

Trustee Profile: Daniel Brown



Photo: Dan with Matt Western, MP for Leamington and Warwick, at the Equal Love Rally in February 2017, held in Leamington Spa.



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Chair of the Board of Trustees, Warwickshire Pride

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33-year-old businessman Daniel Browne is the founder and current Chair of Trustees at Warwickshire Pride, a small charity working for Warwickshire’s lesbian, gay, bisexual and trans (LGBT+) community.

Dan founded Warwickshire Pride because he felt that there was a gap in the county’s services and support for LGBT+ people. As a local LGBT+ activist, Dan frequently encountered LGBT+ people reporting a wide variety of complex difficulties. He felt motivated to do something to help, particularly as Dan himself had experienced multiple disadvantages in the past due to being LGBT+.

The organisation grew and in 2015 became a charity, and Dan put himself forward as Chair of Trustees. He said, “I was attracted to the Chair role as I knew that I had the skills and experience necessary to continue driving it forward, and up to this point, I had almost single-handedly set up and run the organisation.”

Dan was voted in as Chair, and continues to play a very active role. He continued: “As we are a small charity and don’t have any paid staff, I’m a very hands-on Chair and take responsibility for the day to day running of the organisation, with valued help from a team of volunteers and the other trustees of the charity.”

“It is hard work and a lot of responsibility, but I thrive on that and continue because I know the charity is making a difference. Meeting people in the community and also working alongside many other great voluntary sector organisations is something I really enjoy and hope to continue long into the future.”

Warwickshire Pride runs a variety of activities, including a weekly LGBT+ youth group, a monthly support group for parents of LGBT+ people, a monthly social group for LGBT+ people with learning disabilities, telephone and email support, LGBT+ awareness training, social opportunities, and the annual Warwickshire Pride festival.

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