

October 2016 Newsletter

Dates for your diary

OCTOBER

Black History Month

October Social: 3rd October

Committee meeting: 12th October

BME Queer Film Night: 20th October

Intersex Awareness Day: 26th October

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 October 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](#).

Celebrate Bisexuality Day

Celebrate Bisexuality Day, also known as Bi Visibility Day, has been observed on 23rd September each year since 1999. It is an important event to highlight the achievements of bisexual people and the barriers they face both outside and inside LGBTQ communities!

The Rainbow Network are committed to supporting bisexual staff throughout the year, so if you have any ideas or suggestions for events or activities you would like to see, please contact your Events Officer, [Louise Rudge](#).

Black History Month

October is Black History Month, and the University are running a [series of events](#) to commemorate this.

[UNMUTED](#) is a community organisation in Birmingham who organise events and provide support for LGBTQ people of colour. They have an upcoming event on 12th October at mac birmingham: [Raise Your Voice Workshop with Dean Atta](#).

The Rainbow Network are pleased to be joining forces with UNMUTED on 20th October to organise an evening of short films and discussion about the intersections of Black and LGBTQ+/QTIPoC* histories and identities. Contact [Kate Nichols](#) for details.

*Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans, Queer/Queer, Trans, Intersex People of Colour

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.



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Opportunities

LGBT History Month

If you would like to become a member of the University planning committee for next year's LGBT History Month, contact

[Tom Syder](#).

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 4th October at 2-3pm (location tbc).

LGBT STEMinar

This conference is aimed at people who work or study in STEM subjects and identify as LGBT+. They aim to showcase work from diverse fields, and to encourage collaborations between different departments, universities, companies and subjects.

Attendance is free, so to register your interest or put yourself forward for a poster/talk click [here](#).

oSTEM event

oSTEM are looking for Rainbow Network members from Engineering, Biology and Psychology backgrounds to speak at their next "Speaking Out" event.

16th November, 6pm. If you are interested, contact [oSTEM](#) directly.

Flag in Focus

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



It was designed by Michael Page and unveiled at the first anniversary party of his website [bicafe.com](#) in 1998 (source: [Flags of the World, 1999](#))

LGBTQ+ Community

WATCH

'What's the point of UK Black Pride?' - a short film by UNMUTED with interviews from UK Black Pride 2016.

READ

Birmingham LGBT Centre's guest blog for Bi Visibility Day.

SIGN

A petition to reduce waiting times for appointments at Gender Identity Clinics for Transgender People

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 September social. Based on feedback from the network, our next social will be alcohol free, taking place in the downstairs area of Costa in University Centre on **Monday 3rd October at 5.30pm**. Look out for the Rainbow Flag!

[Facebook Event](#)

