

LGBTQ+ Community in East Surrey Form

Opens 08/09/2023

Closes 10/12/2023

Surrey County Council and Growing Health Together are working to improve the lives of our residents and build health and wellbeing in our local communities. As part of this work, we would like to hear from the LGBTQ+ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans, Queer/Questioning plus) community in East Surrey about services and initiatives that would be helpful to you or that you would like to be a part of.

Surrey County Council wishes to engage more widely with residents across Surrey to seek out their ideas, and to link them with the right people/organisations in their local area to Make it Happen. We'll do this by seeking responses to the following questions.

Data protection and accessibility

By completing the following questionnaire, you are consenting for Surrey County Council to process and store your information for the purpose of keeping residents, community groups, businesses and our local partners informed about the work that we are either involved in or supporting, to create empowered and thriving local communities. Responses will be collected by Surrey County Council and shared with Growing Health Together, Blossom LGBT, NHS partners, Reigate and Banstead Borough Council and Surrey Heartlands

Health and Care Partnership for the purposes of service planning and delivery. All responses collected will be anonymous and we will not collect any identifiable information relating to individuals.

For more information on how we process your data please see our privacy notice on the Surrey County Council website: [Community Partnership and Engagement - Privacy Notice - Surrey County Council \(surreycc.gov.uk\)](https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/Community-Partnership-and-Engagement-Privacy-Notice)

This survey is compatible with speech recognition software and screen readers. Alternative versions of this survey in Large Print can be found at the bottom of this page under 'related documents.'

If you have any queries about the survey and/or require this survey in hard copy or a different alternative format, please contact us and we will do our best to assist you: grace.woodger@surreycc.gov.uk

Why Take Part

Your views matter to us. We want to create LGBTQ+ community events, groups and initiatives that you would like to see and be a part of. We're asking residents to help us do this by telling us your views. Then we can use that information to speak to community groups, residents and partners, and find the best people to help us deliver events that are relevant to you in your local area. By engaging with us, you are a part of building a stronger, more inclusive Surrey where no one is left behind. Let's Make It Happen.

LGBTQ+ Resources in East Surrey

Tell us about the kind of groups or events you would like to see.

1. Would you be interested in LGBTQ+ community groups / facilities in your area?

Answer Yes, No, Not sure. Please state answer.

2. What kind of activities / groups would you be interested in?

Answer Arts activities (e.g. book clubs, workshops); Social events (e.g. coffee mornings, Dungeons and Dragons / board games groups); Wellbeing activities (e.g. meditation, yoga, cookery); Educational activities (e.g. lectures, discussion groups); Sports / active groups (e.g. walking groups, running clubs); Other (please specify). Please state your answer. You can select as many answers as you wish.

3. What would you like to achieve with an LGBTQ+ group or facility? Please rank these choices in order of importance to you.

To meet new people

Getting involved in / supporting LGBTQ+ advocacy

Having access to an LGBTQ+ social space

Having an intergenerational LGBTQ+ space

Having somewhere I can be myself

Having somewhere I can feel safe

Other goal / outcome (please specify below)

4. Would you be interested in a group for trans / non-binary / gender diverse people specifically?

Answer yes, no, not sure, yes if it was a closed group (e.g. new members are screened by a group leader prior to joining) or not applicable to me.

Please state answer.

5. Would you feel safe to attend an LGBTQ+ community group in your area?

Answer yes, no, yes if it was a closed group (e.g. new members are screened by a group leader prior to joining), not sure. Please state answer.

6. If you stated “no” or “not sure” for the last answer, please tell us why if you feel safe to do so. Is there something we can do to make the group(s) safe for you? Please state answer.

7. What can we do to make the group(s) accessible to you?

8. How far would you be willing to travel an LGBTQ+ group or facility?

Answer I would want to attend something in my town; I would travel for up to half an hour by car; I would travel for up to half an hour by public transport; I would travel for up to an hour by car; I would travel for up to an hour by public transport; Other (please specify). Please state answer.

Tell us about you

These questions ask a bit about you, such as your age, your gender identity, your sexuality and other demographic information. None of this data will identify you as an individual, but it will be used to make sure that we're talking to a representative portion of our community and to help us plan services that are relevant to you.

Why haven't you included more options in the gender / sexuality questions?

We understand that the LGBTQ+ community includes a variety of gender identities and sexual orientations, some of which may not be listed here. We have used the gender identities and sexual orientations listed so that we can compare the data we collect to census data and ensure that we are speaking to a representative portion of our community. However, we have included a free text option for identities that we may not have included and we welcome responses from anyone in the LGBTQ+ community across all gender identities and sexual orientations.

9. How old are you?

Answer under 18; 18 – 25; 26 – 35; 36 – 45; 46 – 55; 56 – 65; 66 – 75; 76+. Please state answer.

10. What is your gender identity?

Answer man; woman; non-binary; I would prefer not to say; I describe my gender another way (please specify). Please state answer.

11. Is your gender the same as you were assigned at birth?

Answer yes; no; I would prefer not to say. Please state answer.

12. What is your sexual orientation?

Answer straight or heterosexual; gay or lesbian; bisexual; I would prefer not to say; I describe my sexual orientation another way (please specify). Please state answer.

13. What is your nearest town? Please state answer.

Thank you for helping us Make It Happen for East Surrey's LGBTQ+ community. You have now completed the survey. Please return it to Horley Library in person or via email to grace.woodger@surreycc.gov.uk

If you would like to be involved in planning and delivering services for the LGBTQ+ community in East Surrey through volunteering, please email Grace Woodger, Group Manager for the Horley Group of the Surrey Library Service, at grace.woodger@surreycc.gov.uk