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Dear colleague,

I hope that you, your colleagues, and your loved ones continue to stay safe during this difficult period and your organisations continue to meet the challenges we are all working through.

We continue to see the world around us change rapidly, and as always, we are here to help you through those changes.

Below is a message to all of our partners, friends and allies from our new CEO, [REDACTED]

Dear friend,

Over the last few weeks, the police murders of George Floyd, Tony McDade, Breonna Taylor and many others have sparked global protests led by the Black Lives Matter movement.

Here in the UK, and in many countries around the world, Black people and their allies are standing up against anti-Black racism and creating change.

I'm in my first weeks as CEO at Stonewall; an organisation that was born out a protest movement shaped throughout its history by Black lesbian, gay, bi and trans activists.

And I'm reminded that Pride is, and has always been a protest, as well as a celebration of everything that makes our LGBT+ communities unique and beautiful.

We've got a lot of work still to do at Stonewall before our organisation can confidently say it is a place where LGBT+ people of colour can thrive, and where all of our work is truly inclusive.

I'm committed to working with colleagues and supporters like you to make that change happen.

In this newsletter we are sharing resources from people that can help you (particularly if you are, like me, white) not just get better informed, but get active in tackling racism in our community.

We also want to encourage you to donate if you can to Black-led organisations that are working in the UK and globally to improve the lives of LGBT+ Black people and LGBT+ people of

colour.

Over the last week you may have also seen some worrying reports in the press that the government may be slowing progress on trans rights here in the UK.

If accurate, these would be another blow for our community at this difficult time. Please [read our blog](#) to find out which actions you can take to support trans rights.

Thank you,


Stonewall CEO



What can we do together?

There's a lot that we can do to be active in tackling racism.

Become an ally:

Start with [this article](#) by  a Stonewall Young Campaigner and [share this Twitter thread](#).

Donate:


Consider donating to [UK Black Pride](#), [the Colours Youth Network](#), [Bi's of Colour](#) and [Out of the Margins organisations](#).

Come Out For Trans Equality:

We have a short window where organisations who support trans equality can shape the conversation in Government.

We know they are open and welcome the view of leading businesses, membership bodies and service providers who support trans equality.

Please ask your CEO to write a private letter to the Prime Minister and Women and Equalities Minister to outline your concerns about recent press reports, show your support for trans equality and urge the Government to give trans people the support and recognition they deserve.

Stonewall can provide guidance for your letter. Please email  for more information.

As individuals you can write to the Prime Minister too using [Gendered Intelligence's email](#)

[action](#), and if you are a cis woman, you can take part in the Mermaids-led [#NotInMyName conversation on Twitter like our CEO \[REDACTED\]](#).

As we see issues continue to threaten the progress we have made within and across all of our communities, it is more important than ever that we continue to champion diversity to support our colleagues, our organisations and our futures.

Thank you and best wishes,

[REDACTED]

Director of Membership Operations



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