

The GLEN Ezine- some highlights from 2016



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Dr. Mary McAleese launched the [LGBTIreland Report](#), Ireland's largest ever report on the mental health and wellbeing of LGBTI people in Ireland.

To read the LGBTIreland Report and watch Dr. Mary McAleese's speech, click [here](#).



[KnowNow](#), a GLEN initiative, was launched this year. KnowNow is a community-led rapid HIV testing programme. For 50% of those who have

tested, it is their first time being tested for HIV and KnowNow detects reactive tests at five times the rate of other HIV tests. This highlights the absolute need for the programme to continue and extended to other at risk groups in the modern approach to fighting AIDS.



GLEN were delighted to be joined by Maxine Williams, Global Head of Diversity, Facebook for the launch of the inaugural [conference](#) on LGBTI workplace diversity.

You can watch the launch [here](#) and book your place at the conference [here](#).



GLEN launched '[Being LGBT in School](#)', a resource for safe, supportive and affirmative school environments for our young LGBT people.

Find out more about 'Being LGBT in School' [here](#).



Former Minister for Children and Youth Affairs, James O' Reilly, published the Adoption (Amendment) Bill 2016. This Bill gives children in LGBTI families equal access to legal certainty and safety.

Read more about the Bill [here](#).

The work that we do in GLEN is made possible by your support and the work of our staff, our board, LGBTI people and allies, and funders.

The GLEN Office will be closed from December 21st - January 4th.

The LGBT Helpline will be open over the Christmas period, you can contact the LGBT Helpline on 1890 929 539 or at www.lgbt.ie

Happy Holidays from the
team at GLEN



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