



Press Release

Racial abuse and the Archbishop of York

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Following news reports that the Archbishop of York has received racist emails after his recent interview, in which he opposed the Government's consultation on same-sex marriage, we wish to make it clear that the LGB&T Anglican Coalition stands against all forms of prejudice including racism. We totally condemn all such acts.

We believe that prejudice in any form can only be opposed by creating an environment of openness, listening and mutual respect, and it is in this spirit that we approach all of our discussions in the ongoing debate.

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Notes for Editors:

1. **The Anglican Coalition** brings together all the UK-based groups that work on behalf of the LGB&T members of the Church of England. It exists to provide UK-based Christian LGB&T organisations with opportunities to create resources for the Anglican community and to develop a shared voice for the full acceptance of LGB&T people in the Anglican Communion.

2. **For more information contact:**
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3. **The Coalition members are:**

Accepting Evangelicals www.acceptingevangelicals.org

Changing Attitude www.changingattitude.org.uk

The Clergy Consultation www.clergyconsultation.org

Courage www.courage.org.uk

The Evangelical Fellowship for Lesbian and Gay Christians www.eflgc.org.uk

Inclusive Church www.inclusive-church.org.uk

The Lesbian and Gay Christian Movement www.lgcm.org.uk

The Sibyls www.sibyls.co.uk

General Synod Human Sexuality Group

Website www.lgbtac.org.uk