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June 2018 Newsletter

Note from the Chair

Hello, and thank you for reading our June newsletter. We were enthused to see over twice as many people marching with the Rainbow Network in Birmingham Pride Parade as last year, and I would like to extend my thanks to everybody who took part.

Our next upcoming event is our AGM on 28th June, which we encourage network members to attend to have their say in committee elections and plans for the next year.

The AGM will take place on the 49th anniversary of the Stonewall riots, a significant milestone in the history of LGBT rights and a reminder of why this movement is important and how much we still have to do.

Birmingham Pride Parade

On Saturday 26th May, the Rainbow Network marched in their second Birmingham Pride Parade, this year ably represented by 25 members, partners, friends, and children. The weather held out and a good time was had by all, with some marchers attending the Pride festival afterwards and meeting up with members of Aston University LGBT+ Staff Network.



Dates for your diary

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Wednesday 6th June, 12:00pm
June Network Lunchtime Social,
Noble Room (Staff House)

Monday 11th June
Midday Committee Meeting
Watson Building 240

Tuesday 12th June, 12:30pm
Cross-Network Coffee
Bramall Mezzanine

Thursday 28th June, 12pm
Rainbow Network Annual
General Meeting (AGM)
Nuffield G17

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

Find out more: intranet.birmingham.ac.uk/rainbownetwork
Join our mailing list: lgbtq@contacts.bham.ac.uk



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Rainbow Network Annual General Meeting (AGM)

The Rainbow Network AGM will be taking place at 12pm on Thursday 28th June in room G17 of the Nuffield building. Professor Robin Mason, Pro-Vice-Chancellor (International) and Executive LGBT Champion, will be present to introduce the event. We will be looking for new people to join the committee, both to fill specific named roles and to serve as general committee members. Towards the end of the meeting you will be given the opportunity to raise Any Other Business – it is not mandatory to notify the committee in advance if you are planning to raise anything, but it would help us to plan timings if you are able to let us know beforehand by emailing lgbtq@contacts.bham.ac.uk. Full details for the event, including how to register, can be found [here](#).

Rainbow Network Survey

The Rainbow Network is running another survey for LGBTQ staff and would like to invite network members to take part. The survey should take less than 5 minutes to complete and it offers you the opportunity to enter a prize draw to win a £25 Amazon voucher. You can complete the survey anonymously if you wish, and if you do choose to leave contact details (e.g. to enter the prize draw) then these will not be connected to your other responses. You should have already received an email with a link to the survey. The survey will close in a couple of weeks' time.

BIFF: My son is gay

Birmingham Indian Film Festival (BIFF) is showcasing "[My son is gay](#)", which features the story of a South Asian mother and her gay son, tackling the themes of tolerance and acceptance.



Date: Saturday **23 June** 2018
Time: 8:00pm, Duration: 105 minutes
Location: mac Birmingham, Cannon Hill Park, Queen's Ride, Birmingham B12 9QH

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The experiences of trans and gender diverse staff in HE

The University of Strathclyde supported by the Scottish Funding Council (SFC) have undertaken a research project to examine the experiences of applicants, students and staff in Scotland's colleges and universities. The aim of the project was to examine current policy and practice as well as people's personal experiences in order to inform institutional policy. Researchers looked at current practice in institutions, undertook documentary analysis, and surveyed 157 applicants, students and staff, with participants from every university and the majority of colleges in Scotland. Unfortunately, poor experiences were frequently documented by people identifying as trans, non-binary or gender diverse. Find out what the results of the study demonstrated [here](#).

Celebrating 10 years of Birmingham Gay Symphony Orchestra

The Birmingham Gay Symphony Orchestra (BGSO) is celebrating ten years of music and memories in a special concert with the very best music from its past. We'll hear mighty film scores and symphonic sonorities, the brilliance of ballet and the pomp and circumstance of pride. Find out more information [here](#).

Date: Saturday **16 June** 2018
Time: 3:00pm (Doors open at 2:00pm)
Location: Royal Birmingham Conservatoire, Concert Hall, B4 7XR

Next Rainbow Network Social

In an attempt to be more inclusive of people who find it difficult to attend after-work socials, June's Rainbow Network social will be taking place on Wednesday **6th June** at **12:00pm** in the Noble Room (Staff House). Facebook event [here](#).

Look out for our lovely mascot if you're not sure which table we're at!



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