

Local MSP backs the proposals on inclusive education

MSP for Edinburgh Northern and Leith Ben Macpherson has backed proposals for a more inclusive education system in Scotland improving the experiences of LGBTI pupils.

The Scottish Government has worked on the plans since last year with Time for Inclusive Education (TIE) who not only promote an inclusive approach to sex and relationships education but also tackle LGBTI bullying and discrimination in schools. Earlier today the Deputy First Minister John Swinney confirmed that The Scottish Government will fully accept the terms of a report by the parliamentary education working group.

A cross-party group of MSPs met to celebrate the announcement, wearing rainbow ties in support of Time for Inclusive Education (TIE) campaign.

Ben Macpherson said: "Today marks a historic milestone in the ongoing drive for equality across Scotland. I am proud to stand in solidarity with our LGBTI community to ensure young people across Edinburgh Northern and Leith receive the inclusive education they deserve.

"During Scotland's Year of Young People, it is fitting for this SNP Government to send a strong message of inclusivity, tolerance and respect to younger generations.

"Offensive, out-dated views have no place in Edinburgh Northern and Leith and the Scottish Government is clear that any form of bullying or discrimination in our society will not be tolerated.

"I am proud that Scotland consistently tops international rankings for performance on LGBTI rights. And I will continue to push for equality in Edinburgh Northern and Leith and throughout Scotland."