Twitter Thread by Malcolm Clark

Malcolm Clark
@TwisterFilm

1./ Oh look! @ScotlandLgb have started 2021 as we mean to continue: opposing gender identity nonsense. We responded to a letter from the lavishly funded lobby group @LGBTIScotland. They'd complained about our ads in the Herald with a bunch of unsubstantiated assertions. ■



Mount Fuji provides an impressive natural backdrop to the manmade monoliths of Tokyo, seen here at dusk

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2./ Tim Hopkins claimed @ALLIANCELGB doesn't even represent a minority position among LGB peeps. Rich given Equality Network itself isn't a representative body. It's more a job creation scheme funded by the Scottish govt to keep lobbyists like Hopkins from the dole queue.

3./ The govt funnels tax payers money into Equality Network's coffers so it can then lobby for the anti-gay, misogynistic and child harming policies the politicians would be a tad embarrassed to champion otherwise. I wonder why Tim i$ so worried about u$. ■■■

4./ We pointed out we've thousands of passionate supporters after just a year; which is a better track record than the fruitcakes at @stonewalluk who after 30 years are set on destroying the legal definition and therefore effectively the protections for same sex attracted people.

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5./ They're no longer really a gay organisation; more a trans obsessed cash machine that takes lucre from the likes of Goldman Sachs in effect to campaign for under 16s to be deprived chemically of a healthy and normal puberty. "Acceptance By Hormone Disruption"?

6./ Hopkins must have been reading Harry Potter under the covers cos he was in full fantasy mode when he claimed we're against positive information about trans people in schools. We just disagree with kids being told they were born in the wrong body or a lesbian can have a penis.

information about trans people" is another untruth. We are merely opposed to organisations like Stonewall, Mermaids and others being allowed to present pupils with half-truths and fanciful assertions – presented as if they were facts – such as the notion that it is possible to be born in the wrong body.

His complaints about the LGB Alliance are part of a pattern of misrepresentation by LGBT groups which seek to undermine critics of their signature campaign: to promote gender self-ID. It's baffling that this has become the priority of LGBT groups, not least because it would undermine LGB rights.

It's not just LGB people Mr Hopkins is increasingly out of touch with. The gulf between him and the general public is underlined by the fact he has called for single-sex exemptions to be struck from the Equality Act 2010, which would sweep away single-sex wards in hospitals and allow males into girls' changing rooms.

We are confident that our adverts – like our mission – are not hateful or transphobic. Rather, they represent the voices and concerns of many LGB people and much of the wider public.

Rhona Hotchkiss and Malcolm Clark, LGB Alliance Scotland

Waiting for the Brexit bonus

I'M at a loss regarding the hysteria about a Covid over-stretched NHS.

Yes, ICUs are filling up again as Boris Johnson's jingoistic jibber-jabber leaves everyone coping as best they can, but hey – come Friday, won't the NHS be receiving an additional £350 million extra funding per week? My eldest daughter, a midwife, and middle daughter, a doctor, are very much looking forward to it.

Amanda Baker
Edinburgh

7./ Like the brainwashed Maoists so many LGBTQ+ spokespeople now resemble Hopkins also claims we're making up the fact that young lesbians are increasingly harassed and gaslit by male-bodied peeps. Maybe he's too triggered to google "cotton ceiling"? Maybe he just doesn't care.

8./ Hopkins and his ilk claim @ALLIANCELGB are a fringe group. Yet THEY campaign for male rugby players to be able to tackle females on the field and for girls' changing rooms and women's single sex hospital wards to be mixed. You can't get much more fringe than that!

9./ The reason they want @ScotlandLgb silenced is we represent a voice of LGB common sense that respects trans people but doesn't support weird, dangerous policies that undermine gay rights, women and the mental health of kids. For that we won't say sorry and we won't shut up.

10./ Whenever we get the chance to explain to people what we believe and to challenge the madness that people like Hopkins promote we gain more supporters. That's why he and his gang are so worried. That's why they can't debate. They know we represent the mainstream.