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The Proud Trust's CEO to step down, pledging continued support for the LGBT+ youth charity's work

Manchester, UK / 2nd February 2024 - Chief Executive of The Proud Trust, Lisa Harvey-Nebil, has today announced that she will be leaving her role as head of the charity in April, after a rewarding and transformative term as the charity's first CEO.

Under her leadership, The Proud Trust has grown and developed into a national service, supporting more LGBT+ young people than ever before, as well as opening Manchester's LGBT+ community hub, The Proud Place. Throughout her tenure, Lisa has been an unwavering advocate for LGBT+ young people, ensuring that their voice is at the core of The Proud Trust's work, and instilling that same ethos into all staff and volunteers at the charity.

Lisa will be taking on a new role as a Strategic Lead in a local council, where she will use her skills and experience in a new setting to continue to support young people. The recruitment for the Proud Trust's next CEO will be overseen by the Board of Trustees. In the meantime, Deputy CEO Susie Cuthill will step into the role of Interim CEO, working with the Board to ensure complete continuity for all stakeholders, and taking a lead on developing the charity's new 5-year strategic plan.

Chair of Trustees Jordan Barry is leading the recruitment of a new CEO: "It's been an absolute pleasure working with Lisa. She is leaving The Proud Trust in fantastic shape; she has overseen a true transformation of the organisation and ensured we are positively positioned for the future, with a fantastic Interim CEO in Susie. We are taking a thoughtful approach to our recruitment process, true to our core values of inclusion and transparency, to ensure that we find the best person to lead the charity into its next chapter. We, along with the new CEO, will build on the positive momentum that Lisa has created and continuing to deliver the best support for LGBT+ young people in Manchester and beyond."

Lisa says: "It has been an honour to serve as the first CEO of The Proud Trust, a charity which is close to my heart. I arrived at the charity with a vision to improve the lives of LGBT+ young people, through our partnerships, our direct delivery and the opening of The Proud Place. We have achieved so much together and I believe this is now the right time to move on. I wish the charity so much success and will continue to support Susie and the team."

Notes to Editors

About The Proud Trust

The Proud Trust is an LGBT+ youth charity empowering young people to be proud of who they are. The Proud Trust delivers youth work and one-to-one support across Greater Manchester and Cheshire. The charity also runs The Rainbow Flag Award national training and inclusion programme for schools, Proud Connections Live Chat, and manages Manchester's LGBT+ Centre, The Proud Place.

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