

So, I have now been in role for a year, and what a year it has been. We have had a large increase in the events that we attend and support, continued growth in active membership and huge change in the way we communicate and work with members. In this report are some key summaries of our events, projects and the way we are working towards delivering our service agreement and unit goals.

Thank You for all of your support over the last 12 months in ensuring that the unit continues to be a success and recognised by headquarters a valuable resource. My thanks also go to the committee that were in place for the first part of this year, without their commitment to Reunion and Pride we would not have had such a successful time. I'd also like to welcome the new members of the management team, Michael, Declan and Bruce, without your support I couldn't make this unit a success. My final thanks goes to all members who have talked about FLAGS to other people and continued to raise our profile.

We have gone from strength to strength over the last 12 months and I hope we continue to grow over the coming year, please do continue telling me about what you want from the unit and how it is FLAGS can truly support the recruitment and retention of LGBT adults across the UK.

Finance Statement

The accounts opened with a healthy balance and thanks to continued members support we have maintained this balance throughout the year. A strong income has been generated from membership fees, however in 2013 we will be ensuring more members pay their fees to support the unit in its work. Thanks also go to those members who make monthly donations to the unit to help us with our bigger pieces of work.

Headquarters fees were high this year as the previous years was not processed unit the new tax year, we have also had a large spend on neckers however going forwards we will generate an income back from these ensure this way membership fees can be spent on projects.

This year we have opened a new bank account with Lloyds TSB as they provide better facilities for processing payments, with better audit trails and quicker processing. This will ensure the unit can better display our progress. Please take a look at the end of this report, which has full details of our proposed, spend in 2013-2014; this is subject to locating the funds. Please note finance will be provided every 3 months

Membership Statement

As of 1st May 2013, the unit had 101 members registered on membership service.

We have recently seen a large increase in new members, to support this we have introduced a new membership flowchart, and resources to ensure that we keep on top of demand, As well as this a members welcome pack has been created to support in training and development of members.

We have also taken time over the last few months to introduce a members section on the unit website and also to develop our twitter and facebook presence. We have reintroduced monthly unit emails, as well as ensure we frequently update the website and also our social media feeds.

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2013 – 2014 Budget

	<u>2014 Budget</u>	<u>2013</u>
<u>Opening Balance</u>	490.45	490.37
<u>Income</u>		
Unit Membership Fees	750.00	324.50
Donations	120.00	133.40
Sale of Neckers	300.00	99.00
<u>Expenditure</u>		
Running Costs		
- Postage	50.00	46.00
- Stationary/Printing	100.00	18.62
- Name Tapes	20.00	0.00
Sales		
- Neckers (Funded by Sales)	250.00	231.30
Projects		
- Pride Resources	500.00	0.00
- Stonewall *	2500.00	0.00
- Programme Resources	100.00	0.00
Events (Including Resources)		
- Summer Social	100.00	0.00
- Gilwell Reunion	50.00	91.00
- January Forum	50.00	33.40

* Need to Identify External Funding to support this