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## January 2018 Newsletter

### Note from the Chair

Happy New Year to all of our members, allies, and supporters! I hope you had an enjoyable break, and are now feeling prepared for the challenges and opportunities that 2018 is sure to bring.

The Rainbow Network committee have been working hard to support the University's LGBT History Month preparations, and we are excited to bring you a variety of events in the 2018 theme of Geography. Look out for further details over the coming weeks.

I'm also pleased to inform you that following our survey last year, we are trialling holding some of our socials at lunchtime. The first of these will be Tuesday 6 February in the Noble Room on the second floor of Staff House (R24 on the [campus map](#)). Come and join us at 12pm if you're free!

**'We often find it necessary to keep our homosexuality quiet'**

Don't miss your **last chance** to visit the exhibition of documentary photography presenting the history of the Gay Liberation Front in Birmingham in the 1970s. Ian Sanderson's exhibition, which is entitled '[We Often Find It Necessary To Keep Our Homosexuality Quiet](#)', is taking place as part of the SHOUT festival and constitutes a truly powerful snapshot into the queer history of Birmingham.

Date: Sat 4 November 2017—**Sat 6 January 2018**

Time: 9:00am—9:00pm

Location: Peoples Postcode Lottery Community Gallery, MAC Birmingham, B12 9QH

### Dates for your diary

#### JANUARY

**Tuesday 9th January, 5:30pm**  
**January Network Social, Bratby Bar**  
**(University Centre)**

**Wednesday 10th January**  
**Midday Committee Meeting**  
**Law 204**

**27th January**  
**Holocaust Remembrance Day**

#### FEBRUARY

**(LGBT History Month)**

A full listing of this year's events can be found on our [2018 Calendar](#)

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## “Call me by your name” Film Review

“Call me by your name” is an independent 2017 film, set in Italy and centred on a same-sex romance that develops between a Professor’s son and an American student who stays with the family over the summer of 1983. Although they appear initially to have little in common, the friendship that they develop gradually turns into something more.

With a beautiful soundtrack consisting largely of solo piano music, the film is as thought-provoking as it is visually attractive, with the idyllic Italian countryside providing the perfect setting for the story (which is based on a 2007 novel by André Aciman). The cast ably perform this emotional tale which chronicles the whirlwind summer romance and the effect that it has on the characters. It is a must-see for lovers of LGBT cinema!

## Rainbow Voices New Members Event

[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.

Date: Tuesday **9 January** 2018

Time: 8:00pm — 10:00pm

Location: Friends Meeting

House, St James Road, Edgbaston, B15 1JP



## British Academy Survey: Experiences of LGBT+ at work

The British Academy has funded a survey which aims to understand the working lives of LGBT+ people and especially the psychological elements of LGBT+ identity and experiences at work.

The survey takes approximately 15-20 minutes to complete and will be used for the purposes of research and education. You will also be given the opportunity to enter a prize draw to win a £50 love2shop voucher. Take the survey [here](#).

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## Stonewall Rainbow Laces Campaign

24 November—3 December was Rainbow Laces Week. National teams, athletes and fans across all sports came out in support of LGBT people by wearing rainbow laces. The ultimate aim of the campaign is to ‘Make sport everyone’s game’. Read Ruth Hunt’s (Stonewall CEO) blog post about why this is an important and brave act [here](#) and join the Rainbow Laces Movement [here](#).



## oSTEM Speaker Event Request for Volunteers

[oSTEM](#) (out in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) Birmingham is a student organisation that aims to support LGBTQ students studying STEM subjects at the University. They host termly speaker events where professionals give talks on their work and their experiences of being LGBTQ.

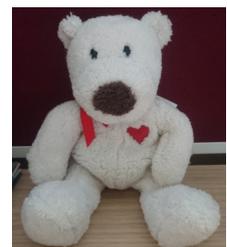


oSTEM are now looking for volunteer speakers for their next event. If you would be interested in participating please contact [ostem@guild.bham.ac.uk](mailto:ostem@guild.bham.ac.uk).

## Next Rainbow Network Social

January’s Rainbow Network social will be taking place on Tuesday **9th January** at 5:30pm in Bratby Bar. 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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