launched
- 52 different users have Tweeted to #KinderStrongerBetter, with those tweets garnering a Reach of 17,383 & 22,860 impressions





Sometimes, when in a crowd
A wee swally or another round
Hits you large and long and loud,
Aw hings spinnin to the ground
With uppers and downers on the go
Yer crown transforms into a frown.
Know this: we've all, at times, played the clown
Got lost, at times, and needed found.
Sometimes it just takes a word
A hug

Or just a wee sit down.
A friend in need
Any friend indeed.
Have a care.

Be kinder, stronger, better

kinder stronger

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