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## February 2017 Newsletter

### Dates for your diary

#### FEBRUARY

LGBT History Month

February Social: 6 Feb

LGBT Asylum Seekers talk: 7 Feb

Asexuality talk: 15 Feb

Barber LGBT Gallery Tour: 16 Feb

Trans law talk: 23 Feb

Francis Bacon talk: 27 Feb

Noel Coward talk and film screening:  
28 Feb

#### MARCH

World Book Day: 2 March

March Social: 6 March

International Women's Day: 8 March

#### APRIL

April Social—Cake and Quiz: 3 April

Welcome to the February Rainbow Network newsletter! This is a special bumper edition to commemorate LGBT History Month 2017. The Network have been collaborating with the University and the Guild of Students to organise an exciting programme of events, and we hope you will join us at some of these events throughout the month! The full programme of events is available at [www.birmingham.ac.uk/lgbt2017](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/lgbt2017), and you can register for our LGBT Asylum Seekers talks [here](#). Other invitations that have been extended to the Rainbow Network are detailed overleaf.

### Stonewall Top 100 Employers 2017

We are delighted that the University has once again made its way into Stonewall's [Top 100 Employers](#), and this year the Rainbow Network has been Highly Commended.

Thank you to all of our members who completed the Stonewall survey—your views do count! We are always looking to improve the experience of LGBT staff at the University—get in touch with feedback at any time at [lgbtq@contacts.bham.ac.uk](mailto:lgbtq@contacts.bham.ac.uk)

Full details are available on [the intranet](#).

The full rankings are available on the [Stonewall website](#).

### World Book Day

Show your support for World Book Day (2 March 2017) by joining the Rainbow Network's social media campaign!

We're looking for books to feature in the week leading up to World Book Day. We'll be taking the opportunity to focus on LGBTQ authors and works, so whether you're thinking classic or contemporary, if there's a book that you think everyone must add to their collection, now's the time to speak up!

Submit your suggestions to [lgbtq@contacts.bham.ac.uk](mailto:lgbtq@contacts.bham.ac.uk) by Friday 24 February for a chance to be featured on our social media channels!

### Committee Meeting Dates

Our next two committee meetings are at 12 noon on:

- Wednesday 15 February (Law 220)
- Wednesday 15 March (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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# LGBT History Month

## Pink Sou'Westers Queer Quiz

Expand or show off your knowledge of all things LGBT in this original quiz covering popular entertainment, music, art/literature/culture, sport, geography, politics/society and 'local'. With a visual element and questions to cover all interests, everyone will know something, and everyone will learn something. Come on your own and we will find you team-mates, or come as a group, teams up to 5 people.

Wednesday 22 February, 7pm at the Penthouse Suite, Bromsgrove Street, Birmingham, B5 6RG. [Email](#) for information. £4 entry (or £2 low income).

[Facebook event](#)

## Noel Coward: The Italian Job

Watch the classic British film *The Italian Job* starring Michael Caine, Noël Coward, Benny Hill and John Le Mesurier. Finish LGBT History Month in style by exploring Noël Coward's role in the film through archive material and a short introductory talk by Jessica Clark, Noël Coward Project Archivist, at the [Cadbury Research Library](#).

Tuesday 28 February, 5:30-8pm at the Cadbury Research Library Chamberlain Seminar Room. [Email](#) to register.

## University of Wolverhampton

### Global Struggle for LGBT Rights

In association with the Black Staff Network as part of One World Film Festival.

Peter Tatchell will be visiting to talk about the global struggle for LGBT Rights, followed by a screening of an acclaimed documentary about the work of David Kato and his fellow Uganda LGBT activists in the face of growing government persecution.

Thursday 2 February, 5:30pm at the Arena Theatre, Wolverhampton. Book [here](#).

### The PRIDE

School of Performing Arts drama students perform a condensed version of Alexi Kaye Campbell's award-winning play.

The parallel storyline switches between the 1950's and today's London, with characters' contrasting destinies highlighting society's progression in terms of gay rights and equality.

Following the performance, there will be a Q&A with Alexi Kaye Campbell.

Wednesday 8 February, 5pm at the Arena Theatre, Wolverhampton. Book [here](#).

# International Women's Day

International Women's Day (IWD), with its core message of gender parity, change, empowerment and the belief that everyone can be a leader, celebrates the achievements of women each year on 8 March. Find out more about this year's IWD campaign - #BeBoldForChange - at <https://www.internationalwomensday.com/>

## Encounters with Harriet Martineau

A [Cadbury Research Library](#) event for IWD. Harriet Martineau was a writer and campaigner in the nineteenth century who became famous in London for writing about fair economics, and after visiting America became an outspoken voice against slavery. Stuart Hobday (Martineau's biographer) will look at the personal side of her life and her influence on other Victorian luminaries.

Wednesday 8 March, 1-2pm. Full details [here](#).

## Rainbow Network campaign

The Rainbow Network committee is asking colleagues to join us in marking IWD by sharing who their LGBTQ+ role model is and why; the only criteria is that this role model must identify as a woman. It could be somebody whose bold and courageous actions have blazed a trail for others, or somebody who was themselves, unassumingly, in the face of a society or person who told them they were wrong.

Submit your suggestions to [lgbtq@contacts.bham.ac.uk](mailto:lgbtq@contacts.bham.ac.uk) by Friday 3 March for a chance to be featured on our social media channels!

## Opportunities and Events

### Birmingham Bulls Taster Session

The Guild of Students have been working with [Birmingham Bulls RFC](#), part of the Pride in Sport campaign, to set up a taster training session (non-contact) on 2 February.

This will be run by Tom Huggins, the 3rd team rugby coach at UoB, as well as the coaches from Birmingham Bulls RFC, and will only be open to LGBTQ students and staff from UoB. The rest of the club will meet participants at Eden Bar for a social event afterwards.

Visit the [Facebook event](#) or contact [Fran Nash](#) for full details.

### Safeguarding Training

The Equality Act 2010 legislates against people being treated unfairly due to 'protected characteristics'. The case study for this session will focus upon the circumstances of a person with dual protected characteristics, Disability and Sexual Orientation, and explore the broad range of safeguarding issues affecting them. This session will look at supporting LGBT individuals in the safeguarding process and also provide a networking opportunity.

Wednesday 29 March, 2-4pm at Auditorium, Woodcock Street, Aston, B4 7BL. Book [here](#) (registration required).

## Flag in Focus

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



The rainbow flag is the most well known of the various LGBT flags, and it was designed by gay activist Gilbert Baker in 1978. Originally it consisted of eight stripes, with each colour having a particular meaning, but over time it has evolved to the familiar six stripe pattern shown above,

Source: [Carnegie Mellon University](#)

## LGBTQ+ Community

### WATCH

Engaging the 'L' in LGBT—panel discussion hosted by Vodafone.

### READ

Review of the national launch event for LGBT History Month 2017.

### LISTEN

LGBT+ at work—podcast from CIPD about LGBT issues in the workplace.

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 January social in Bratby Bar. Our next social will be downstairs in Costa Coffee, University Centre on:

**Monday 6th February at 5.30pm.**

[Facebook Event](#)

