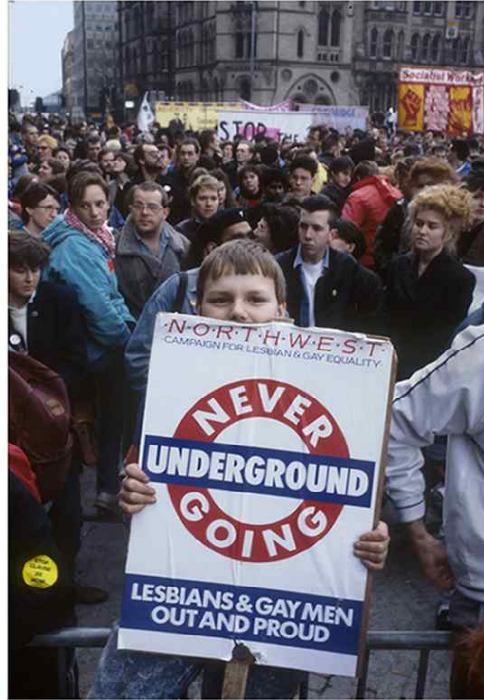


section 28

In my home town in Manchester I took to the streets to march against Section 28. I experienced something that changed my life. I remember the chants, the unity, the gob smacked faces on the Manchester city shoppers, I remember having house bricks dropped at us from a multi story car park. I remember the anger I felt, the sense of belonging with 20 mates marching together with 20,000 others. I remember that Manchester and me would never be the same again.

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28.—(1) The following section shall be inserted after section 2 of the [1986 c. 10.] Local Government Act 1986 (prohibition of political publicity)—

"Prohibition on promoting homosexuality by teaching or by publishing material.

2A. — (1) A local authority shall not—

(a) intentionally promote homosexuality or publish material with the intention of promoting homosexuality;

(b) promote the teaching in any maintained school of the acceptability of homosexuality as a pretended family relationship.

(2) Nothing in subsection (1) above shall be taken to prohibit the doing of anything for the purpose of treating or preventing the spread of disease."

On Thursday 18 September 2003 the Local Government Bill received Royal Assent and Section 28 was finally taken off the statute books.

