

Groups defending sex-based rights

An overview of some of the groups opposing sex self-ID in the UK. They have been set up by individuals and collectives concerned by the failure of established third-sector organisations to defend women's sex-based rights, child safeguarding and evidence-based policymaking. Although a few have a handful of paid staff, they rely almost entirely on small donations and volunteers' time.

Woman's Place UK (WPUK)



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- Grassroots feminist campaign formed in 2017 by women with backgrounds in trade-union and broader social movements.
- Aim was to ensure women's voices would be heard in the consultation on proposals for self-identification and to uphold single-sex exceptions.
- Played a large role in getting government plans to reform the Gender Recognition Act abandoned in England and Wales, then evolved into a broader women's rights campaign.
- Public-facing work includes meetings on women's rights – the harassment these meetings has attracted has been instrumental in raising awareness of the tactics used to silence women speaking about their sex-based rights.

Fair Play For Women

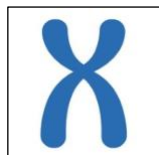


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- Campaigning and consultancy group which raises awareness, provides evidence and analysis, and supports policy-makers to protect the rights of women and girls in the UK.
- Opposes sex self-ID, and played a large part in the government's decision to abandon plans to introduce it in England and Wales in 2018.
- Brought the judicial review in 2021 that forced the ONS to continue to collect data on sex in the census, rather than conflating it with self-declared gender identity.
- Has specific expertise on the harm done to women by allowing males to participate in female sports and to apply for transfer to female prisons.
- Director is Dr Nicola Williams.

Sex Matters



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- Not-for-profit organisation set up in 2021 with a singular mission: to re-establish that sex matters in rules, laws, policies, language and culture.
- Executive director is Maya Forstater, who in 2019 took a case in the employment tribunal after losing her job for talking about sex-based rights.
- This led to a precedent-setting ruling that the everyday understanding of human sex as binary, immutable and important is a protected belief under the Equality Act.

LGB Alliance



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- Registered charity set up in 2019 to advocate for the rights of gay, lesbian and bisexual people.
- Founded by two lesbians, Bev Jackson (who in 1970 was a founding member of the UK Gay Liberation Front) and Kate Harris (who was formerly an active supporter of, and fundraiser for, Stonewall).
- Supported by Aubrey Walter, one of the founders of the UK Gay Liberation Front, and by many former champions of Stonewall, who see it as the heir to the early gay and lesbian rights movement.
- All the other groups that used to support LGB people have switched their attention to the promotion of gender-identity theory, which LGB Alliance regards as regressive and homophobic.

Women's Rights Network



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- Combined grassroots groups of women who oppose sex self-ID.
- Supports local, in-person networking.
- Has topic-related groups (such as sports, prisons, schools) that create resources, including videos and podcasts and social-media posts, and coordinate national campaigns.
- Core member of the "Respect My Sex" campaign before the local elections of May 2022.
- Main spokeswoman is Heather Binning.

Standing for Women



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- Grassroots membership campaign that started in 2018 with the production of posters and T-shirts bearing the message “Woman Adult Human Female”.
- Focuses on public and direct actions, such as meetings at Speakers Corner and rallies to raise awareness of the ongoing threats to women’s rights.
- Spokesperson is Kellie-Jay Keen (aka Posie Parker).

Keep Prisons Single Sex



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- Established in 2020 to campaign for the sex-based rights of women in prison to single-sex accommodation and same-sex searching.
- Also campaigns for data on offending to be recorded by sex throughout the criminal justice system.
- Spokesperson is Kate Coleman.

Child safeguarding

Transgender Trend



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<https://www.transgendertrend.com/>

- Founded in 2015 to draw attention to the harms done by gender-identity ideology to children, especially in schools and in medicine.
- In 2020 was given permission by the High Court to intervene in support of Keira Bell's judicial review against the Tavistock & Portman NHS Trust. In March 2022, the Interim Report by the independent Cass Review into the Tavistock Gender Identity Development Service vindicated Transgender Trend's stance.
- Director is Stephanie Davies-Arai. In 2022 she was awarded the British Empire Medal as founder of Transgender Trend for services to children.

Safe Schools Alliance UK



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- Focuses on children, specifically on safeguarding and the correct interpretation of the Equality Act.
- A group made up of parents and professionals that produces resources to support parents who seek to challenge harmful school materials and policies that prioritise sex self-ID over the privacy, safety and dignity of all children.
- Played an important part in judicial challenges to "trans inclusion guides" that went against child-safeguarding principles that resulted in several such guides being withdrawn.
- Chief spokeswoman is Tanya Carter.

Healthcare

Genspect



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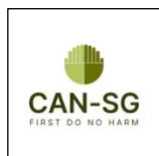
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- International alliance founded in 2021 by parents and clinicians seeking a rational approach to gender issues.
- Has expanded to include detransitioners, desisters and people unhappy with their own transition, as well as other professionals such as educators and journalists.
- Creates resources on gender issues and seeks a better approach to the diagnosis and treatment of gender dysphoria and greater awareness of the role played by healthcare and education establishments in funnelling vulnerable children towards a singular, and potentially harmful, solution to gender distress.
- Partners with grassroots group PITT – [Parents with Inconvenient Truths about Trans](#).
- UK spokespeople include Stella O'Malley, a psychotherapist who specialises in counselling families dealing with gender-distressed children, Claire Graham, an expert on differences of sex development (DSDs, sometimes misleadingly described as "intersex" conditions) and Ritchie Herron and Sinéad Watson, both detransitioners.

Clinical Advisory Network on Sex and Gender (CAN-SG)



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- Group of clinicians concerned at established medical bodies' and regulators' uncritical support for experimental treatments for gender-confused and gender-distressed people. (For names of members, [visit the website](#).)
- Advocates for clearer dialogue, better data collection, rigorous science and improved treatment options for gender dysphoria.
- Calls upon healthcare organisations to develop evidence-based policies for data collection and single-sex spaces, with clear definitions of biological sex and gender in accordance with the Equality Act.

Thoughtful Therapists



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- Founded in 2021, a group of psychotherapists and counsellors who campaign to raise awareness of the negative impact of gender ideology on mental-health services, in particular for children with gender dysphoria.
- Work has focused on government proposals to ban “gender-identity conversion therapy” and on the “Memorandum of Understanding on Conversion Therapy” signed by many health and therapy organisations.
- Fears both of these risk undermining exploratory therapy for vulnerable children by pushing an “affirmation-only” treatment model for gender distress.
- Main spokesperson is James Esses.

Evidence-Based Social Work Alliance (EBSWA)



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- Coalition of practitioners, academics and students in the field of social work.
- Formed as a response to concerns about the impact of gender-identity theory in their field.
- Argues that social workers’ legal responsibilities to safeguard children are being put at risk by the lack of an evidence base for the treatment of gender distress.

Political party caucuses

Women Uniting



Website

<https://women-uniting.co.uk/>

- Every major political party has a caucus focused on sex-based rights. They work together on single-issue campaigns under the rubric Women Uniting, which was instrumental in the success of the “Respect My Sex” campaign.

Conservatives for Women



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- Group that campaigns to raise awareness about the prevalence and impact of gender-identity ideology across society.
- Focuses on raising awareness within the Conservative Party and seeks to influence the party's political and policy response to gender ideology.
- Campaigns for: the integrity of science, free speech and open tolerant debate, the protection of women's sex-based rights, and the maintenance of child safeguarding.
- Works at every level, from councils and constituencies to Westminster, supporting pro-women politicians and policies.
- Parliamentary network has been central to reshaping Conservative policy away from sex self-ID.
- Main spokeswomen are Karen Varley and Caroline ffiske.

Labour Women's Declaration



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- Launched in November 2019 when 300 Labour members and supporters signed a seven-point Declaration setting out the sex-based rights required for women and girls to flourish. The Declaration has since been signed by thousands of Labour-voting supporters, including elected politicians (Peers, MPs, MSPs, Cllrs) and Constituency Chairs and women's officers.
- Campaigns within the party and wider socialist movement in support of women's sex-based rights, for evidence-based policies on sex and gender, and for free speech to discuss these.

Liberal Voice for Women



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- Grassroots group within the Liberal Democrats advocating for the rights and interests of women and girls.
- Seeks a reversal of the Lib Dems' anti-women policies which prioritise self-identified gender over the material fact of sex, as well as culture change within the party towards freedom of belief and open debate.
- Chair and vice-chair are Zoe Hollowood and Alison Jenner.

Feminist collectives

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- Volunteer-led feminist charity that works towards women's liberation.
- Holds an annual feminist conference, and runs projects in various parts of the UK.
- Established in 2012, so one of the few organisations already in existence before the attempt in 2017 to introduce sex self-ID in England and Wales that spoke out against that effort.
- CEO is Lisa-Marie Taylor.

Legal Feminist



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- Collective of solicitors and barristers, some anonymous and some not.
- Blogs on subjects related to sex, gender and the law, offers expert commentary on legal developments and makes submissions to government consultations on proposals related to equality and human-rights law, setting out how those proposals will affect women.

Devolved administrations For Women Scotland



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- Grassroots group formed in 2018, working to ensure that women's rights to safety, privacy and dignity are not thrown out in the rush for sex self-ID, which the Scottish government is determined to implement despite similar plans having been thrown out in Westminster.
- Landmark court ruling in 2021 that it was unlawful for the Scottish government to redefine the word "woman" in legislation about female representation on company boards, and polling suggests that Scottish people are against redefinition.
- Directors are Trina Budge, Susan Smith and Marion Calder.

MBM Policy Analysis (Murray Blackburn Mackenzie)



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- Collective formed in 2018 of three women with backgrounds in policy-making, research and communications: Kath Murray, Lucy Hunter Blackburn and Lisa Mackenzie.
- Produces blogs, briefings and submissions to government consultations on issues pertaining to sex-based rights.
- Seeks to improve policy-making and lawmaking, at both the Scottish level and for the UK, in the absence of effective opposition and representation of women's interests.

Merched Cymru (Women of Wales)



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- Non-aligned grassroots group working to protect the sex-based rights of women and girls in Wales, where there is little political opposition to gender-identity ideology.
- Produces a newsletter, and resources tailored to Welsh law, in particular to the regulations governing Welsh schools.

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