PARENTHOOD AND THE LGBTQIA+ COMMUNITY
Methodology

**APPROACH**
10 mins online survey, respondents recruited through The Diversity Standards Collective

**FIELDWORK DATES**
May 2022

**SAMPLE**
50 total

- Representation from a broad mix of the LGBTQIA+ Community
- Mix of genders with a female bias
- Mix of ages - primarily 20-39
- Mix of representation from across the UK including multiple sexualities, disabilities and religions
DESIRE FOR PARENTHOOD

1 in 3 surveyed want to become parents in the future and more than 1 in 2 want to see access to adoption highlighted more in the media.

Q - Thinking about parenting and having children, which of the following statements apply to you?

- 62% I don't have children
- 36% I want to have a child / children in the future
- 22% I don't want children
- 12% I currently have a child / children

Q - Regarding the issues that specifically impact you as a member of the LGBTQIA+ community, what stories/issues would you like to see highlighted/debated in the media?

- 56% “Access to adoption”

Source: Celebrating Pride Survey | Base: 50 respondents
THE PATH TO PARENTHOOD

Adoption is the most considered option for becoming a parent.

Q - If you were to have children/more children in the future. Which, if any, of the following ways of becoming a parent would you consider? *% based on respondents who want children

- Adoption: 64%
- Sperm/egg donation: 44%
- Fostering: 33%
- Surrogacy through a friend/close connection: 19%
- Surrogacy through a company: 19%
- Co-parenting: 17%
- Natural conception: 14%

Source: Celebrating Pride Survey | Base: 50 respondents *36 who want children
CHALLENGES FACED TO BECOME PARENTS
Judgement and lack of representation are seen as key challenges

Q - What do you believe are the specific challenges you may/do face as a parent from the LGBTQIA+ community? *% based on respondents who want children

**Judgement...**
- 79% “from heterosexual parents/families”
- 51% “or exclusion from parental spaces”
- 49% “prenatal classes/medical appointments/baby groups”

**Lack of LGBTQIA+ representation in...**
- 69% “prenatal classes/medical appointments/baby groups”
- 54% “parenting literature”
- 56% “media/advertising”

**Gendered terms or stereotyped roles in...**
- 49% “prenatal classes/medical appointments”
- 46% “from heterosexual parents/families”

**Lack of...**
- 54% “Psychological/mental support”
- 51% “support/help from blood relatives”

Source: Celebrating Pride Survey  | Base: 50 respondents *39 who want children