

I wish to lodge a formal complaint against Maya Forstater, who is an anti-trans bigot and has been spreading a lot of lies and misinformation about me. The info centre at Gilwell passed on your contact details.

An example of her abuse towards me can be found in this thread - <https://twitter.com/i/web/status/1135459234978717698>

Her original tweet says:

*“Gregor Murray. Suspended as a local councillor after calling women who disagree with him TERFS and "utter c**ts" now applying terms of abuse to fellow scout leaders and parents who raised safeguarding concerns”*

First of all, I am not a man. Ms Forstater knows this, and deliberately misgendering me, in order to cause harm. This is not upholding Scouting Values. This breaks the third and seventh Scout Law.

Secondly, it is entirely untrue that I have been suspended as a local Councillor. I am, and will remain until the next local elections, a local Councillor. This is untrue. This breaks the first Scout Law.

Thirdly, I have not applied any terms of abuse to any scout leader, or any parent. This is an extreme besmirching of my character. This is an insidious lie, and must be recanted. This breaks the first, third, fourth, and seventh Scout Laws.

Further down the thread, someone asks what it is I have said and a screenshot is shared of one of my tweets in which I ask some questions -

“Deeply concerning hearing that Scouting may have watered down their trans inclusion policies. Doesn't fill me with confidence, or a feeling of safety.

Will @UKScouting / @ScoutsScotland / @flagscouts comment on this? Have we been listening to TERFs rather than trans scouts?”

This was in response to media reports, and claims by Ms Forstater that Scouting had been liaising with a hate group known as ‘Transgender Trend’. I did not cast any aspersions, I was not abusive, I just... asked a question.

I received a response from Matt Hyde, the Chief Executive, who informed me that the Scout Association have not been working with this hate group at all. This means that Ms Forstater is once again lying about things, which is in contravention of the first scout law.

In response to this screenshot from a follower of hers, Ms Forstater responded:

“@AbsMcFabs - its shocking that he calls strengthening the guidance to bring it into line with safeguarding practice and the Equality Act, "watering down" the guidance.”

Once again, she misgenders me, which is a transphobic action, when done

deliberately as it is here. It is also unfair to characterise me asking a question from what I have read in the media in such a way. I was referring, for example, to this story - <https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/scouts-earn-u-turn-badge-after-scrapping-trans-policy-w6rnxbflc>

This was before Gllwell had clarified their position, and I was led to believe that we had watered down our policies. We have all had a clarification and blog post on this matter, and I am happy with the decisions made by HQ (if not how they did it, or how they communicated it). As a member, I should be free to ask these questions without being attacked by one of your members in such a way.

Further to this Twitter exchange, Ms Forstater also started a post on Facebook in a group called the 1st Facebook Scout Group. This was a 'celebration' of her 'victory' I changing the rules, before clarification was issued. I cannot provide evidence of this, as the entire post has been removed either by Facebook, or by the admins of that page. You would have to talk to them for this.

In this post, Ms Forstater became increasingly transphobic, to such an extent that the post was closed to new comments. She spread the same misinformation about myself, and about the Scout Association as she did on Twitter, as well as further personal attacks. I was very upset by these, and did not get a chance to record them before they were removed.

I do not think that she is espousing Scouting Values at all. She has also besmirched the name of the Association by making repeated claims that Scouting is working closely with Transgender Trend - something that Matt Hyde has told me categorically is entirely untrue. This breaks the second Scout Law.

She is continually causing me upset by misgendering me. She is encouraging people to 'pile on' me on Twitter, causing my mental health to suffer further. She is attacking trans individuals which is wholly against our bullying policies, as well as the Scout Law.

She is crusading against trans people and as a trans member, it makes me feel very uncomfortable. I have severe concerns for any trans young person who is left within her care. You will be aware that she has lost her main employment for her transphobia, and I hope that you will give this complaint serious consideration, and ensure that all young people will be fully supported.

Yours,

Gregor (Fisher) Murray
DSNC, Dundee District.