B2 Banning Conversion Therapy

Proposer: Joshua Farrell (Ipswich Green Party)
Agenda item: B Motions of Policy and Organisation

## Summary

This motion is to renew our efforts as a group to campaign for a ban on conversion therapy

Notes:

- Conversion Therapy as a practice is based in pseudoscience and has no evidence to support its use
- All major counselling, psychotherapy, psychological, psychiatric and medical organisations have condemned the use of conversion therapy
- In 2015 many major organisations signed of memorandum of understanding on the ethical issues around conversion therapy and how to properly support distressed patients, this was supported by the Department of Health
- In 2017 The Church of England condemned the use of conversion therapy
- In 2018 Theresa May's Government announced that it would work towards a total ban on conversion therapy in medical, non-medical and religious settings.
- However, in the 2019 general election conversion therapy was not considered a priority.
- In 2020 the government provided funding for a multi-faith conference for an end to conversion therapy and yet there has still been no action

Believes:

- Conversion therapy is an abhorrent practice and should be considered abuse
- Conversion therapy has no in Britian and should be banned in all settings
- Religion should not be used as a reason to support or carry out conversion therapy
- A ban on conversion therapy must be inclusive and must not inadvertently ban trans people from transitioning
- Campaigning for a ban on conversion therapy must be intersectional and acknowledge that BAME and disabled LGBTIQA+ youth are more at risk of being pressured into conversion therapy
- Campaigning must also acknowledge that Trans youth are at the highest risk for being pressured into conversion therapy

Resolves:

- To renew efforts to campaign for a ban on conversion therapy
- To continue campaigning until a total ban is implemented

## Supporters

Dylan Lewis-Creser (North Northamptonshire Green Party); George Morris (Manchester green party); Kirsty McMillan (Richmond Green Party); Ria Patel (Sutton and Croydon Green Party)