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LGBT Youth Scotland, formerly Stonewall Youth, is a registered lobbying group of the Scottish Government and has been actively [campaigning](#) since the introduction of the Equality Act 2010 to include “gender identity” as a protected characteristic and to overwrite sex-based rights such as single-sex spaces. They are also heavily funded by the Scottish Government.

In 2019, their guidance for schools, funded and endorsed by the Government was deemed “[not legal](#)” by Scottish Ministers as it risked excluding girls from female-only spaces. Despite this, LGBTYS were the primary authors of the Government’s replacement guidance [Supporting Transgender Pupils In Schools](#) issued to all schools in 2021.

Criticism of this guidance is widespread and there is currently a [petition](#) before a Parliament Committee calling for its removal on numerous grounds, including:

- ➔ Misrepresentation of the Equality Act, both by misnaming the protected characteristics and encouraging breach of single-sex spaces eg. stating children who identify as trans can take part in the opposite sex sports and choose which dorm to sleep in on overnight trips.
- ➔ Omission of reference to School Premises legislation mandating separate toilets for boys and girls, instead promoting an increased provision of gender-neutral (mixed-sex) facilities.
- ➔ Presentation of the unscientific and unevidenced concept of “gender identity” as fact, expecting teachers to socially transition children and support the use of damaging breast binders.
- ➔ Compelling other children to go along with the ideology with ‘bullying’ sanctions for not using new pronouns.

Despite generous state funding LGBTYS also charges local authorities to sign up for its school Charter Award Scheme. Some 190 secondary schools (out of approx 380 total) have already paid around £1,250 each, netting LGBTYS an additional £240k. Awards must be renewed every four years.

The fee covers staff training, access to templates to rewrite school policies, support in compiling evidence of introduction of gender-neutral facilities, setting up a LGBT club for children to influence change, celebrating trans special days, etc. Compliance to LGBTYS's standards is then graded bronze, silver or gold.

Schools are bound by a [confidentiality clause](#) not to disclose any LGBTYS or charter material to parents. However, some worrying information has come to light, including:

- ➔ Posters in school directing children to LGBTYS website which includes age inappropriate and homophobic material such as a guide for lesbians with advice on contraceptive use if partner has a penis.
- ➔ Several schools refused award until they agreed to best practice of not telling parents if their child decided they were trans.
- ➔ An increase in homophobic bullying after introducing the charter.
- ➔ Promotion of drag queens visiting schools, promotion of the unscientific “[genderbread person](#)” and “sex is on a spectrum”.

There is no place in schools for lobby groups promoting their political activism and their influence should be tackled as a matter of urgency.

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