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Hi

Stonewall was founded 30 years ago by a group of people who wanted to break down barriers to equality.

Back in 1989, a piece of legislation called Section 28 had just been passed. It effectively banned conversations about same-sex relationships in school, forcing LGBT teachers into the closet or out of a job and scarring a generation of young LGBT people.

Stonewall was created to fight this discrimination. Over the past 30 years we've made a big difference to the lives of LGBT people here and around the world. In the UK, the LGBT movement has won employment rights. Parenting rights. Partnership rights. An equal age of consent.

To celebrate this, we've picked our favourite 30 moments of equality and we'll be highlighting these 'star' moments throughout this year, as well as asking people to share their hopes for the future.

There's lots for us to celebrate – but there's also lots for us to do before we

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achieve our mission of acceptance without exception.

Join us in celebrating equality and working towards a world where everyone is free to be themselves.

- Show your support on social media by saying Happy Birthday on 24 May! Use the hashtags #Stonewall30 and #ComeOutForLGBT and download our sharing graphic here.
- Host an Equali-tea we've created a toolkit for Diversity Champions, with tips
  and resources for hosting your own. Equali-teas are a great way to raise
  awareness of LGBT history, celebrate LGBT inclusion in the workplace, engage
  colleagues in your own LGBT initiatives, and fundraise to support our work to
  achieve acceptance without exception all while enjoying delicious cake! Access
  the toolkit on My Diversity Champions.
- Display our out-of-home campaign we'll have eight beautifully shot images
  that celebrate some of our star moments, from marriage equality to repealing
  Section 28. If you have advertising space where these can be hosted, please let us
  know and we can provide the files.

Note: if you have teams or offices in Northern Ireland that are keen to get involved, we'd encourage them to support our friends at The Rainbow Project who are celebrating their 25th anniversary this year. The Rainbow Project are Northern Ireland's largest LGBT organisation and we're proud to partner with them. For more information contact:

I also want to send a heartfelt thanks. It's your work and your commitment that help create a world where everyone is accepted without exception. Thank you for helping change the lives of LGBT people. As ever, your account manager is on hand to answer any questions.

Very best wishes,

**Chief Executive** 

