Figure 1 - **"Give Me a Chance" Concert 2nd May 2019**: (I to r) Mike Aremu| Angel Colon | Luis J Ruiz | Ade Omooba | Ryan Mangion | Kezia Hannaford | Mike Davidson | Kylie Delia | Purist Ogboi | Louise Varming | Fred Williams | Stevie Ellul Bonici | Leigh Holmes | Faith Child | Matthew Grech | Dachan Galea

The Greatest Privilege



It is deeply moving to hear the stories of men and women who come to me daily for help. One thing I am learning is just how similar we all are — no matter what our cultural or religious backgrounds are. Our emotional hurts, especially when there is nowhere to go with them, create pathways in our minds which when we grow older, lead us into dark, strange places.

Several clients this week have shared stories about severe abuse or emotional neglect. Some remember a time when they were attracted to the opposite sex, others have never felt so attracted. All of them respond to pastoral care that listens to their story and values their individuality. Their goals – all different – are key to the process we undertake.

I consider it the greatest privilege to stand with these people and to respect their goals. I am appalled that mental health professionals in the UK are being denied the opportunity to explore sexuality issues with this population from anything other than a gay-affirming position. It's not the case that sexual behaviours, feelings and fantasies can't change. It is a fact that ideological values of those in control forbid us to think that change is possible, necessary or desirable. Clearly mental health now is the servant of progressive and left liberals who have politicised sexuality for their own purposes.

Core Issues Trust is pleased to support the development of the International Federation for Therapeutic and Counselling Choice (IFTCC) which offers an alternative professionalising route for those working in this field.

We'll be holding hands with likeminded people across the world as we support the development of this organisation, please stand with us!

The Trojan Horse

"Conversion Therapy" is clearly the Trojan Horse in the Church of Christ today. Many in the church believe they aren't doing such therapy, and therefore aren't on the radar of those determined to eliminate its providers. However, "Conversion Therapy" is a "kitchen-sink", dishonest term used for anything which opposes the normalisation of homosexual practices. Any teaching opposing the idea that gay sex is a normal variant of human sexuality will be branded as such. Therefore, anyone holding to orthodox Christian ethical beliefs and standards is actually a "Conversion Therapist".

Clearly in the UK at least, there is already a *de facto* ban on anyone helping people out of homosexual or gender confusing practices. This is why the "last frontier" is the Christian Church. Sadly, as the Church of England meets this week for its General Synod, it is likely to continue to be the mouth-piece of the state on this issue and to align itself further to the ideology of same-sex "marriage".

Stand with us as we develop new ways of strengthening faith and practise in line with historic Christian sex ethics. As the ultimate aim is to ban "Conversion", this work is vital.



Mike Davidson, PhD CEO Core Issues Trust

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Speaking up at the Embassies

Following our visit to Malta House in February this year, friends of the IFTCC and Core Issues Trust visited the German, Spanish and American Embassies to deliver letters of concern over proposed bans on therapeutic choice labelled "Conversion Therapy". There are moves afoot in each of these nations to take away the rights and freedom of those wanting out of homosexuality. We were there to share our concerns!

This week we shall also deliver to all members of the highest governing body of the Church of England, a copy of the IFTCC report on research conducted by the Ozanne Foundation in 2018. The document finds the research highly suspect and falling far short of research standards that should underline initiatives that want to change public policy and even church teaching on the subject of sexual practices and normativity.

Figure 4: Friends of the IFTCC outside the USA Embassy

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Also download a free copy of the IFTCC's Response to the UK Government's proposed ban on Therapeutic Choice click the image, right





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Watch friends of the IFTCC outside the USA Embassy in early June and Kylie Delia (ex-lesbian, Malta) discuss her own concerns

Further Information for these events: Core-issues.org