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This has been embraced by the Manager of The Rainbow Project, Mirjam Bader, who regarded this development as: "a major achievement for the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Sector in Belfast" and considered that teamwork among associations will benefit from it by sharing sources as well as enhancing relations among ordinary people.

"It will provide more support to individual LGBT people, raise the profile of same-sex attracted people and work towards improving good relations between people of different sexual orientations," Bader added.



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