

In March of 1989, the National Gay and Lesbian Conference is held in Auckland. There, a group of young people discuss forming a mixed-gender youth group, away from typical meet up spots like bars. Two weeks later, Auckland Lesbian and Gay Youth (ALGY) hold their first

NAME CHANGE

ALGY changes its name to Rainbow Youth and becomes an Incorporated Society. Rainbow Youth runs it's group out of the Youthline



HOME ON K ROAD

Rainbow Youth moves into its own dropin centre at 281 Karangahape Road. The organisation operates out of this space for the next 10 years.

INTO THE REGIONS

Rainbow Youth rebrands to its current logo and becomes 'RainbowYOUTH'. Duncan Matthews becomes the Executive Director after many years volunteering at the organisation. RY launches its firs two peer-support groups outside of Auckland - one in Tauranga and on in Whangārei.



RY GOES VIRAL

Frances Arns takes over the role of Executive Director. RainbowYOUTH opens its first regional drop-in centre and hires its first regional staff member - both based in Tauranga. RY releases the first ever LGBTIQ+ awareness advertisement screened on NZ television - If It's Not Gay, It's Not Gay. The ad goes viral around the world with over

OUR WHAKAPAPA

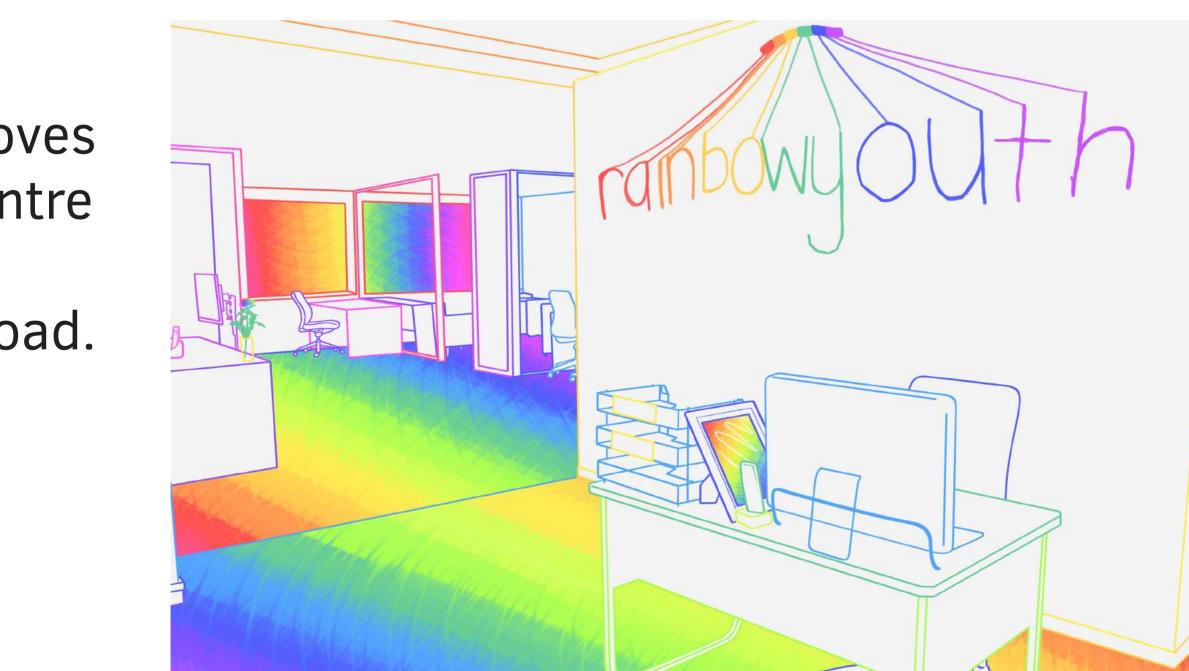
RainbowYOUTH has always been youth-run and youth-led. This is the story of the generations of young people who have contributed to RY's mission of making Aotearoa a place where all rangatahi thrive, regardless of who they love or how they identify.

THE WORK BEGINS



DANCING WITH THE STARS A NEW HOME

RainbowYOUTH moves on 11 Edinburgh Street, just off K Road.

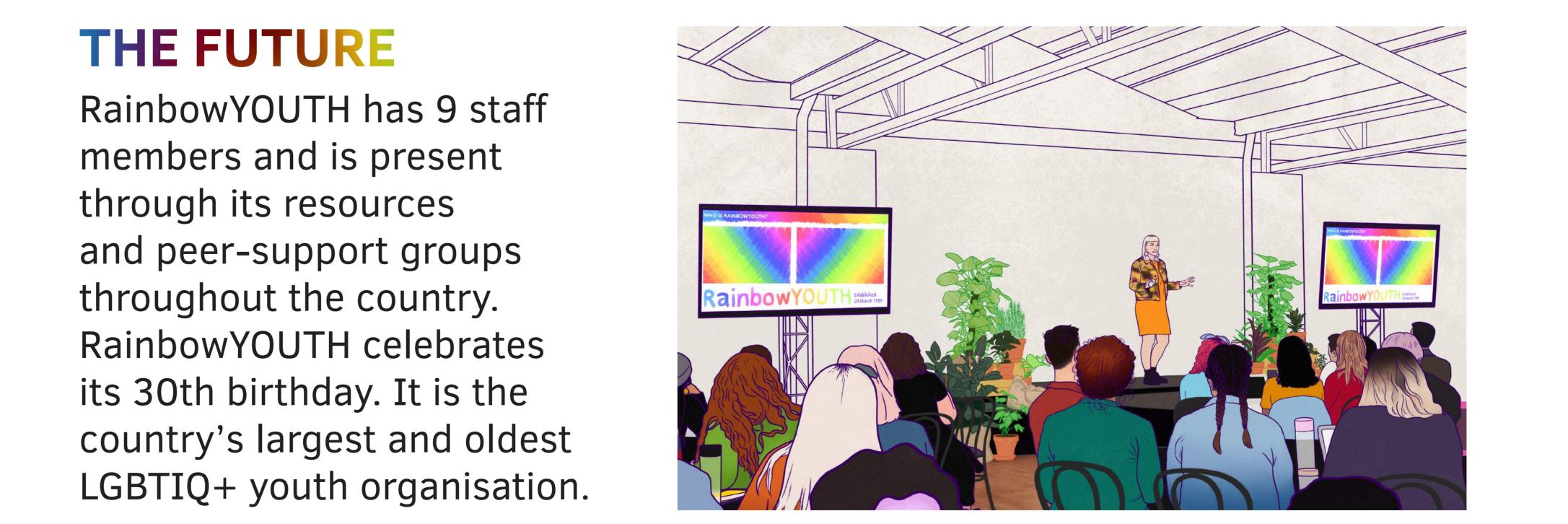


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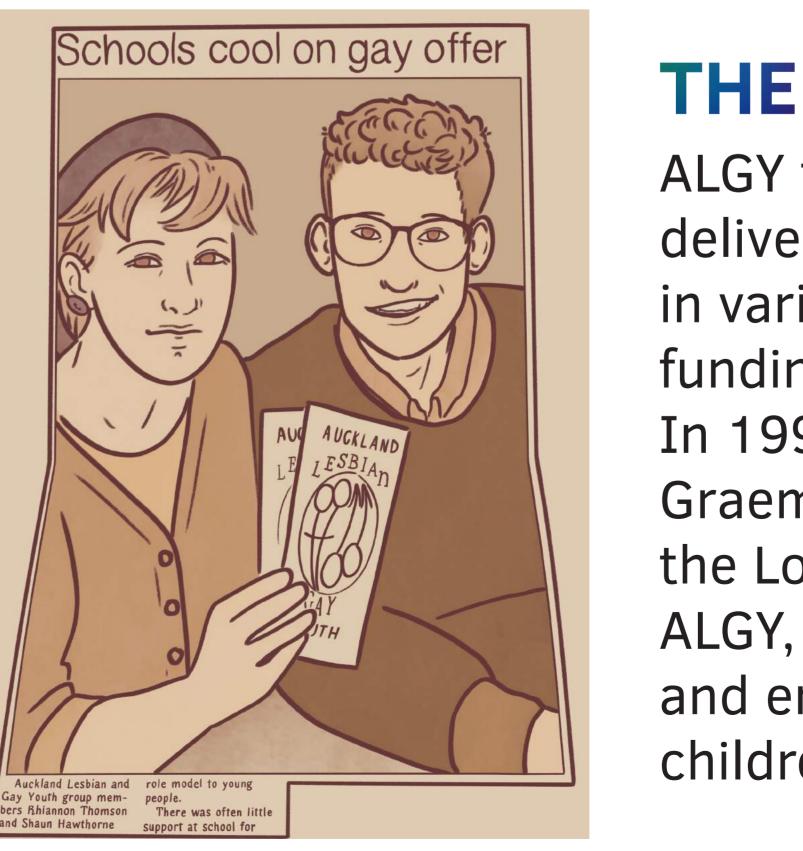
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RainbowYOUTH has 9 staff through its resources and peer-support groups



RainbowYOUTH



GROWING PAINS

In 2001, RY hires it's first Executive

RY partners briefly with the Methodist Church to open an emergency house for rainbow youth in Mt Eden, but RY does not have the infrastructure to run the house and the project is halted.