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April 2019 Newsletter

Note from the Chair

Hello and thank you for reading our April newsletter. LGBT History Month is complete for 2019, and it was a roaring success thanks to the contributions of our members, students, and allies across the University. Thank you to all who participated, be it organising an event, attending an event, or proudly displaying a rainbow flag on your office door.

Now we look ahead to Birmingham Pride in May. We will be marching in the parade as always, and members of both the Rainbow Network and LGBTQ Ally Network are warmly invited to march with us. +1s and under 16s are also very welcome – get in touch at lgbtq@contacts.bham.ac.uk to register.

LGBT History Month review

2019 saw the biggest and most ambitious LGBT History Month on the University campus so far thanks to the ever increasing number of people wanting to be involved and organise events.

Members of the Rainbow Network contributed to several of the events; including the launch event with Stephen McAuliffe; a Birmingham Professional presentation introducing MDS staff to LGBT identities, a panel discussion on LGBT and faith identities, and a joint conference with University Hospitals Birmingham.

A special mention must also go to the Cadbury Research Library and Library Services for their social media campaigns to promote the month – look back on them at <https://twitter.com/CadburyRL> and <https://twitter.com/UoBLibServices!>

Dates for your diary

APRIL

Thursday 4th April, 5.30pm
Rainbow Network Social
Costa, University Centre

Monday 15th April, 12pm
Committee meeting
Arts 237

Thursday 25th April, 12.30pm
Staff Network Coffee
Bramall Mezzanine

Friday 26th April
Lesbian Visibility Day

MAY

LGBT Pride Month

Thursday 2nd May, 5.30pm
Rainbow Network Social
Bratby Bar

A full listing of this year's events
can be found on our [2019 Calendar](#)

Find out more: intranet.birmingham.ac.uk/rainbownetwork
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LGBT+ research conference

'I want to be me: contextualizing self-identities'

Friday 17th May 2019, 10am-4pm

University of Manchester

The aim of this UCU conference is to explore how LGBT+ people have experienced and/or are experiencing actions and discourse around their self-identities. This may include gender and sexual identity, intersectionality, desire, relationships, experiences across the lifespan, politics and solidarity.

This conference is open to all, not only UCU members, and is free to attend.

[Full information.](#)

UoB Women's Network

The University of Birmingham Women's Network provides a forum to support women in the workplace. It is a positive space with a focus on promoting initiatives to celebrate and encourage women's representation, achievements, and progression.

The Network is open to any members of staff who share the aims of the Network.

The network seeks to take an intersectional approach to challenging gender inequality, promoting and celebrating diversity, and supporting and empowering women in the workplace. [Sign up to the newsletter.](#)

Inclusive work places

Dr Juliet Kele, Research Fellow at UoB's Centre for Responsible Business, has written a [blog](#) about the five things businesses can do to make the workplace more inclusive as part of LGBT History Month.

Hosted on the Business Schools digital pages, the article talks about the importance of honest assessments of where an organisation is, evaluating training and aligning diversity and inclusion initiatives.

Rupaul's Drag Race in Bham!

Rupaul's Drag Race: Werq the World Tour is coming to Birmingham's Symphony Hall on Friday 3rd May.

This is an all new production for 2019. Mission leader Michelle Visage takes voyagers on a journey to save the universe with the help of intergalactic queens including Aquaria, Kameron Michaels, Asa O'Hara, Kim Chi, Naomi Smalls, Monet X Change and Violet Chachki.

[Tickets are available.](#)

How much do you know about LGBT History?

A new [BBC film](#) on Youtube explores LGBT history in the UK.

In it, LGBT Correspondent Ben Hunte asks members of the public about members of the LGBT community who have made a contribution to LGBT history, showing the gaps in general knowledge.

It's a great reminder of how far knowledge of the wider LGBT community has come, but also how far there still is to go.

April Network Social

April's Rainbow Network social will be taking place on Thursday **4th April** at 5:30pm in Costa, University Centre.

Come and join us for a catch up. Facebook event [here](#). Look out for our lovely mascot, "Bow" - the teddy bear, if you're not sure which table we're at!



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