Ayrshire LGBT Development Group nominated for Initiative of the Year award

The Ayrshire Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) Development Group were delighted to be nominated for the Initiative of the Year Award at Scotland’s first Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Intersex (LGBTI) Awards.

The awards ceremony, hosted by Equality Network, took place on Thursday 10 September 2015 at Glasgow’s Grand Central Hotel, and celebrated people and groups who have made important contributions to LGBTI equality and human rights in Scotland during the past year.

The Equality Initiative of the Year Award recognises the best innovative Scottish campaign, initiative or action which has raised awareness or affected change. The Ayrshire (LGBT) Development Group was nominated for its programme to mark LGBT History Month in Ayrshire.

Although the group missed out on winning in their category, they were pleased to congratulate other local community partnerships, and in particular, the Ayrshire LGBT Questioning Group, who won the Community Group of the Year Award.

Elaine Savory, Equality and Diversity Adviser, and Co-chair of the Ayrshire LGBT Development Group, commented on behalf of the group: “We were extremely proud to represent the Ayrshire partnership at such an innovative event. These awards celebrate all the wonderful work being done in Scotland for LGBTI equality and human rights, and to have our own hard work recognised nationally is fantastic.”
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Photograph: 100915LGBTI Awards: the LGBT Development Group photographed on the night with their finalist certificate. Left to right – Marla Baird (Equalities and Inclusion Manager, Ayrshire College), Sara Turkington (Equalities and Inclusion Officer, Ayrshire College), Lynn Dillon (Youth Strategy Officer, South Ayrshire Council), David Bingham (Senior Health Promotion Specialist, Terrence Higgins Trust Scotland and co-chair of Ayrshire LGBT Development Group), Elaine Savory (Equality and Diversity Adviser, NHS Ayrshire & Arran and co-chair of Ayrshire LGBT Development Group), Mary Gladwell (Community Worker, East Ayrshire Council), and Willie Mackie (Board Member, Ayrshire College).

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