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November 2017 Newsletter

Note from the Chair

Hello, and thank you for reading our November newsletter. The annual November dates in the diversity calendar include Intersex Day of Remembrance and Trans Day of Remembrance, both days when we remember members of the LGBTQ community who are no longer with us as a result of prejudice.

The Rainbow Network committee want to make campus inclusive for all of our members, regardless of their identity – get in touch if there is anything we can do to support you.

Also coming up in November is [SHOUT Festival](#) of Queer Arts and Culture, coordinated by Birmingham LGBT Centre – it is well worth taking a look at what events are going to be taking place, as there really is something for everyone.

Trans Day of Remembrance

20 November is the annual [Trans Day of Remembrance](#). This is a day to commemorate those who have been killed as a result of transphobia.

Recently, it has been [acknowledged](#) that Britain is no longer a safe place for trans people to live in; therefore it is everyone's responsibility, now more than ever, to step up and be loud and visible in support of trans rights.



The Trans Pride Flag

Find out what is happening as part of the SHOUT festival at mac Birmingham for Trans Day of Remembrance [here](#).

Dates for your diary

OCTOBER

Monday 30th October, 10:15-3:30pm
Conference: Race Equality in HE
The Nicolson Building

NOVEMBER

Tuesday 7th November, 5:30pm
November Network Social, Bratby
Bar (University Centre)

Wednesday 8th November
Intersex Day of Remembrance

Wednesday 8th November
Midday Committee Meeting
Nuffield G18

Monday 20th November
Trans Day of Remembrance

A full listing of this year's events
can be found on our [2017 Calendar](#)

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Conference: Race Equality in Higher Education

The Universities of Nottingham and Birmingham are jointly organising a conference entitled 'Race Equality in Higher Education – what's it got to do with me?' The conference aims to raise awareness of race inequality issues in HE and their impact on staff and students as well as how these issues can be addressed. You can register for the event [here](#).



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The University of Nottingham
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Date: Monday **30 October** 2017

Time: 10:15am-3:30pm

Location: The Nicolson Building, UoB

18-25 November: National HIV Testing Week

National HIV Testing Week promotes HIV testing to gay and bi men as well as black African men and women, groups making up 70% of people in the UK living with HIV.

The week is coordinated by HIV Prevention England (HPE) and aims at promoting the advantages of regular testing and treatment, raising awareness of the importance of HIV testing, as well as increasing opportunities to test through clinical settings, community-based rapid testing or postal testing.

Read more about National HIV Testing Week [here](#).

Intersex Day of Remembrance

8 November is the annual Intersex Day of Remembrance, also known as Intersex Solidarity Day. This is celebrated internationally as a day to raise awareness about the issues faced by intersex people.

It marks the birthday of Herculine Barbin, a French intersex person whose memoirs were later published by Michel Foucault.



The Intersex Flag

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WonkHE article on LGBT issues

Kirsty McLaren, manager of the Sutton Trust Summer School and Dental Outreach programmes at King's College London, has written an article for WonkHE, the home of higher education wonks. In the [article](#), Kirsty outlines why Universities need to do more to support LGBT+ students before they get to University and while they are there. The University of Birmingham's Inclusive Curriculum Guide is cited as an example of good practice around the issue.



Civil Brawl Theatre Company presents 'Drugged Love'

'Civil Brawl' presents an LGBTQ+ inspired reimagining of Shakespeare's 'A Midsummer Night's Dream', entitled 'Drugged Love', in Stratford-upon-Avon.

The performance contains scenes of sex, nudity and drug use and the cast is made up of University alumni.

Tickets and more information can be found [here](#).



UoB Research Project

[Dr Charlotte Bendall](#), Lecturer at Birmingham Law School, is conducting a research study to explore how finances are both held and thought about, in modern day couples.

The researcher is seeking to recruit people of working age who are presently cohabiting with a **same-sex partner** or are in a formalised same-sex relationship (i.e. a marriage or a civil partnership).

You can find out more information about the study, including how to get involved, [here](#).



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