The ManKind Project <u>Position Statement</u> on <u>Reparative Therapy</u>

The ManKind Project adopts the following position statement:

- We affirm that all men are welcome on our trainings and in our communities.
- We create trainings and circles in which all men are welcome to discover the deepest truths. We welcome men of all sexual orientations: gay, straight, and bisexual, including those who identify as having unwanted same sex attraction, to do their own work as they define it, to respect the identity and value of others, and to take responsibility for the impact their words and behaviors on others.
- We support each man in pursuing his path to deeper authenticity. We do not provide therapy nor endorse any particular therapy, including reparative therapy. Any group or organization that states or implies otherwise does so without our permission.
- We do not, and will not, attempt to change a man's sexual orientation.
- We stand firm in support of gay and bisexual men. We support men who believe that homosexuality is a normal part of the spectrum of human sexuality and of mature masculinity.
- We will not tolerate proselytizing for any religion or belief, organizing training staff into groups that exclude others, guiding men's processes in a predetermined direction, or grooming men for the training.
- We will not tolerate discrimination on our trainings or in our communities. We support our training and community leaders in identifying and challenging discriminatory language and behavior.

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