Paul [Johnson]

Yes. Still alive. And thanks for your kind remarks.

I am proud that my case was a European first. It was thirty years ago next month and of course pre-dated David Norris's. He is still a possible Presidential candidate despite his fall from grace.

I have been invited to address ILGA's annual conference in Turin at the end of October as a consequence. Its theme is 'Traditional Values and Human Rights'. As I have become more traditional in the years since it is quite apposite. I attach my standard speech to the local university law school. (My opposition to doing politics through human rights has led me to becoming, at times, less than popular locally.)

Before your book is set in stone, I'll send you some other original material/article on my case and guide you to NIGRA's archive in PRONI.

My regret, a matter over which I changed lawyers mid-stream and clashed with the Strasbourg bureaucracy, was not breaking into Article 14 and discrimination. That was to come later but I was then, as ever, the radical.

My initial barrister Kevin Boyle who suggested the whole enterprise sadly died a few months ago.

Perhaps you have been able to get into the earlier German cases which were thrown out partly by use of imperial and Nazi sociology. I tried but was defeated by language. I think they all involved minors as well.

Use any photographs if you need some from my website.

Look forward to receiving book and any pertinent articles

Best wishes

Jeff