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Title of Submission:	LGBT+ Young People and Gardai in Ireland
Comments:	<p>Commission on the Future of Policing in Ireland</p> <p>Highlight the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- BeLonG To always requested that all Gardai in Templeogue should receive LGBTI+, Class and Traveller Awareness Training, Trans specific training, filling out forms, name and pronoun, incidents suicide, best practice, rights child paramount. BeLonG To would be willing to collaborate with Women's Rights, Children Rights, Traveller NGO's and Gardai to develop Human Rights module for Templeogue, which would be inclusive of Class, LGBT+, Gender, Race, Disability Awareness Training. Rialto Youth Service, has already developed 'A Worki- Highlight the success of BeLonG To & Sergant Paul Franey working together, 90+ Gardai LGBT+ Awareness training in the last 3yrs. This training has been evaluated by Gardai, very positive outcomes.- Success of working collaboratively together LGBT+ trained Gardai & BeLonG To, to support highly vulnerable LGBTI+ young people in Care and Foster Families.- BeLonG To is currently Lobbying for Decriminalization - Impact of Class Profiling on LGBTI+ young people (criminal convictions), move drug use from criminal sanctions, to health lead approach. This would free Gardai and funding up, to redirect to areas most need. Due to increased risk of children and young people online, Gardai, would have the funds to set up Gardai unit that 100% focused on Pedophiles online. As seen recently, the general public, are hunting pedophiles online due to lack resources to Gardai in this area. We are as country, need to protect young people online. BeLonG To feel only 100% dedicated unit can accomplish this. LGBT+ young people are high at-risk to been targeted by pedophiles online.- Success of linking in LGBT+ young people with LGBT+ Awareness trained Gardai to report a crime.- LGBTI+ young people will not report Hate Crime, due to lack legislation, and Gardai training.- Support Gardai have given BeLonG To around Child Protection and Vulnerable Adult issues/concerns.