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March 2017 Newsletter

Dates for your diary

MARCH

World Book Day: 2 March

March Social: 6 March

International Women's Day: 8 March

LGBT Adoption and Fostering Week:

6-12 March

Transgender Day of Visibility:

31 March

APRIL

April Social: 3 April

Lesbian Visibility Day: 26 April

MAY

May social: 2 May

Mental Health Awareness Week:

8-12 May

[2017 Calendar](#)

Welcome to the March Rainbow Network newsletter! LGBT History Month is nearly over, but there's plenty to look forward to with Birmingham Pride coming up in May and the Rainbow Network's AGM in June. Read on to find out more about our plans for the next few months.

Save the Date—Rainbow Network AGM

The Rainbow Network's Annual General Meeting will be taking place from **12-2pm on Friday 23rd June**, and all of our members are warmly invited to attend. (If taking the time to attend presents any issues, please contact Sheena Griffiths in HR at s.a.e.griffiths@bham.ac.uk who will be able to advise further.)

Further details will follow, but please email lgbtq@contacts.bham.ac.uk if you are planning to attend so that catering can be arranged.

LGBT Adoption and Fostering Week

6-12 March is LGBT Adoption and Fostering Week, and Stonewall have produced guidance about adoption and fostering for LGBT people on their [website](#).

If you would like to join the new University of Birmingham Parents and Carers Network, please contact:

parentsandcarers@bham.ac.uk

Committee Meeting Dates

Our next two committee meetings are at 12 noon on:

- Wednesday 15 March (Arts G37)
- Wednesday 5 April (Nuffield G07)

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

LGBT History Month

LGBT History Month has been a great success, with highlights including talks by Clare Summerskill and Professor Nick Mai, and the Bramall Building lighting up in rainbow colours. #UoBLGBTHM



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Opportunities and Events

Priorities for Intersex People:

Medical and Human Rights aspects

This seminar from Intersex UK will address the medical treatment of Intersex traits, the rights of the child, and best practices for professionals. It will highlight the lived experiences of intersex people. The workshop component will address both best practice and lived experience, providing the opportunity for participants to engage more deeply with the topic.

Tuesday 28 March, 10:30am-3:30pm at Showroom & Workstation, 15 Paternoster Row, Sheffield, S1 2BX. Book [here](#).

BGSO Concert

Birmingham Gay Symphony Orchestra present "A Bohemian Symphony", including performances of Sibelius' Finlandia and Dvořák's Eighth Symphony.

Saturday 18 March 2017, 3pm at St Pauls Church, Birmingham. Further information available [here](#).

Trans United

Birmingham LGBT and Aston Villa Foundation are excited to introduce Trans United, a 6-week course for anyone who identifies as trans and wants to take part in some football coaching, facilitated by three trainers at Villa.

Wednesdays, 5-6pm at Aston Villa Academy Building, Villa Park, Witton Lane, B6 6QE. [Email](#) for more information.

LGBTQ+ Community

WATCH

'Why we need gender-neutral bathrooms' - TED talk by Ivan Coyote.

READ

Interview with transgender filmmaker Steffan Zachiyah.

QUIZ

Birmingham LGBT Centre's Wellbeing Quiz.

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 February social in Costa. Our next social will be in Bratby Bar on **Monday 6th March at 5.30pm**.

[Facebook Event](#)

Flag in Focus

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



Asexual people experience little or no sexual attraction to other people. The flag was designed in 2010 and has become very popular in asexual communities since then.

Source: [Asexuality Archive](#), 2012

