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## July 2018 Newsletter

### Note from the Chair

Hello, and welcome to our July newsletter. With the end of the academic year approaching, I hope everybody is ready to relax over the summer and enjoy your holidays or any other plans you may have.

The Rainbow Network will be slightly quieter during this time, but we will continue to have our monthly socials, and the committee will be hard at work going through the results of our recent survey.

We will be celebrating the end of the academic year with a Summer Meal at the Loft on the evening of 25th July – email [lgbtq@contacts.bham.ac.uk](mailto:lgbtq@contacts.bham.ac.uk) to register your interest.

### Stonewall Regional Awards

The Rainbow Network committee were delighted to accept the award for West Midlands Network Group of the Year at the Stonewall regional awards ceremony on Thursday 31 May.



Thanks from the committee to everybody who has been involved with the Rainbow Network over the last year – this award is testament to your dedication and enthusiasm.

### Dates for your diary

#### JULY

**Tuesday 3rd July, 5:30pm**  
**July Network Social, Bratby Bar**  
**University Centre**

**Tuesday 24th July**  
**Midday Committee Meeting**  
**Watson Building 240**

**Wednesday 25th July, 6:00pm**  
**Network Summer Meal**  
**The Loft**

**Saturday 28th July, 9:30am**  
**South Asian LGBTI Conference**  
**Queen Elizabeth Hospital**

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

Find out more: [intranet.birmingham.ac.uk/rainbownetwork](http://intranet.birmingham.ac.uk/rainbownetwork)  
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## The New Rainbow Network Committee

The Network Annual General Meeting, which was introduced by the Pro-Vice-Chancellor (International), Professor Robin Mason, was held on 28th June 2018. At the meeting, the Committee presented the work carried out by the Network during the past academic year and the new Network Committee was elected as follows:

**Chair:** Tom Syder, **Secretary:** Ellie Mestel, **Communications Officer:** Alex Phokas, **Social Media Officer:** Kate Stewart

Any Network member is welcome to fill one of the vacant roles (Events Organiser, Outreach and Engagement Officer and Allies Champion) or join as a general committee member. If you would be interested in joining, please email [lgbtq@contacts.bham.ac.uk](mailto:lgbtq@contacts.bham.ac.uk).

## How to build a successful employee network

'Embrace', Santander UK's LGBT+ network, is one of the bank's fastest-growing employee networks. In just under a year the network has grown from 400 to more than 2500 members and allies in the UK. Recently, the [mygwork](#) team paid a visit to 'Embrace' to talk about how to build a successful employee network. Among the successful initiatives of the Network were the introduction of rainbow lanyards for LGBT+ colleagues and allies as well as having visible role models. Read more about the network's achievements [here](#).

## Rainbow Network Summer Meal

The Rainbow Network will be celebrating the end of the academic year with a Summer Meal at the Loft on the evening of 25<sup>th</sup> July. Please email [lgbtq@contacts.bham.ac.uk](mailto:lgbtq@contacts.bham.ac.uk) to register for the event. +1s are welcome.

Date: Wednesday **25 July** 2018

Time: 6:00pm

Location: The Loft, 143 Bromsgrove St, Birmingham B5 6RG

## South Asian LGBTI Conference

British Asian LGBTI and Finding A Voice have organised the first ever South Asian LGBTI Conference at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Birmingham. A range of speakers will take part in the conference, including the first openly gay Prince in India, a charity tackling religious homophobia and a range of speakers who have a passion about highlighting issues which affect the South Asians LGBTQI+ Diaspora. The event is open to South Asians, LGBTQI+ and Allies (those who do not identify as LGBTQI+ but support those who are). Find out more and register for the event [here](#).

Date: Saturday **28 July** 2018

Time: 9:30am – 17:30pm

Location: Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Mindelsohn Way Edgbaston, Birmingham B15 2GW

## Rainbow Voices Summer Concert

[Rainbow Voices](#) summer concert will be taking place this July, featuring a variety of music, from an epic pop tune ("Viva la Vida" by Coldplay) to a medley of classical masterpieces ("Solfege Symphony"). Tickets for the concert can be found [here](#). Advance tickets are only £8 so get in quick to take advantage!

Date: Saturday **21 July** 2018

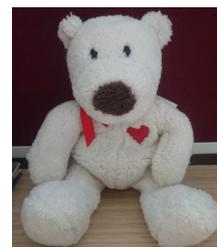
Time: 7:00pm

Location: St Barnabas Church Centre, High Street, Erdington, Birmingham B23 6SY

## Next Rainbow Network Social

July's Rainbow Network social will be taking place on Tuesday **3rd July** 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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