

## **PRESS RELEASE – AGE DISCRIMINATION CASE AGAINST THE LESBIAN AND GAY FOUNDATION**

**Dunn & Gault v The Lesbian and Gay Foundation (LGF) Case No's 2402192/07, 2405653/07 & 2408466/07 – Manchester Employment Tribunal 9<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> February 2009**

Mr Alistair Gault, Formerly Training Manager of the LGF and Ms Molly Dunn, formerly Therapeutic Services Manager of the LGF, will be appearing in the Manchester Employment Tribunal on 9<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> February 2009 in pursuit of their claims of age discrimination and unfair dismissal against the LGF.

Ms Dunn is claiming unfair dismissal against the LGF and Age Discrimination, against the LGF and its senior officers at the time Mr Paul Martin – Chief Executive (still in post) and Ms Jacqui Cross - Deputy Chief Executive (now Head Officer for Equality & Diversity at Wirral Metropolitan Borough Council).

Mr Gault is claiming Age Discrimination against the LGF, Mr Martin and Ms Cross.

The LGF is a regional charity for LGBT people providing a range of services to the community. It has a turnover in excess of £1million pounds. The accounts for the LGF are freely available on the Charity Commission website. The LGF describes itself as “Ending Homophobia, Empowering People” on its website [www.lgf.org.uk](http://www.lgf.org.uk).

The case is initially listed for five days but is likely to continue at a later date. Ms Dunn and Mr Gault are to give evidence first. Mr Martin, Ms Cross and the Chair of the LGF Mr McGovern will give evidence for the LGF later.

The claimant's representative is Mr Joe Waters, a lay volunteer. The LGF and Mr Martin and Ms Cross are represented by a Barrister, Mr Harwood.

As is normal in tribunal proceedings a copy of the witness statements will be available in the tribunal hearing room for public inspection. Tribunals are open to the public unless reporting restrictions are put in place. There are no reporting restrictions in this case.

Ms Dunn and Mr Gault believe that this case is of public interest to the LGBT community.

### **NOTE**

The Address of the Manchester Employment Tribunal is - Alexandra House, Parsonage, Manchester, M3 2JA, United Kingdom