

November 2016 Newsletter

Dates for your diary

NOVEMBER

Stonewall Season: 1st-10th November

November Social: 7th November

SHOUT Festival: 10th-20th November

Brum Bi Fest: 12th November

Trans Day of Remembrance:

20th November

DECEMBER

World Aids Day: 1st December

December Social: 5th December

Winter Meal: 14th December

Welcome to the November Rainbow Network newsletter! This will be sent out on the last Monday of every month. If you have any suggestions for future content, please contact [Tom Syder](#).

All University staff should be able to take time to attend Rainbow Network events – if you are having problems getting permission, please contact [Sheena Griffiths](#). We want the network to be accessible to all of our members!

SHOUT Festival of Queer Arts and Culture

Including live music, cabaret, theatre, comedy, performance, and visual art, SHOUT Festival is back, and bigger and bolder than before! The Festival kicks off on November 10th with the outrageous, and internationally acclaimed *Miss Behave's Gameshow*, a renegade gameshow for the austerity generation. Miss Behave (and her glamorous assistant) bring their smash-hit production for their Midlands premiere.

The festival will close on Trans Day of Remembrance (November 20th) at mac birmingham with the free SHOUT Out Community Day and a memorial to commemorate TDoR. The final performance of the festival will take place that evening with the critically acclaimed *Big Girl's Blouse*. This award winning five-star show explores what being transgender was like in the 1970s. For full listings and to book tickets, visit www.shoutfestival.co.uk.

Winter Meal

The Rainbow Network will be having a Winter meal at the Loft Lounge in Birmingham Gay Village on Wednesday 14th December at 7pm. If you would like to attend, contact [Phillippa Treharne-Jones](#) by 11th November to reserve your place!

[Facebook Event](#)

Stonewall Questionnaire

The University of Birmingham is proud to be listed as one of the Top 100 Employers in the UK for LGBT+ staff. Help us maintain this status by completing the following questionnaire by **Friday 4th November 2016**:

[Complete Staff Feedback Questionnaire](#)

Our unique organisation code is 1672.

UNMUTED

The Rainbow Network were pleased to host a Black History Month event on campus on 20th October with [UNMUTED](#), a community organisation in Birmingham who provide support for LGBTQ people of colour. Founder Suriya Aisha and filmmaker Steffan Zachiyah visited campus to present a series of videos and lead discussions about their messages. The evening was a great success, and we look forward to working with UNMUTED again in the future.

L-R: Phillippa Treharne-Jones, Steffan Zachiyah, Suriya Aisha, Kate Nichols



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Opportunities

Birmingham LGBTQ+ Casual Ballroom, Latin and European Social Dancing

Each session offers the chance to learn a new routine and time to practice European Tango, English and French Waltz, European Foxtrot, Cha Cha, Boogie, Rumba and Samba!

Third Monday of every month at All Saints Community centre, Kings Heath. For more information, contact lynda.i.lawrence@btinternet.com.

Acceptance for all? Making Birmingham a more welcoming LGBT community

Join Stonewall, UNMUTED and Finding a Voice for an evening of discussion about the next chapter of LGBT equality campaigning as part of [Stonewall Season](#) - a festival of events celebrating lesbian, gay, bi and trans life and culture, and bringing together our community and its allies.

Wednesday 9 November, 6-8pm at Impact Hub Birmingham. Further information available [here](#).

Flag in Focus

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



Intersex people are people who cannot distinctly be described as male or female based on their genes or anatomy, and Intersex Awareness Day takes place on October 26 every year.

The flag was designed by Natalie Phox in 2008. (source: University of California Santa Cruz Cantú Queer Center, 2016)

LGBTQ+ Community

WATCH

'Transgender: Back to Jamaica' - two Birmingham friends reveal their new identities to their families in Jamaica.

READ

Interview with Clare Summerskill - stand-up comedian, playwright, actress, singer-songwriter and gay activist.

SIGN

A petition to end the UK blood donation ban on gay and bisexual men.

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 October social. Our next one will be back in the Bratby Bar in Staff House on **Monday 7th November at 5.30pm**. Look out for the Rainbow Flag!

[Facebook Event](#)

