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## October 2017 Newsletter

### Note from the Chair

Hello and welcome to our October newsletter, especially if you are an LGBT ally reading this for the first time following our successful Stonewall seminar.

We have been busy supporting the University's submission to the Stonewall Workplace Equality Index, and we are now awaiting feedback on what the Rainbow Network and the University can do to make our campus an even more inclusive environment.

I'm particularly looking forward to our screening of the Oscar-winning film Moonlight on 5<sup>th</sup> October, which will be our second Black History Month event and our first Stonewall Season event. I hope you will join us for this important insight into how intersecting identities shape people's experiences.

### Bisexual Visibility Day

September 23<sup>rd</sup> was the annual [Bisexual Visibility Day](#). To celebrate this, the University lit up the Bramall Music Building in the colours of the Bisexual flag—pink, lavender and blue—on 22<sup>nd</sup> September. This sent out a clear message about the University's commitment to LGBT equality.



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### Dates for your diary

#### OCTOBER

**Black History Month  
Stonewall Season (2-8 October)**

**Thursday 5th October, 5.30pm  
"Moonlight" film screening  
Arts Building LR1**

**Tuesday 10th October  
World Mental Health Day**

**Wednesday 11th October  
National Coming out Day**

**Wednesday 11th October  
Midday Committee Meeting  
Arts Building G37**

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



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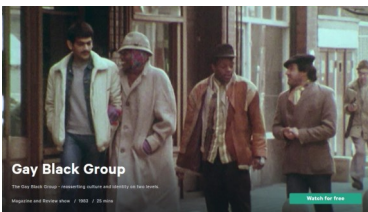
## Stonewall's LGBT Allies Seminar



We were delighted to host Pete Mercer's seminar on being an LGBT ally on 12<sup>th</sup> September. We were pleased to see two Pro-Vice-Chancellors attending the event, [Professor Robin Mason](#) and [Professor Kathleen Armour](#) and we are looking forward to hosting more Stonewall events in the future.

## 'Gay Black Group': The Film

The 'Gay Black Group' was formed in the early 1980s and it was first UK organisation to offer support for gay and black communities. Members of the organisation met regularly at 'Gay's the Word', a bookshop in Bloomsbury, creating a safe space to discuss the complexities of cultural and sexual identity.



Watch this [25-minute film](#) where members of the Gay Black Group talk about their experiences.

## Accenture's LGBT ally videos

Accenture, one of the world's leading consulting technology and outsourcing companies has created a number of videos as part of their LGBT Ally Initiative. In these [videos](#), LGBT allies who recognise that creating an inclusive environment for LGBT employees is everyone's responsibility, talk about the importance of being a strong ally to LGBT colleagues.



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## Stonewall 'Come Out For LGBT' Campaign

Stonewall has launched a campaign to encourage **LGBT allies** to come out in support of LGBT. It is everyone's responsibility to help create an environment where people will be free to express themselves.



Sign the 'Come Out For LGBT' campaign pledge and learn how you can show your support and have an impact [here](#).

## 'Moonlight' Film Screening

The Rainbow Network celebrates [Black History Month](#) and [Stonewall Season](#) with the screening of the Oscar-winning film 'Moonlight'. The film, which was released in 2016, shows the coming-of-age story of an African-American gay man growing up in America. You can register for the event [here](#).

Date: Thursday **5 October** 2017

Time: 5:30pm-8:00pm

Location: Arts Building, LR1



## Midlands Zone Survey

The UK's biggest regional gay lifestyle magazine, '[Midlands Zone](#)', is conducting a readership online survey to find out what their readers like and don't like about the magazine. By completing the survey you qualify for entry into a free prize draw to win £1,000. The personal information that you provide is treated as completely confidential.

You can take the survey [here](#).



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