**CAITHNESS LESBIAN, GAY, BI, TRANS, INTERSEX, QUEER + LIVES SURVEY**

My name is Jeff Zimmer. I am an Edinburgh-based gay artist working on a project that will lead to an exhibition in Caithness in 2019.

For the exhibition, I'm interested in exploring the current and historic experiences of Lesbian, Gay, Bi, Trans, Intersex, Non-Binary and other Queer (LGBTIQA+) folk in Caithness.

Please take a few minutes to fill out the survey as thoroughly as you can. You don't need to answer every question -- only the ones you feel are relevant or that you want to answer. If you’d prefer to speak with me, contact me at [kickinglass@yahoo.com](mailto:kickinglass@yahoo.com?subject=Caithness_Survey) to arrange an interview. Discretion and confidentiality are assured.

Please share this survey with everyone who might be appropriate. The more stories I can get, the better!

Once you have completed this survey, please email it to me at [kickinglass@yahoo.com](mailto:kickinglass@yahoo.com?subject=Caithness_Survey). Thank you for your participation!

What is your name?

Contact info (if I may contact you regarding your responses – email, Skype, WhatsApp, or Facebook Messenger):

What is your age (or approximate age, if you prefer)?

What is your connection with Caithness?

This is a project about the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transsexual, Intersex, Non-binary, Queer, etc. (LGBTIQ+), men who have sex with men (MSM) or women who have sex with women (WSW) experience of living in Caithness. Do you identify with any of those categories? If so, which one(s)? If not, how would you identify yourself?

Do you know/have you known any LGBTIQ+, MSM or WSW people in Caithness? What is/was your reaction/relation to them?

Did you hear stories/rumours/gossip about LGBTIQA+, MSM or WSW people (either contemporaries, older people, or previous generations)? If yes, what were they? Be as specific as possible.

Is/was there a sense of ‘community’ that you feel/felt a part of in Caithness (either queer, if appropriate, or other)?

What does the word ‘community’ mean to you?

**\*\* If you identify as LGBTIQ+, MSM or WSW, please continue to the questions below**.\*\*

If you do not, you are finished – thank you! Please save this document and email it to me at: [kickinglass@yahoo.com](mailto:kickinglass@yahoo.com?subject=Caithness_Survey).

When did you first have an inkling of your identity as a LGBTIQ+, MSM or WSW person?

Did you tell anyone in Caithness?

Did you receive support from anyone in Caithness?

Was there any place in Caithness where you felt safe/a place where you could be yourself?

Were you able to learn anything about sexuality & gender identity – at school? From your peers? From elders? From books or magazines or other media?

Did/do you ever feel threatened in Caithness because of your sexuality and/or identity? Can you describe the circumstances? Can you discuss the effect this has had on you?

While you lived in Caithness, did you see anyone as a role-model, or anyone you could turn to for advice?

Have/did you experienced what you would classify as prejudiced behavior in Caithness? Who from and in what circumstances? Did it come from peers or from adults?

What are/were your expectations for your life? Are/were they incompatible with your identity?

What stories did you feel you connected with? Folklore? Tales? Heroes? Local stories/legends?

Do you have any stories about Latheronwheel?, Latheron House (where this exhibition will take place) and/or byres & outbuildings in general?

**\*\*\* You are finished – thank you for your input!\*\*\***

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