

January 2017 Newsletter

Dates for your diary

JANUARY

January Social: 9th Jan

Holocaust Remembrance Day: 27th
Jan

FEBRUARY

LGBT History Month

February Social: 6th Feb

LGBT Asylum Seekers talk: 8th Feb

Asexuality talk: 15th Feb

Barber LGBT Gallery Tour: 16th Feb

Trans law talk: 23rd Feb

Francis Bacon talk: 27th Feb

Noel Coward talk and film screening:
28th Feb

Happy New Year, and welcome to the January Rainbow Network newsletter! The Network have been collaborating with the University and the Guild of Students to organise an exciting programme of events for LGBT History Month, and we hope you will join us at some of these events in a few weeks time! The full programme of events will be published shortly at:

www.birmingham.ac.uk/lgbt2017

Volunteers Needed

The committee are looking for volunteers from the network to take on the following roles:

- **Secretary**—Committee member who takes minutes at committee meetings, works with the Chair to prepare the agenda, and deals with any small administrative tasks that arise between meetings.
- **Welfare Officer**—Committee member who acts as the first point of contact for any staff member who is experiencing workplace issues relating to being LGBTQ.
- **Third Party Reporters**—Volunteers who work with the campus police officer to support victims of hate crimes to report these crimes, or to report them on the victim's behalf.

Please contact [Phillippa Treharne-Jones](mailto:Phillippa.Treharne-Jones) for more information about these roles or to express an interest.

Committee Meeting Dates

Our next two committee meetings are at 12 noon on:

- Wednesday 18th January
- Wednesday 15th February

These will take place in the Police Office in University Centre. 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

Staff Disability Survey

UoB staff with a disability, accessibility requirement or mental health issue are invited to take part in a short, confidential survey about the relaunched Staff Disability Group. There will be a prize draw of a £25 Amazon voucher for participants.

[Staff Disability survey](#)

This survey will close on **27th January 2017**.



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Opportunities

Rainbow Voices New Members Evening

Rainbow Voices choir are looking for new members! LGBT people and allies with an interest in singing are invited to a new members evening to meet the choir and have a go at joining in with the rehearsal—new members are encouraged to join regardless of their previous musical and singing experience.

Tuesday 10th January, 8-10pm in Music Room 1 of the mac, Cannon Hill Park.

World Book Day

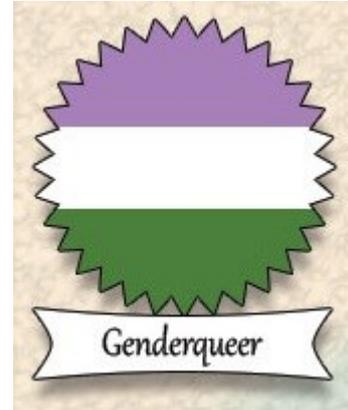
Show your support for World Book Day (2 March 2017) by joining the Rainbow Network's social media campaign!

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 by Friday 10 February for a chance to be featured on our social media accounts. Look out for #WorldBookDayLGBT on March 2nd.

Flag in Focus

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



Genderqueer people either identify or express their gender outside the gender binary—the term is similar but distinct from nonbinary.

The lavender stripe represents androgyny, as a mixture of pink and blue. Its inverse, the green stripe, represents third gender and nonbinary identities, while the neutral white stripe represents the agender identity.

Source: nonbinary.org, 2016

LGBTQ+ Community

WATCH

'A queer vision of love and marriage' - TED talk by married activists Tiq and Kim Katrin Milan.

READ

Old Joe turns red for World AIDS Day.

SIGN

A petition to ask the Mayor of London to support the creation of a UK HIV/AIDS memorial.

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 December social in Costa. Our next social will be in Bratby Bar on **Monday 9th January at 5.30pm**. Look out for the Rainbow Flag!

[Facebook Event](#)

