

Lesbian Advocacy Services Initiative (LASI) 'Women's LGBT History Month Podcast'

In general there are very few opportunities for lesbian and bisexual women to meet and express their identity and sense of shared history and culture in Northern Ireland. There are even fewer opportunities for young women and older women to do this together. LASI used LGBT History Month as a reason to bring a group of younger and older lesbian and bisexual women together to share their stories and to teach them how to produce a podcast featuring their commonalities and differences. The women were encouraged to express views through story-telling on a variety of subjects such as first relationships, children and family life. Other topics dealt with included isolation, coming out, Pride celebrations, sectarianism, religion, homophobia and positive LGBT role-models. Members of the group were taught the skills needed to record and produce a podcast which will be featured on the LASI website. The group showed great enthusiasm for the project and it is hoped that they will use their new skills to produce future podcasts on a range of subjects that affect them as lesbian and bisexual women in Northern Ireland.

Older people's reflections...

Meeting the younger generation was lovely. I also have an appreciation for the making of podcasts which I hope to continue.

Young people's reflections...

I liked to share our coming out stories and see the difference but also similarities in our lives. I also liked meeting new people that I would never have had the chance to chat to before.

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