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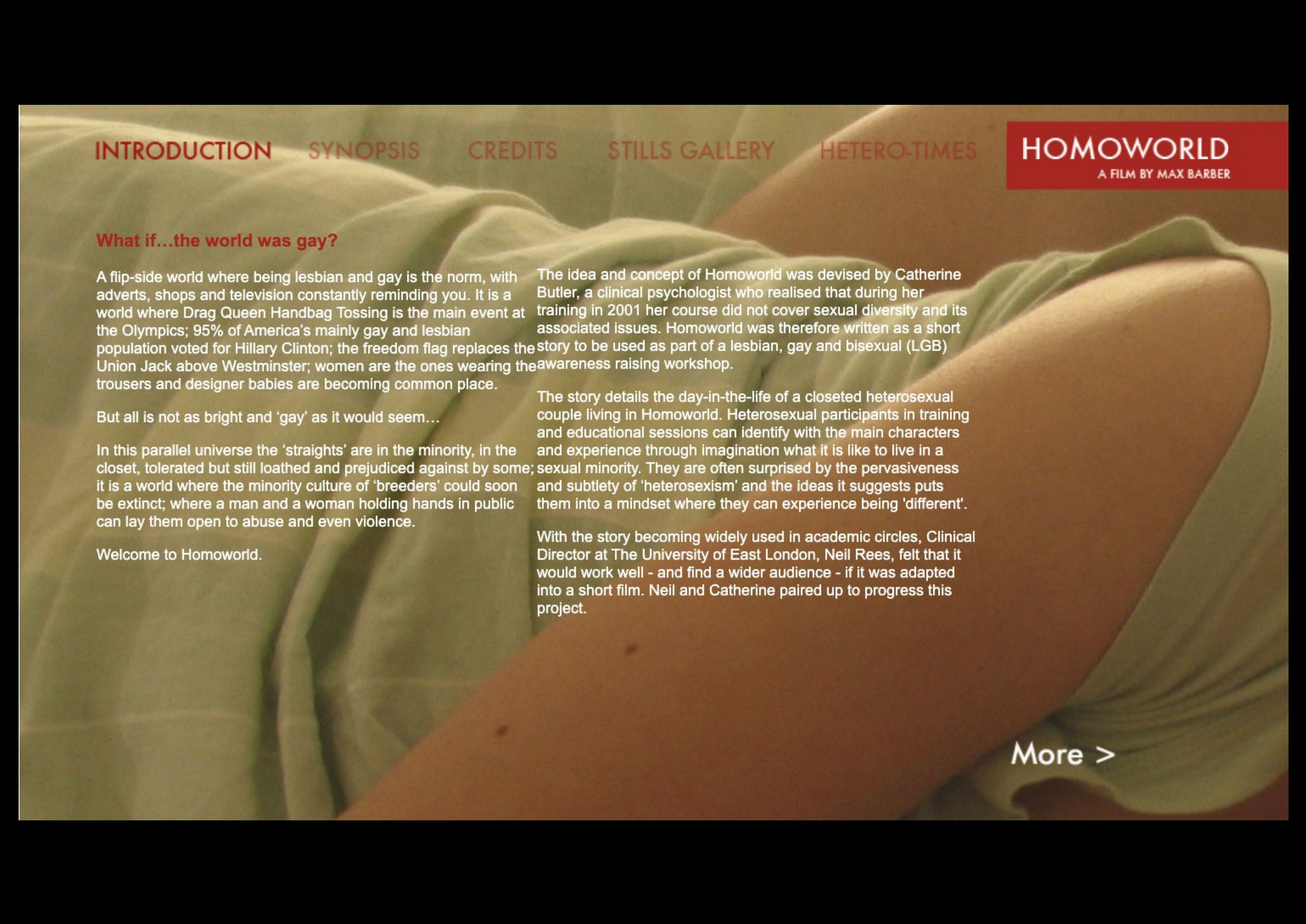


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HOMOWORLD

A FILM BY MAX BARBER
DEvised AND CONCEIVED BY CATHERINE BUTLER

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What if...the world was gay?

A flip-side world where being lesbian and gay is the norm, with adverts, shops and television constantly reminding you. It is a world where Drag Queen Handbag Tossing is the main event at the Olympics; 95% of America's mainly gay and lesbian population voted for Hillary Clinton; the freedom flag replaces the Union Jack above Westminster; women are the ones wearing the trousers and designer babies are becoming common place.

But all is not as bright and 'gay' as it would seem...

In this parallel universe the 'straights' are in the minority, in the closet, tolerated but still loathed and prejudiced against by some; it is a world where the minority culture of 'breeders' could soon be extinct; where a man and a woman holding hands in public can lay them open to abuse and even violence.

Welcome to Homoworld.

The idea and concept of Homoworld was devised by Catherine Butler, a clinical psychologist who realised that during her training in 2001 her course did not cover sexual diversity and its associated issues. Homoworld was therefore written as a short story to be used as part of a lesbian, gay and bisexual (LGB) awareness raising workshop.

The story details the day-in-the-life of a closeted heterosexual couple living in Homoworld. Heterosexual participants in training and educational sessions can identify with the main characters and experience through imagination what it is like to live in a sexual minority. They are often surprised by the pervasiveness and subtlety of 'heterosexism' and the ideas it suggests puts them into a mindset where they can experience being 'different'.

With the story becoming widely used in academic circles, Clinical Director at The University of East London, Neil Rees, felt that it would work well - and find a wider audience - if it was adapted into a short film. Neil and Catherine paired up to progress this project.

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A 'closeted' couple's relationship looks doomed unless their differences can be resolved: one wants to come 'out' and looks to appeal to the liberal sections of society; the other prefers to remain firmly 'in', fearing prejudice and social stigma.

But Anna and Robert aren't gay. They are straight. In the closet. And living in Homoworld. Struggling in a largely intolerant society where the majority gay and lesbian population can alienate heterosexuals, they decide to move to a more 'tolerant' city to set up home and a family, but even those plans are in jeopardy given the strains of every day life in a flip-side world.

As Anna's final day at work approaches and Robert packs their belongings at home, unresolved issues come to a head between them and Robert's state of mind appears to be reaching a dangerous tipping point.



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Anna - **Lindsey Chapman**
Robert - **Benjamin Green**
Maria - **Ximena Garcia Vera**
Liz - **Rachael Black**
Consultant - **Sara Cole**
Gas Man - **Curtis Enwefah**
Catherine - **Catherine Butler**
Pregnant lesbian - **Shavonne Stevenson**
Pregnant lesbian's partner - **Seja Patel**
Lesbian in clinic - **Kathy McKean**
Lesbian neighbours - **Zoe K.Hunter and Eks**
Straight man on train - **Jens Bezuidenhout**
Lesbians on train - **Monique Malwah and Angela Byrne**
Straight couple - **Amanda O'Donovan and Miles Openshaw**

Written, Produced and Directed by **Max Barber**
Based on a short story by **Catherine Butler**
Executive Producers - **Neil Rees and Catherine Butler**
Co- Producer - **Gary Holding**
Director of Photography / Camera Operator - **Craig Birt**
Production Designer - **Eks Singh**
Costume and Make-up - **Lorenzo Rosi**
Sound - **Jeffrey Daniel Owusu**
Edited by - **Richarch Wolf**
Sound Design - **Tim Harrison**
On-Line Editor and Colourist - **Monica Rubio**
Film Score - **Dmitry Kormann**
Script Consultant - **Simon Harper**
Grip / Lighting - **Adam Moore**
Graphics and Design - **Peter Turnbull**
Web design - **G Design Limited**

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HETERO TIMES

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MET POLICE TO RECRUIT STRAIGHTS

Teaching of heterosexuality fails to pass Lords bill.

“a licence for older men to prey on your girls declares out of touch law lords”

For the second time disgruntled Law Lords has blocked a move by the government to pass the law which would free up schools and educational institutions to have the teaching of heterosexuality as part as its social curriculum. In a close vote where a rebellion was led by Lord Somerville to scupper the government's plans at the last stage have caused outrage amongst heterosexual groups across Britain. The move has been called 'outdated, prejudice and out of touch with a changing country' by London Mayor, Ami Le May who has long been a supporter of straight rights.

In Nottingham there were scenes of anger and dismay from the city's large straight community who felt let down by yet another defeat by the Lords. This is the third year in a row that the bill has hit problems at the last stage due to a small but determined members of the upper house who seem determined to keep their own heterophobia as part of British law. The Sheriff of Nottingham, himself one of the highest 'out' straight people in public

office hit out at the decision: "It beggars belief that in this day and age when so much has changed in terms of law and equality against straight people that there is still a spiteful number of Lords who are out of touch with such an important part of our community." The news will only fuel debate that Law Lords should only be able to serve a minimum term of office in much the way that the United States Senate does.

For two long Law Lords have been handed down their life long privilege which seems out of touch with today's more open and tolerant country. Other members of the straight community had their voices heard with Gary Bushell appearing on This Morning Programme to launch a scathing attack on the chambers of Westminster and the age old institutions that keep them there. Mr Bushell, a life long supporter and campaigner of straight rights challenged the Law Lords to resign: "These silly old buggers have got their heads in the clouds.

Its age old, gentlemen's homosexual institutions that

no longer have a place in modern society. How can we claim to be Europe's most forward thinking country when there are still relics of a by gone age dusting themselves down at the palace of Westminster."

It looks like the bill will have to be overhauled and taken to the European Court of Human Rights for it to be pushed through via the backdoor. It's expected that the case will be put to Judges in Brussels as early as next May in order that the decision be reversed.

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Designer babies on their way

Being able to choose the sex, build, eye and hair colour of babies will soon be a reality from next year. All clinics will be licensed to offer the new treatment after a ruling in the high court. However some straight groups fear that gay couples will deliberately choose not to have straight children which could lead to an overall drop in the percentage of breeders in the UK and the end of a minority culture.



Straight hate crimes on the rise

For the second year in a row violence against heterosexuals has increased according to statistics out today. It shows a 7% rise up on last year. However critics hit out saying that the rise was due to new methods of reporting and logging crime over the regions rather than a rise in hate crime.

Pub brawl leaves straight bar man injured

A fight in Manchester's straight district has left a man with severe facial lacerations needing over twenty stitches. 34 year old Peter Stringfellow was hit in the face with a bottle after getting into an altercation with a customer over a spilt drink. A 29 year old man was arrested and due to appear in Court next Wednesday.

HETEROGAMES

Darts team joins the straight olympics

British darts team will this year be sponsored by Charrington Bass for the 12th straight games to be held in Paris. The ten strong team won four medals in last years events and are tipped to perform even better in this years games.