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London bus campaign challenges Stonewall's claim that "gay" is innate and unchangeable.

Monday, April 16 will see the launch of an advertising campaign carrying the slogan, '**Not gay! Post-gay and proud. Get over it.**' London buses, travelling five different routes, will carry the advert for two weeks.

The organisers, **Anglican Mainstream** and **Core Issues Trust**, say Stonewall's similar bus campaign, launched to support their 'equal' marriage website, implies the false idea that there is indisputable scientific evidence that people are 'born gay', and that they have no choice but to affirm their homosexual feelings. They claim that Stonewall's slogan, "Some people are gay. Get over it!" is merely another attempt to close down critical debate about being gay and marriage 'equality', and warn that the promotion of homosexual practices to children and young people, many of whom are known to experience ambivalence as they sort through issues of sexual identity, is misleading and dangerous.

Both organisations recognise the rights of individuals to identify as gay, and to live according to their own values. But by the same token, they believe individuals - such as married men and women unhappy with their homosexuality - should be supported in developing their heterosexual potential, where this is the appropriate life choice for them. They point out that current scientific research says there is no gay gene and that sexuality is far more fluid than has hitherto been thought.

Commenting on Stonewall's vigorous support for the legalization of gay marriage, Dr Mike Davidson, Director of Core Issues Trust, said "their campaign rides roughshod over individuals who by conscience reject the simplistic notion that their choice to move out of homosexuality is because of internalised prejudice taught by society, completely ignoring the profound effect on sexual identity, established by highly respected scientific study, of childhood experience."

The bus adverts are part of a wider campaign being run by AM and Core in support of traditional marriage between one man and one woman, as providing the best environment for the needs of children. Canon Dr Chris Sugden, Executive Secretary of AM, commented, 'The current political debate surrounding the redefinition of marriage ignores not just the cultural base of this institution that lies at the heart of our society, but seems entirely to have forgotten about children, prioritising adult sexualities at their expense in an unprecedented way.'

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