



29 July 2023

Dear NFWI

PROMOTION OF MERMAIDS

It has come to our attention that you are promoting the charity Mermaids to members on My WI, in the [Running your WI > Let's talk about > LGBTQ+ > Organisations](#) section.

Mermaids is currently under investigation by the [Charity Commission](#) for safeguarding failings. In 2022 one of its trustees [resigned](#) after being exposed as a [paedophile apologist](#). A charity, which by its very nature comes into contact with vulnerable children, should have robust procedures in place to ensure those in prominent leadership positions are beyond reproach.

Mermaids has also sought to restrict lesbian, gay and bisexual people from self-organising without trans-identified individuals being present. This means that lesbians would not be able to meet without men being present, and gay men without women, this is profoundly homophobic. Mermaids attempted this by claiming that the LGB Alliance is a hate group, and attempted to have its charitable status removed. This was dismissed by [judges](#), as Mermaids lacked the legal standing to bring such a case to court. Before this case it was unheard of for one charity to try and strip another of its status due to a conflict in beliefs. [LGB Alliance](#) is the only UK wide group advocating solely for the rights of same sex attracted people.

In her TED talk Susie Green, ex-Mermaids CEO, described her young son Jack, now Jackie, as a "very sensitive, quite effeminate and probably gay" little boy. Susie Green took Jack, aged 15, to Thailand, and on his 16th birthday he underwent penile inversion surgery. This TED talk has been taken down, but the [Daily Mail](#) has reported on it recently. In another [video](#) she laughed that, due to puberty blockers, his penis was under developed and grafts had to be taken from elsewhere on his body in order for the creation of a neo-vagina to be successful. The [Gay Men's Network](#) say there is latent homophobia in the concept of the "trans-child", you can watch founder Dennis Noel Kavanagh's talk on [GB News](#) where he explains this.

That the NFWI promotes this charity is nothing short of a disgrace.

We call on the NFWI to stop promoting Mermaids, at least until it has been exonerated by the Charity Commission.