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## April 2017 Newsletter

### Dates for your diary

MARCH

**International Transgender Day of**

**Visibility:** 31 March

APRIL

**April Social:** 3 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

[2017 Calendar](#)

Welcome to the April Rainbow Network newsletter!

The committee are busy finalising our plans to march in the Birmingham Pride parade for the first time, and we are gearing up for our AGM in June.

There are a number of vacancies on the committee, and all Rainbow Network members are warmly encouraged to express an interest in getting involved—contact Tom Syder at [t.m.syder@bham.ac.uk](mailto:t.m.syder@bham.ac.uk) for more information.

### 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!

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).

### International Trans Day of Visibility

To commemorate International Trans Day of Visibility on 31 March, we will be launching a new webpage containing resources for trans staff, managers of trans staff, and staff with trans family members.

You will be able to access this page [here](#) from 31 March.

### LGBT History Month Heroes

Look back at the University's LGBT History Month Heroes campaign in [this special calendar](#). Thank you to all staff who made a contribution!

### Committee Meeting Dates

Our upcoming committee meetings are at 12 noon on:

- Wednesday 5 April (Nuffield G07)
- Wednesday 17 May (Law 220)

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

## 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.

## Cakes and Ladders

Cakes and Ladders is a new board game café hosted by Birmingham LGBT Centre, open Wednesday to Sunday.

Further information available at their [website](#).

## Making Space

Making Space is an exhibition for International Women's Day at the University of Birmingham, featuring women who have made contributions to the University. It is in the rotunda of the Aston Webb Building.

Further information available on the [website](#).

# Flag in Focus

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



Neutrois is a neutral gender identity, similar to agender but neutrois are more likely to experience gender dysphoria and want to alter their physical appearance to appear more neutral.

The white stripe represents neutrality, while the black stripe represents agender identities. The green stripe represents third gender and non-binary identities.

Source: [nonbinary.org](http://nonbinary.org), 2017

# LGBTQ+ Community

## WATCH

'What more is there to say about LGBTQ issues?' - TEDxBrum talk by Suriya Aisha from Unmuted.

## READ

50 years since the decriminalisation of homosexuality... 1967-2017 (Birmingham Pride)

## SIGN

Petition to the UK Home Office to grant asylum to LGBT people from Afghanistan.

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 March social in Bratby Bar. Our next social will be back in Costa Coffee, University Centre on **Monday 3 April at 5.30pm**.

[Facebook Event](#)

Find out more at:

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

