



OutRage! Archive (OUTRAGE) Temporary Listing

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1988-1999

Name of Creator: OutRage!

Extent: 15 Boxes

Administrative/Biographical History: Established in May 1990 after the murder of gay actor Michael Boothe, OutRage! was founded by Keith Alcorn (who came up with the name), Chris Woods, Simon Watney and Peter Tatchell (who drew up the first draft of what became the group's Statement of Aims, and became one of its chief spokespersons throughout the next 20 years).

According to its website, OutRage! is 'a broad based group of queers committed to radical, non-violent direct action and civil disobedience to assert the dignity and human rights of queers; fight homophobia, discrimination and violence directed against [gays]; affirm [the] right to sexual freedom, choice and self-determination.' OutRage! works to take up the cases of individuals suffering discrimination, provides information, advice and referrals, promotes awareness and education about lesbian and gay issues, and investigates and researches anti-gay discrimination.

One of the first OutRage! actions took place on 7 June 1990 at Hyde Park public toilets, in protest against Metropolitan Police entrapment of gay men cruising. Further action (invading police stations, exposing police entrapment operations, publicly identifying undercover agent provocateurs, and warning cottagers and cruisers with leaflets and stickers) saw a change from police persecution to police protection, and between 1990 and 1994 the number of men convicted for consensual gay behaviour fell by two-thirds.

One of the defining images of OutRage! actions was taken in September 1990 when the group organised a 'kiss-in' at Piccadilly Circus to protest against arrests of gay men for kissing in public. One member, identified as an actor called Richard, climbed up and kissed the statue of Anteros.

At times criticised for outing individuals who wanted to keep their homosexuality secret, in 1994 OutRage! named ten Church of England bishops and asked them to "Tell the Truth" about their sexuality. This generated more public discussion of gay issues than any campaign ever conducted in Britain, and resulted in the Church issuing one of its strongest ever condemnations of homophobic discrimination.

Custodial History: Deposited at Bishopsgate Institute by Peter Tatchell, July 2014.

Scope and Content: Papers of OutRage! mostly consisting of press cuttings, correspondence, ephemera and photographs created and collected by OutRage!, (1988-1999).

System of Arrangement: Files have been listed in the order they were received from OutRage!

Language/scripts of material: English

Access conditions: OPEN

Copying conditions: Photocopying, scanning and digital photography (without flash) is permitted for research purposes on completion of the Library's Copyright Declaration form and with respect to current UK copyright law.

Finding Aids: Copy of hand list available in Library Reading Room.

Temporary Listing

1). 'Ex-gays Christian Loonies': 3 folders:

1 of 3: correspondence, booklets, leaflets, information regarding Christian opposition to gays and lesbians

2 of 3: Christian research and campaigning organisations

3 of 3: the Courage Trust, a Christian group advocating 'treatment' to 'cure' homosexuality, n.d.

OPEN

2). Age of Consent: letter from Tony Blair MP re his support for 'equalisation'. Also prototypes of flyers re 'briefing for solicitors', 1994

OPEN

3). Blood transfusion: material regarding excluding HIV sufferers from giving blood, (n.d.)

OPEN

4). Bromley: press cuttings and material regarding a demonstration held at a Bromley Council meeting, 22 September 1993

OPEN

5). Gay marriage/Labour: correspondence with MPs Anne Campbell, Mike Watson, Harry Cohen, Ken Livingstone, Jo Richardson and several other Labour politicians regarding demands by Outrage! re equal rights for gays and lesbians, 1993

OPEN

6). Psychiatry: correspondence, press releases and prototypes of 'get well soon' cards, all regarding the idea of homosexuality as a psychological illness, 1994

OPEN

7). Liberal and Other MPs: Letter from Paddy Ashdown MP to John Jackson of Outrage! saying Jackson needs to raise his points to Diana Maddock MP, who is cc'd into the letter, 06 June 1996

OPEN

8). Outing: photocopy of a press cutting in defence of and against outing, n.d.

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9). Catholics: Press cutting from the Daily Mail, 08 March 1995

OPEN

10). Labour Party: correspondence, blank petition forms for Pride, HIV Network correspondence and information leaflets, 1996

OPEN

- 11). Legal Advice: pamphlets for the Legal Defence & Monitoring Group, n.d.
OPEN
- 12). 'Watch and Warn': leaflets produced by Outrage! re cruising arrests, n.d.
OPEN
- 13). Gay and Lesbian Humanist Association (GALHA) leaflets, c1995
OPEN
- 14). Christian clergy: correspondence and material re the Archbishop of York, Baptists ministers and other clergy as regards gay men and lesbians, 1996
OPEN
- 15). Pride Scotland: Information re the Pride Festival in Scotland, 1995
OPEN
- 16). South African Constitution: text of this constitution (2 copies), 1995
OPEN
- 17). War on Want's 'War on Prejudice' materials, 1996
OPEN
- 18). Cornish Health Authority HIV/AIDS funding, 1995
OPEN
- 19). General Election constituency information, 1997
OPEN
- 20). Age of Consent and Sex Education Survey, Stonewall. Also minutes of Outrage! General Meeting, 1992-1993
OPEN
- 21). Network Information forms filled in by various organisations, 1990
OPEN
- 22). Songs: lyrics to carols and other songs with a gay or lesbian emphasis; also scripts for alternative nativity plays, n.d.
OPEN
- 23). Actions: lists of action taken (demonstrations, etc.) in aid of changing policy and fostering positive views of lesbians and gay men, 1991
OPEN
- 24). Press releases: 1991
OPEN
- 25). Copyright information for work by photographer Steve Mayes for Outrage!, 1991
OPEN
- 26). Stonewall 25: organising and outreach, 1994

OPEN

27). photographs of demonstration at the Albert Memorial, n.d.

OPEN

28). Church of England/Archbishop Carey/Methodists: 1991

OPEN

29). Partnership Laws: 1993

OPEN

30). Press re 'Equality Now' campaign: 1992

OPEN

31). Obscene Publications Squad: 1991

OPEN

32). Operation Toilet Roll (demonstration at the House of Commons), 1993

OPEN

33). Policing Initiatives: 1993

OPEN

34). Royal Mail: 1992

OPEN

35). Outrage! Outreach (2 folders):

1 of 2: press cuttings, Pink Paper and other journals, 1994-95

2 of 2: press cuttings and folder labelled 'Christian Voice action pack', 1995

OPEN

36). Fax List: fax numbers for national papers, news agencies, etc. Also clippings from Hansard regarding mentions of lesbian and gay issues, 1995

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37). Benetton 22 September 1993: press cuttings and text of an interview with Luciano Benetton, 1993-95

OPEN

38). Equal Opportunities: correspondence with members of Haringey Council; also booklets re Equal Ops policies of BT, British Gas, Asda, etc. 1993

OPEN

39). Wig I & II: press release and leaflets regarding 'Outrage!'s Queer Christmas Urban Glamour Assault', 1993

OPEN

40). Military: press cuttings and campaign material re homophobia in the military, 1995

OPEN

41). General Synod: press cuttings and campaign material re church homophobia and protest at Church House, 1994

OPEN

42). Queer Season: press cutting from Today re ladies' day at Ascot, 1995

OPEN

43). Press release info/publicity: guide on writing a press release and sample fonts, n.d.

OPEN

44). Condom Survey: notes on meetings between Outrage! and London International and results and notes on Outrage!'s condom survey, 1993

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45). Durex: letters from Outrage! to London International regarding condoms for anal sex, 1992-1993

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46). Lord Jakobovits, Former Chief Rabbi: press cuttings and correspondence regarding Lord Jakobovits statements on homosexuals and scandal surrounding Outrage! campaign material, 1993

OPEN

47). Stonewall 25, International Outreach: leaflets, press releases and other material regarding the celebrations of the 25th anniversary of the Stonewall riots, 1994

OPEN

48). Quest, Lesbian and Gay Catholics: press releases, press cuttings and other papers regarding Quest and the Catholic Church and homosexuality, 1992

OPEN

49). Pride Trust: minutes of the Pride Trust and papers regarding Outrage!'s preparations and activities for Pride, 1994

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50). Campaign Against the Child Support Act: campaign material and papers, 1992

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51). Lesbian and Gay Rights Coalition: papers, inc. minutes, correspondence, speech notes and texts, and campaign material regarding Outrage! actions, 1990-1992

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52). Immigration and Rights at Work: reports and papers by Stonewall regarding LGB rights at work and immigration rules for same sex couples, 1993-1995

OPEN

53). Legal Campaign: press releases, correspondence and cuttings regarding Outrage! campaign to end discrimination in law and Outrage!'s ten points, 1991-1992

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54). Section 28: parent guides to homosexuality and notes on the legal procedure of Section 28, n.d.

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55). Replies to enquiries for information, 1991

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56). Press releases, 1992

OPEN

57). Paragraph 16 team/Queernation: address lists and notes, n.d.

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58). Law Society and Cathedral Police Complaint: diary of protest activities and German lesbian material, 1993

OPEN

59). Vatican: notes, press releases, correspondence and research material regarding the Vatican, Catholicism and homosexuality, 1991-1993

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60). Army: press releases and papers regarding campaigns for LGBT rights in the armed forces, 1992

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61). Feminists Against Censorship: papers, press releases and other material regarding Feminists Against Censorship and other campaigns, inc Perverts Undermining State Security (PUSSY), 1991

OPEN

62). Conservative Family Campaign: publications, minutes and papers of and relating to the Conservative Family Campaign, 1992

OPEN

63). Criminal Justice Bureau: notes, correspondence and Outrage! material concerning the Criminal Justice Bill, 1991

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64). Cardinal Hume/Catholic Church in England: correspondence and Outrage! press releases regarding the Catholic Church in England, 1995

OPEN

65). Testimonials: testimonials from men regarding age they first had gay sex for age of consent campaign and other Outrage! press releases, 1994-1995

OPEN

66). Outrage! press release 'Stop violence against lesbians and gay men', 1990

OPEN

67). Misc press releases and cuttings regarding Bromley and the Benetton advertising campaign, 1993

OPEN

68). Anti-Nazi League: papers and correspondence regarding the ANL and outing campaign, 1993-1995

OPEN

69). State Opening of Parliament: campaign material and photographs from demonstration at the State Opening of Parliament regarding the age of consent, 1992

OPEN

70). Child Support Act: promotional material by various organisations, inc Black Women's Rape Action Project, against the Child Support Act, 1993

OPEN

71). Haringey: A3 posters against Haringey Council and anti-gay measures, n.d.

OPEN

72). Buju Banton and Ragga music: press cuttings, correspondence and campaign material relating to homophobic lyrics in songs by Buju Banton, Shabba Ranks and other Ragga artists, 1992

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73). Photographic contact sheet depicting a demonstration at the BBC, with a poster that reads 'BBC Incites Murder', n.d.

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74). Press cuttings from Chartist, The Times, The Independent, The Pink Paper, The Guardian, Rouge, Labour Briefing, Capital Gay, Tribune, Him, Observer, Gay Times, many duplicated (photocopied) several times, 1988-1990

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75). Press cuttings from Capital Gay (c30 copies; 29 April 1988), Guardian, Tribune (15 June 1990), Independent (18 December 1990), Capital Gay (c50 copies; 26 July 1991); 1988-1991

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76). Press cuttings from The Guardian (29 December 1990), The Sun (re Tory MP Terry Dicks saying gays 'deserved to die of AIDS' ; 17 April 1992), The Observer (c10 copies; 22 March 1992), The Sunday Times (c10 copies; 16 December 1990), unknown paper (c10 copies; 20 April 1992), Gay News (several copies; November 1991), Town and Country (4 copies; 18 April 1992), Independent on Sunday (c10 copies; 29 July 1990); 1990-1992

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77). Press cuttings from Time Out (c20 copies; May 1992), Guardian (several copies; 06 September 1990), New Times (8 copies; 02 May 1992), New Times (5 copies; 18 April 1992), New Statesman (27 March 1992), Life & Times (8 copies; 26 March 1992), Daily Sport (5 copies; 07 April 1992); Nursing Times (5 copies; 08 April 1992), 1990-1992

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78). Stonewall publication 'Queer Bashing: a national survey of hate crimes against lesbians and gay men'; Outrage! press releases, 1995-1996

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79). Safer sex publicity materials, n.d.

OPEN

80). Minutes, 1990-1991

OPEN

81). Minutes, 1996

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82). Press clippings and correspondence, inc. letters from MPs and press around homophobia in the Church and Military, 1991-1996

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83). Press clippings (not photocopies), 1994-1995

OPEN

84). Bishop of London: Press reaction to [Dr David] Hope's statement. Vilification of Peggy. March 1995

OPEN

85). Correspondence 1991-1992

OPEN

86). Correspondence, June-November 1992

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87). Correspondence, January-June 1993

OPEN

88). Material for Penny Ashbrook Alfalfa Productions – a note reads, 'she wants all minutes of meetings, flyers, & any other material relevant to Outrage. She will notify us when she wants to collect it'. Primarily minutes, 1992-1996

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89). Action newspaper photocopies. Also original clippings, and a booklet entitled, 'For Goodness' Sake Keep Straight: The Menace of Homosexuality Unmasked', 1989-1996

OPEN

90). Lesbian and Gay Policing Initiative: minutes, notes, correspondence, press releases, 1990-1993

OPEN

91). Minutes, 1992

OPEN

92). Minutes, 1993

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93). Press cuttings re age of consent/Equality Now! campaign, 1992-1994

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94). Minutes, 1995-1997

OPEN

95). Miscellaneous correspondence, minutes, photocopies of press cuttings, leaflets. Includes 'out in Europe' document, 'a guide to lesbian and gay rights in 30 European countries', 1992-1993

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96). Press cuttings (originals), correspondence and press releases. Includes correspondence with the Metropolitan Police and Cardinal Hume, 1990-1993

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97). Correspondence, July- December 1991

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98). Correspondence, June-December 1993

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99). Correspondence, August-December 1990

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100). Correspondence, January-May 1991

OPEN

101). Press cuttings, correspondence and miscellaneous bills and operating manuals (e.g. for the answerphone in the Outrage! office), 1990-1995

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102). Press cuttings regarding various campaigns e.g. 'Operation Spanner', the staged 'Kiss-in, and against Clause 25. Includes materials re Outrage!'s aims and objectives, 1990-1991

OPEN

103). Publicity materials for Outrage!, including leaflets, whistle, pamphlets, flyers, 1991-1999

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