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## June 2017 Newsletter

### Dates for your diary

MAY

Birmingham Pride: 27-28 May

JUNE

June social: 5 June

Rainbow Network AGM: 23 June

JULY

Pride in Sport: 1 July

July social: 3 July

National Theatre Live — Angels in  
America Part One: 20 July

National Theatre Live — Angels in  
America Part Two: 27 July

[2017 Calendar](#)

Welcome to the June Rainbow Network newsletter!

Our AGM will be taking place on 23 June, and we will be allocating committee roles for 2017/18 as well as going through the results of the recent all-staff LGBTQ survey. All Rainbow Network members are encouraged to complete this survey before it closes at the end of May, as we will be using the results to inform our priorities for the next year.

### Rainbow Network AGM

The Rainbow Network's Annual General Meeting will be taking place in the Learning Centre, room LG13, from **12-2pm on Friday 23 June**. All of our members are warmly invited to attend—if taking the time to attend presents any issues, please contact Sheena Griffiths in HR at [s.a.e.griffiths@bham.ac.uk](mailto:s.a.e.griffiths@bham.ac.uk) who will be able to advise further.)

The AGM will take place for the first hour, and the second hour will be free for networking and asking the committee any questions you have about the network. You are welcome to attend for part of this event if you are not free for the entire time.

Please email [lgbtq@contacts.bham.ac.uk](mailto:lgbtq@contacts.bham.ac.uk) if you are planning to attend so that catering can be arranged.

### Pride in Sport

Birmingham LGBT Centre's annual LGBT sport taster day returns on 1 July with the annual Pride in Sport taster day at Aston University. There will be sports groups from across the Midlands there to encourage LGBT people to try a new sport.

Saturday 1 July, 2pm-4:30pm at Sir Doug Ellis Woodcock Sport Centre, Aston University. This event is free, but [registration](#) is required.

### Committee Meeting Dates

Our next two committee meetings are at 12 noon on:

- Wednesday 7 June (Law 204)
- Wednesday 12 July (Arts G37)

All Rainbow Network members are welcome to come and see what the committee get up to behind the scenes!

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## Opportunities and Events

### Queer Question Time

Birmingham LGBT Centre and Birmingham Repertory Theatre will be collaborating to put on a “Queer Question Time” ahead of the General Election on Thursday 8 June. This will involve representatives of the major political parties answering questions relating to LGBT policies put to them by members of the public.

Tuesday 6 June, 7:30pm at Birmingham Rep. This event is free, but [registration](#) is required.

### BGSO Concert

Birmingham Gay Symphony Orchestra present “Pride Proms 2017”, combining all your 'Last Night Of The Proms' favourites and popular hits from the West End Stage. There will be a retiring collection for the [Russian LGBT Network](#) who are providing essential support and relief to those facing persecution in Chechnya and Russia.

Saturday 10 June 2017, 3pm at St Pauls Church, Birmingham. Further information available [here](#).

## Flag in Focus

Each month we'll be highlighting one of the many LGBTQ community gradient flags. This month it's:



Designed in 2010, this flag originally bore a pair of lips and represented lipstick lesbians (with shades of pink to represent femininity). The version of the flag without the lips has since become popular as a general lesbian pride flag.

Source: [This Lesbian Life](#), Wordpress, 2010

## LGBTQ+ Community

### WATCH

A series of animations to illustrate what it is like to be LGBT in the workplace today in the UK.

### READ

Article by Peter Tatchell about the history of gay liberation in the UK since 1967.

### SIGN

Petition to add the X gender marker to British passports for intersex and non-binary people.

Are you following us on social media? You can keep up to date with the latest campus and LGBTQ+ news and resources via our Facebook and Twitter accounts.



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Thanks to everyone who came to our May social in Bratby Bar!

We will be back in Costa Coffee, University Centre on **Monday 5 June at 5.30pm.**

[Facebook Event](#)

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