HOME AND HOPE
akt's strategy 2026-2031

Too many LGBTQ+ young people are still being forced to choose between a safe home and being who they are. LGBTQ+ people are twice as likely to experience hidden homelessness than their peers and 1 in 4 young people presenting as homeless are LGBTQ+. In an often hostile and unwelcoming world, akt has never been more needed

OUR VISION

A world where no young person has to choose between a safe home and being who they are

OUR MISSION

To support LGBTQ+ young people aged 16–25 who are homeless; at risk of homelessness or living in a hostile environment to find a safe place to live and thrive

OUR STRATEGIC THEMES

We **support** young people into safe, stable homes

We support young people by:

- Guiding them through crisis to safety and stability, focusing on advocacy to secure housing and the skills and resources to live independently
- Testing ways to increase the impact of our advocacy, including housing legal advice

We help young people **thrive** and prove what works to **prevent** them becoming homeless

We prevent homelessness by:

- Providing opportunities for young people to thrive and succeed as young adults
- Increasing the number of young people who can safely access our support digitally/online
- Testing and learning from new solutions to homelessness (housing and non-housing)
- Sharing what we know and influencing wider homelessness policy and practice

We **listen** and **respond** to what young people need and want and the ways that work for them

We understand young people and their needs by:

- Developing our Youth Voice Project with the young people we support
- Researching and responding to the lived experience of homelessness of other young people

We **collaborate** with others to support young people and spread what works

We work with others to support young people by:

- Developing partnerships that meet their housing and non-housing needs
- Collaborating on testing and learning from new solutions
- Influencing policy and practice change

We are the **cause** people want to support, champion and work/volunteer for

We increase support for our cause by:

- Telling powerful stories about the lives we transform and the difference we can make together
- Building awareness of our mission and commitment to change
- Maintaining akt as a great place to work and volunteer