



PRESS RELEASE

Grief, joy and resilience of LGBTQ+ experience at the heart of new visual art exhibition to mark 30 years of leading advocacy group, Gay Health Network

Out of the Strong, Came Forth Sweetness—GHN30 includes historical and contemporary artworks from more than 25 LGBTQ+ artists.

DUBLIN – Tuesday, 1st April 2025: [Gay Health Network \(GHN\)](#) has today announced details of ***Out of The Strong, Came Forth Sweetness – GHN30***, a new visual art exhibition that marks the 30th anniversary of the volunteer advocacy and health promotion group, running from **Monday, 12th May - Sunday, 25th May 2025** in the **Naughton Institute (formerly Science Gallery Dublin) in Trinity College Dublin**. GHN was established in 1994 as a network of organisations and individuals in Ireland to promote awareness of HIV and sexual health among gay, bisexual and men who have sex with men through peer-to-peer actions, research and campaigns.

Curated by artist [Brian Teeling](#), the exhibition will comprise historical and contemporary artworks that capture the LGBTQ+ experience and address HIV-related stigma from the past to the present. Largely composed of conceptual artworks but also including photography and archival materials like club flyers and campaign ephemera from numerous private and public archives, it will reflect on the legacy of LGBTQ+ activism in Ireland, point to possibility and the future, and question what progress might look like.

Among an extensive list of more than 25 LGBTQ+ artists, works from some of the most exciting emerging artists like Bill Harris, Day Magee, and Jack Scollard will be shown alongside established practitioners like Caroline Campbell, Austin Hearne and Niall Sweeney, and individuals like Christopher Robson, a prolific photographer of LGBTQ+ life throughout the 80s, 90s and 2000s, whose archives are part of the National Library of Ireland. Together, these works reflect on the grief, joy, resilience, urgency and expanse of the LGBTQ+ experience in Ireland across time and space.

Curator, artist Brian Teeling said: "It's such an honour to be chosen to celebrate Gay Health Network's 30th anniversary and work with so many talented artists and an incredibly supportive team. This show is personal as we reflect on our community's strength, resilience, and enduring legacy. I feel privileged to shine a light on the beauty and sweetness that has emerged from our continued struggles, activism, and archives."

Chairperson of GHN, Alan Coyne, added: "Since its founding, GHN has made incredible strides, especially in its partnership with the HSE in delivering [man2man.ie](#), research and the annual Gay Health Forum (GHF), but the work remains as vital as ever. HIV is still with us, and new challenges to sexual health and well-being continue to emerge. This GHN 30 art exhibition, made possible with a grant from the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth, is a celebration of how far we've come, a tribute to the resilience of our community, and a reminder that our work is far from over."

Founder member of GHN Mick Quinlan, said: "A year after decriminalisation of Homosexuality and the legal availability of condoms those of us involved in 'HIV & AIDS and queer activism' realised the importance of continuing the work and the visibility of the needs of gay and bisexual men relating to HIV and AIDS and sexual health. To this end after a meeting with groups and individuals



from around Ireland we formed the Gay Health Network (GHN) to share resources and coordinate responses and representation.”

Out of the Strong, Came Forth Sweetness—GHN30 will be accompanied by a series of talks in the Paccar Theatre, adjacent to the exhibition space. Further details of additional events will be announced.

For more information, gayhealthnetwork.ie.

Listing:

Out of the Strong, Came Forth Sweetness

Naughton Institute (formerly Science Gallery Dublin) in Trinity College Dublin

Monday, 12th May 2025 - Monday, 26th May 2025 (days inclusive)

Exhibition Opening Times:

Mon - Fri 12:00 - 20:00

Sat - Sun 12:00 - 18:00

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Notes to Editors:

Exhibition hero imagery is available for download [here](#).

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All participating artists, including curator and artist Brian Teeling, are available for interview on request.

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Artists exhibiting in *Out of The Strong, Came Forth Sweetness – GHN30*:

1. Kian Benson-Bailes
2. Alfonso Bonilla (Maremoto)
3. Rob Curley (Maremoto)
4. Caroline Campbell
5. Maurice Clark
6. Richard Coghlan
7. Karen Donnellan
8. Rory Draper
9. Neva Elliott
10. Mark Grehan
11. Bill Harris
12. Austin Hearne
13. Jordan Hearn
14. Breda Lynch
15. Áine Mac Giolla Bhríde
16. Martin McCann
17. Day Magee



18. *Samir Mahmood*
19. *Chinedum Muotto*
20. *Luis Noguera*
21. *Robin O'Shea*
22. *Billy Quinn*
23. *Sabrie Reid*
24. *Alice Rekab*
25. *Padraig Robinson*
26. *Jack Scollard*
27. *Niall Sweeney*
28. *Evan Wilson*

About Brian Teeling: Brian Teeling is an Irish artist whose practice explores queer identity, memory, and absence through photography, sculpture, and text-based works. His work engages with themes of loss, trauma, and spectral presence, drawing on concepts of hauntology and speculative history to interrogate the traces left behind by queer lives and histories. Teeling's practice resists traditional representation, using material instability, layered imagery, and immersive installations to explore the intersections of personal and collective memory. He has exhibited his work in major institutions, including the Irish Museum of Modern Art, the National Gallery of Ireland, and the Crawford Art Gallery.

About Gay Health Network: Gay Health Network (GHN) is a network of organisations and individuals in Ireland providing the national resource, response, support and expert network for the promotion of HIV prevention and sexual health and well-being for gay, bisexual and men who have sex with men (gbMSM). Founded in 1994, Gay Health Network (GHN) has continually (with no paid staff) and little funding, provided peer-led and peer-engaged activities and actions that produced much of the promotion material aimed at gbMSM in Ireland and has also initiated and led key research. The promotion of HIV prevention and sexual health awareness among gay, bisexual and men who have sex with men (gbMSM) nationally and in specific communities; addressing and challenging HIV-related stigma and discrimination; commissioning of key research in the area of HIV and sexual health among gbMSM, including men living with HIV.