

Membership application form

To: CHE, % London Friend, 86 Caledonian Road, London N1 9DN

Name:	Telephone:
Address:	
E-mail:	

Please enrol me as a member of CHE.

I enclose an annual subscription of £ (min £12, £6 unwaged)

or: I have completed the standing order form below.

Standing Order form

Please return the complete form to CHE, **NOT** to your bank: we will forward it.

To the manager:

Bank name	
Bank address	
Sort code - -	Account number

Please debit my account, and pay "CACHE", Account No 50035423, at Co-operative Bank plc, 1 Balloon Street, Manchester M60 4EP, sort code 08-90-00, the sum of £ immediately, and the same amount on the 1st of each month thereafter, until cancelled by me.

Signature	Date
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The Campaign for Homosexual Equality

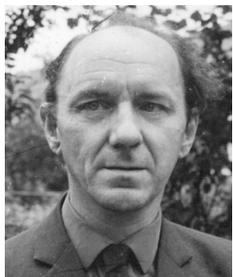
For nearly 50 years CHE has carried on the struggle for homosexual equality, and in so doing touched the lives of thousands of gay and lesbian people who took part in our campaigns, or were helped to be truly themselves through the fellowship of our local groups.

Today the situation for LGBT people in the UK has improved beyond the wildest dreams of the early campaigners; the need now is to safeguard what has been achieved, and to record the proud history of CHE as a tribute to the pioneers and as a reminder of the days of repression that must not be allowed to return. Please join us and be part of the next stage of our history.

Part of LGBT history since 1964

Where we've come from

CHE's origins go back to 1964, when sex between men of any age was illegal throughout the UK. Allan Horsfall and a few others set up the North West Committee for Homosexual Law Reform (NWCHLR) as part of the campaign to get the law changed. In 1967 gay sex was partially decriminalised, but for the pioneers of the NWCHLR this was only the beginning of a long journey, towards the goal of full equality for gay and lesbian people. So the NWCHLR became a nationwide body, and changed its name in 1969 to Committee for Homosexual Equality, and again in 1971 to Campaign for Homosexual Equality.



Over the next few years, CHE expanded to become the largest LGBT organisation the country has ever seen, with social and campaigning activities side by side. It gave rise to other organisations such as London Friend, The Hall-Carpenter Archives, and the International Lesbian and Gay Association. By the 1980s it had over 5,000 members and over 120 local groups.

And where to next?

Today CHE faces new challenges. This year's equal marriage legislation means that the aim of homosexual equality in England and Wales has been as good as achieved. CHE is much smaller, and Allan Horsfall, Ray Gosling and other leading members have died. LGBT people in other countries face appalling oppression, but CHE doesn't have the resources or the expertise to campaign on overseas issues.

So where next for CHE? We monitor issues affecting LGBT people, we hold open meetings three or four times a year, and we make small grants to worthwhile LGBT ventures. For the 2010 General Election we organised letter-writing to candidates by our members and affiliated groups. We've funded film awards and occasional achievement awards. But perhaps our most important contribution to LGBT campaigns from now onwards will be to record and document our history, so that future generations can see just how far we've come, and learn lessons on campaigning from the experience of past struggles. Remembering the days of oppression could be vital to ensuring they won't come back.



Photos: Allan Horsfall, our Founder and Life President;
Ross Burgess (EC Member) with Michael Brown, winner of the 2011 Achievement Award.

Activities

We've been having a policy-making **Annual Conference** every year since 1973. The Annual Conference is the supreme governing body of CHE. All members are entitled to attend, and all affiliated organisations are entitled to be represented.

The **Executive Committee (EC)**, elected by the membership, is responsible for the day-to-day running of CHE, backed by voluntary workers. The Executive Committee elects the Secretary, Treasurer, and other officers, and appoints the Trustees.



All members receive the **Annual Report**, plus newsletters and other mailings several times a year, and more frequent updates for those who have e-mail. We very much need new members, and volunteers to carry on the work.

Amiable Warriors



Amiable Warriors is the official history of CHE and its times, commissioned by CHE. It's being written by the noted gay author Peter Scott-Presland, using CHE's extensive records of its earlier years, plus press reports and extensive interviews with leading players. Volume 1 is to be published in time for the 50th anniversary of the NWCHLR.

Contacting us

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Photos: Nettie Pollard (EC Member) with Peter Tatchell at the 2011 Annual Conference;
Peter Scott-Presland (right) with the late Griff Vaughan Williams, signing the contract for the book.