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LGBT+ Against Islamophobia: Statement on Orlando attacks

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This statement by the British-based group 'LGBT+ Against Islamophobia' was issued after the Orlando attacks. It is on their [Facebook page](#).

"Our sympathy and solidarity go out to the victims, their families and friends after the horrific attack at an LGBT nightclub in Orlando.

It is a stark reminder that despite the many gains in attitudes and legislation that have been made over the last decades, LGBT+ people continue to face threats of violence and murder.

We do not yet know anything about the attacker. The FBI have been quick to declare the incident "terrorist" and whilst they claim to be pursuing "multiple leads" the only organisation named for "possible links" is ISIS.

We in LGBT+ Against Islamophobia will oppose any attempt to use this atrocity to whip up hatred against Muslims.

For many of us the massacre will bring back memories of the bombing of the Admiral Duncan pub in Soho in 1999, carried out by a British Neo-Nazi. We will be reminded of the dreadful shootings carried out by the self-proclaimed fascist Anders Brevik in Norway in 2011, and numerous gun-related mass killings conducted by white Christians in America.

This should be a time for us all to come together and reject homophobia and transphobia wherever it comes from.

Murderous homophobes, from any religion or none, do not represent entire communities. If we allow ourselves to be divided now we will be weakened in our fight to eradicate oppression "a fight that now more than ever needs to continue."

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