



## G-Force News Update



### **G-Force wins National Lesbian and Gay Federation Award for 6<sup>th</sup> European Gay Police Association Conference.**

G-Force, the Garda LGBT Employee Network, has won the National Lesbian and Gay Federation Award for *Event of the Year 2012* at annual GALA Award ceremony. The award was given for the 6<sup>th</sup> European Gay Police Association Conference which was held in Dublin Castle in June 2012.



G-Force are honoured that the 6th European Gay Police Association Conference was nominated by so many people in the *Event of the Year* category.

We would like to thank everyone who voted for us and we would especially like to thank the NLGF for presenting us with such a wonderful award at the Westin Hotel on Saturday night.

In June 2012 the President of Ireland Michael D. Higgins welcomed over 120 uniformed police officers to Áras an Uachtaráin, as we opened 4 days of events which would see approximately 400 people visit and interact with our 6<sup>th</sup> European Gay Police Association Conference.

The Minister for Justice and Equality Mr. Alan Shatter formally opened the main conference in Dublin Castle, accompanied by the Garda Commissioner and welcomed delegates on behalf of the Irish Government.

The 6<sup>th</sup> European Gay Police Association conference was a pivotal moment for LGBT policing issues in Ireland. It introduced debate on LGBT policing issues across a range of Government departments as well as within the Garda organisation.

This award will hopefully go a long way towards raising the profile of LGBT issues in policing in Ireland, and furthering the goals of G-Force.

The Committee of G-Force would like to take this opportunity to thank the following people who helped make the conference a success; GLEN (the Gay and Lesbian Equality Network), the Equality Authority, the four Garda Staff Associations, An Garda Síochána, Bord Fáilte, Atlantic Philanthropies and the Community Foundation for Ireland.

We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all of the LGBT individuals and organizations who were nominated and who received awards on Saturday night. Well done!

G-Force Committee