

Core Issues Trust

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Christians in Malta challenged by “therapy” ban

Christians in the rest of Europe should take note of how Malta’s (2016) ban against “Conversion Therapy” hasn’t stopped ex-gay Christians from speaking out and sharing their stories. ([More](#))

Successful X-Factor contestant Matthew Grech shared his story and incurred the wrath of Malta’s Equity Minister, Helena Dalli and the Malta Gay Rights Movement. Supported by Dr. Gordon-John Manche and assisted by a local Christian party led by Ivan Grech Mintoff, actions of the X-Factor in removing Matthew’s interview will be challenged in the courts.

Coming soon: VOS Documentary “Matthew and Friends”

IFTCC Launch: London 15th October

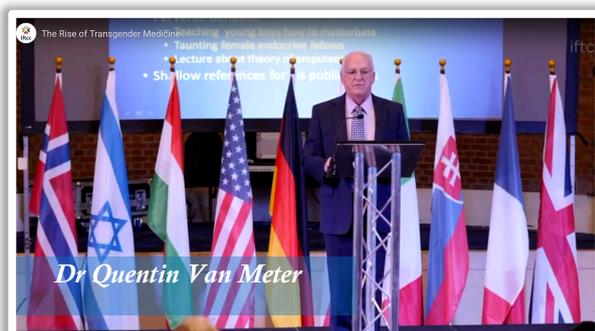
The launch of The International Federation for Therapeutic and Counselling Choice (IFTCC) took place in Central London. Look for the speakers’ contributions on iftcc.org/about/events



Core Issues Trust supports the IFTCC Project (iftcc.org)



The IFTCC conference in Hungary in October: get the full sessions at iftcc.org/about/events



Eminent paediatric endocrinologist **Dr Quentin Van Meter** considered the Rise of Fraudulent Transgender Medicine along with case studies from German paediatrician **Dr Christl Vonholdt**. Dr Van meter is President of the American College of Pediatricians. ([Find his session here](#))

Dr Laura Haynes considered access to therapeutic support as a right, and compared outputs from the Royal College of Psychiatrists and the American Psychological Association. ([Go to Laura’s session](#))

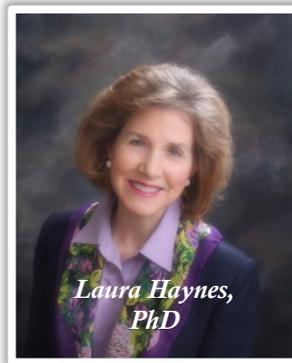


Response to UK Government's Ban on Therapeutic Choice

The IFTCC's response to the UK Government's intended ban on therapeutic choice - following the LGBT Action Plan and National LGBT Survey announced in July, has been sent in hard copy to the UK Cabinet and electronically to all MPS.

Misinformation about APA

One of the highlights of the IFTCC launch has been the foregrounding of work done by Dr. Laura Haynes, psychologist, APA member and former Regional President of the Christian Association of Psychological Studies. Dr. Haynes exposes the failure to integrate the APA's Handbook on Sexuality and Psychology (2014) in current debate about sexual fluidity, change and psychotherapeutic interventions.



The fact of change

The Core Issues Trust voicesofthesilenced.tv project tells the stories of men and women who acknowledge a shift in their sexual patternings and behaviours. For some this is a spiritual, redemptive process. For others therapeutic and counselling work is important and still others integrate the two. Help us tell their stories.

New VOS Documentary: "Matthew & Friends"

We are thrilled to announce the imminent release of a new VOS documentary, "Matthew & Friends". Matthew Grech shares his X-Factor journey including what happened when he shared his testimony on state TV. Matthew loves and serves the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Malta Gay Rights Movement and the current Minister of Equality objected to his Christian testimony, apparently because it mentioned leaving homosexual behaviours. Along with Matthew, other once-gay friends speak, including John-Mark and former transsexual, Joseph. Church friends Louise and Stevie also comment on Matthew's story.

Matthew's Pastor, Gordon-John Manche and Christian politician Ivan Grech Mintoff have been exemplary in their bravery, publicly supporting Matthew and his friends despite Malta's ban on therapeutic choice.

