

## Appeal

# An Appeal for Help

By one of the plaintiffs in the Judicial Review that took place on February 6th, 1996

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The legal fight to have our Birth Certificates corrected to show our proper sex and to give us full civil rights goes on. Following the landmark High Court case of P and G - the case they told us could never be brought - we have two more applicants, a post-op F>M and a pre-op M>F. These cases will be legally aided now P has broken the ice and we will not need your money for them. But we desperately need your donations to meet the costs of getting this far.

You'll remember that government said that a case could never be brought against them and so they refused all legal aid to anyone. In order to break that ban, we had to find an applicant willing to carry out the almost endless work of collecting evidence and making affidavits and then we had to fund her. The volunteer was P - the same person who won the P v S and Cornwall County Council case which will give employment rights to all of us - and it was your donations that paid for the preliminary legal costs. Once the legal aid ban was broken, P was joined by G, which spread the costs. And to keep the costs down, our solicitor and barrister (Madeleine Rees and Rambhi de Mello) didn't charge us for their services for P.

But we have had costs found against us by the Judge and that means we have to find £6,000 in order to keep on fighting. We have learned an immense amount from this first case and we are confident that we are going to win. But we are a small community and perhaps government thinks they will stop us fighting by heaping punitive costs on us. Please help us to show them that they are wrong. We shall never stop fighting until we are treated like every other human being, with equal rights.

Please send us a donation. If you are in full-time employment, please make it a substantial amount - £50.00 at least. Otherwise, please send whatever you can. Make cheques payable to Green & Martin and send them to BCA, 102 Rowheath Road, Cotteridge, Birmingham, B30 2EX