



UNIVERSITY OF BIRMINGHAM



# May 2017 Newsletter

## Dates for your diary

### APRIL

Lesbian Visibility Day: 26 April

### MAY

May social: 2 May

Mental Health Awareness Week:

8-12 May

International Day Against

Homophobia, Biphobia,

Intersexphobia, and Transphobia:

17 May

Harvey Milk Day: 22 May

Birmingham Pride: 27-28 May

### JUNE

June social: 5 June

[2017 Calendar](#)

Welcome to the May Rainbow Network newsletter!

There are opportunities for members to get involved over the next few weeks by marching with us in the Birmingham Pride Parade and attending our AGM—full details are included in this newsletter. We will also shortly be launching a survey to find out what our members want from us over the coming year, so watch out for an email with full details!

## Birmingham Pride

Birmingham Pride is taking place on 27 and 28 May 2017, and the Rainbow Network are going to march in the parade this year, taking place at **midday on Saturday 27 May**. There is no upper limit on the number of people who can march with us, and your partners and family members are welcome to join!

The parade will involve walking a set route through the city centre with our brand new Rainbow Network banner. To find our more details or express an interest in marching with us, please contact Tom Syder at [t.m.syder@bham.ac.uk](mailto:t.m.syder@bham.ac.uk).

## Stonewall West Midlands Role Models of the Year

We are delighted to announce that Rainbow Network members Dr Nicola Gale and Dr Nicki Ward have been named West Midlands Role Models of the Year by Stonewall for their Inclusive Curriculum project. This honour was bestowed on 23 March at a special Stonewall Midlands Workplace Equality Index Awards evening at KPMG offices in Leicester.

The full press release is available [here](#).

## Committee Meeting Dates

Our next two committee meetings are at 12 noon on:

- Wednesday 17 May (Law 220)
- Wednesday 7 June (Law 204)

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

Join our mailing list by emailing [lgbtq@contacts.bham.ac.uk](mailto:lgbtq@contacts.bham.ac.uk)



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## Opportunities and Events

### TUC Survey

The TUC has launched a survey into the experiences of LGBT workers to better understand the type of sectors they are in, whether they are out about their sexual orientation and/or trans status, their experiences of discrimination and how they access justice. This survey is open to all workers, whether they are in a trade union or not. The findings will help inform the work of the TUC and ensure they develop the resources and campaigns to address these issues.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/LGBTworker>

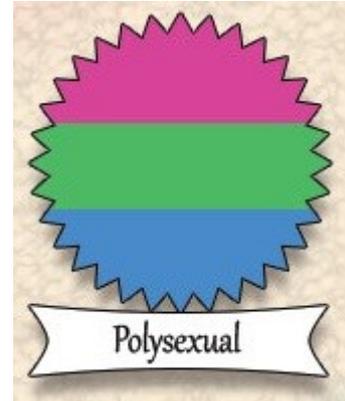
### Rainbow Network AGM

The Rainbow Network's Annual General Meeting will be taking place from **12-2pm on Friday 23rd June**, and 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.)

Further details will follow, but 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.

## Flag in Focus

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



Polysexual people can be attracted to people with particular gender identities, but not necessarily every gender identity. The pink, blue, and green stripes of the flag reflect attraction to feminine, masculine, and non-binary gender identities, respectively.

Source: <http://rationalwiki.org/wiki/Polysexuality>

## LGBTQ+ Community

### WATCH

Trailer for the documentary 'Who's Gonna Love Me Now?' about a gay, HIV positive, Israeli man living in London.

### READ

Article about Gilbert Baker, the late designer of the LGBT rainbow flag.

### SIGN

Petition to the Chechen Republic to stop imprisoning gay men.

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 April social in Costa! Our next social will be a day later than usual because of the May bank holiday.

We will be back in Bratby Bar on **Tuesday 2 May at 5.30pm.**

[Facebook Event](#)

Find out more at:

[intranet.birmingham.ac.uk/rainbownetwork](http://intranet.birmingham.ac.uk/rainbownetwork)

