



Claiming our Past Celebrating our Present Creating our Future

LGBT History Month bulletin 85

Welcome to the 85th LGBT History Month Bulletin.



Coming Soon...

There's so much happening at Schools OUT, LGBT History Month and A Day in Hand (SOHIMADIH for short) that we're just beside ourselves with excitement!

Badges

First, our brand new badges will be out in time for Pride London on the 2nd of July, together with new key rings. There are no sneak previews available but you will be impressed with the new designs, which maintain the Olympic theme and look ever so stylish.

Schools OUT Classroom

The Schools OUT Classroom will provide lessons and resources for any teacher wanting to cover LGBT issues in their lessons. An ideal opportunity to make us visible in the curriculum, this dynamic site, designed by professionals for professionals, will give you loads of ideas and resources and relieve you from having to surf the net to find a lesson plan here and a good resource there. Whether you're an early years class teacher or you teach adults in FE, there's something here for you.



New LGBT HM Website

LGBT History Month is entering a new age with its attractive and user friendly new website. Go to www.lgbthistorymonth.org next Monday and you will see something different and dynamic. All your old favourites will be there but there will be a fresher look with more images and everything will be easier to find.



New Schools OUT Website

After that work will start on our new Schools OUT website. Again you will be able to find a host of resources, ideas, innovations and debates, but it will be fresher and user-friendlier to boot.

SCHOOLS OUT

VISIT OUR
MAIN WEBSITE

Pride Solidarity Tour Comes to an End



After an exhausting tour of Central and Eastern Europe, Clare Dimyon MBE has returned to Blighty for a well-earned rest and a battery recharge. Clare's tour took in Estonia, St Petersburg, Vilnius, Kaunas and finally Riga. To find out where she went, what she did there and why, go to <http://www.pridesolidarity.eu/>. Thanks to a Blackberry supplied by LGBT History Month, Clare was able to keep everyone informed of her latest ventures via Twitter and Facebook.

Escorted Tour of Berlin: the birthplace of the modern homosexual movement

Saturday 27th – Tuesday 30th August 2011

Escort Fee £55 (not including transport to Berlin or accommodation)

[Download flyer](#)

Schools OUT is delighted to offer a tour to celebrate and remember that unique and vital role played by millions of German people in the creation of today's world-wide LGBT community; from the optimism of the early days through the flowering of the visible diversity of the Weimar Republic. Then from the bloody suppression of the Nazi era and its aftermath in both East (GDR) and to a greater extent in West Germany (FRG) to today's vibrant and re-established Gay Berlin. This tour offers a heady mix of leading academic interpretations, obtaining first hand testimony from 'survivors' visits to the key sites and artefacts associated with this amazing and heart rending and inspiring of beginnings, suppression, destruction and glorious renewal! The tour is open to stakeholders in education who want to celebrate equality and diversity in their schools or colleges.

Please book by emailing secretary@schools-out.org.uk by end of May. 20 places available on first come first served basis. Advice on travel and accommodation available on request.

IDAHO



Tuesday May the 17th is International Day Against Homophobia (IDAHO). Coinciding with the anniversary of the day in 1999 when Homosexuality was removed from the World Health Organisation's list of mental illnesses, IDAHO is a worldwide celebration with the key aim of making LGB relationships legal throughout the globe. Check out the IDAHO website to find out what is going on in your region by clicking on the image above.

INTERNATIONAL

Ugandan Lawmakers still want to kill us

In the next 48 hours, conservative lawmakers could move a bill that would make certain LGB activities in Uganda punishable by death. The bill, which was first presented to parliament in 2009, also seeks to criminalise people who now about LGBT people and fail to report them and to extradite Ugandan citizens who are sexually active abroad.

This hateful bill is part of a pattern of the Ugandan government's violent repression of pro-democracy forces within the country - and time is running out to stop it. To sign the petition to protest against this Bill, click [here](#)

The national hatred of homosexuality is fuelled by religious bigotry and was shown in a BBC documentary *The Worst Place in the World to be Gay?* hosted by Radio 1's Scott Mills.

Brazil Says Yes to Civil Union Bill

Brazil has voted for same sex civil unions. The Supreme Court voted overwhelmingly in favour of the legislation. This will bring the country into line with Uruguay, which allows civil partnerships, and Argentina, which allows same-sex marriages.

LGBT Birthdays: April

Trans

Christine Jorgensen (May 30, 1926 – May 3, 1989) was the first widely-known individual to have sex reassignment surgery—in this case, male to female.

Lesbians and bisexual women

Lea DeLaria (born May 23, 1958 at Belleville, Illinois) is a US comedian and jazz musician.

Del Martin (May 5th 1921 – August 27th 2008) one of the founders of US lesbian rights group *Daughters of Bilitis*. Her partner Phyllis Ann Lyon survives her.

Beatrice "Bea" Arthur (May 13, 1922 - April 25, 2009) American actress, comedian and singer whose career spanned seven decades.

Gay and bisexual men

Julian Clary (25th May, 1959) British comedian and author

Ian Watkins (8 May 1976) British singer and actor, also known as "H", formerly of popgroup Steps. He was born in Llwynypia, Rhondda, Wales

Mychal (Michael) Judge (11 May 1933 - 11 September 2001) American chaplain of the New York City Fire Department, born in Brooklyn, New York. Judge perished when he administered last rites near the scene of the terrorists attack at the World Trade Centre

Calendar

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10	Hill-wood Resource Centre, 1 Polygon Rd, NW1 1QH	2pm	Tuesday Craft Group: Materials for pottery and painting will be available every 2nd Tuesday of the month—come along and have a go. If you have a particular creative activity that you would like to explore with the group let Stacey know to make arrangements.
11	The Forum Cinema, Weston Favell, Northampton. NN3 8JR. The Core Theatre,	8pm 7.30	Howl. James Franco as Allen Ginsberg CORBY GROUP - OUT @ THE CORE Every Wednesday. 07892

	The Cube, George Street, Corby. NN17 1QG		489163.
12	The Forum Cinema, Weston Favell, Northampton. NN3 8JR.	8pm	Howl. James Franco as Allen Ginsberg
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14	Royal Vauxhall Tavern, 372 Kennington Lane, Vauxhall, SE11	3-6.30	House of Stars: a Bar Wotever event specially for those aged 13-26 with Performance, DJs and activities. Open to all LGBT Queer & Questioning Young People and Young Allies. To perform or DJ, email: woteverworld@gmail.com Community information & activities by Galop: www.galop.org.uk
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17	Everywhere	All day	IDAHO www.idaho.org.uk
18	68 Chalton Street, London, NW1 1JR Photograph Room, The Barber Institute of Fine Arts, University of Birmingham	1.30-5 5-6.30	FE Trans Awareness training. To book: meg.battersby@brook.org.uk Gender and Sexuality Research Seminar <i>Queer Encounters with Art: (Dis)Orientations Beyond the Representation of Sexual Bodies</i> <i>FREE admission, all welcome!</i> Lisa Metherell, an artist researching a practice-led PhD at Birmingham City University, will give a seminar entitled 'Queer Encounters with Art: (Dis)Orientations Beyond the Representation of Sexual Bodies.' Lisa's work is particularly informed by the tensions between queer theory and phenomenology and how what we 'know' might be usefully troubled by what we 'feel.'
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22	Lambeth Women's Project. 166a Stockwell Road London SW9 9TQ	1-7pm	An afternoon with Joan Nestle and Christa Holka The Closet Mixtape and Dyke Bar are excited to present for your pleasure an afternoon of lesbian and queer images and words. As well as two illustrated talks by the wonderful Joan and Christa we will provide music, photos, food and friends... all the good stuff. Joan Nestle is a working-class Jewish lesbian, writer, teacher, activist and co-founder of the Lesbian Herstory Archives in New York City. Joan will be repeating the talk she gave at the Lesbian Lives Conference in Brighton earlier this year. This is a rare opportunity to hear her wise and moving words and see the astonishing number of images she brings with her from the Lesbian Herstory Archive.
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25	Conference Aston, Aston University, Aston Triangle, Birmingham, B4 7ET Meet outside the Admiral Duncan pub, 54 Old Compton Street, W14 4UB	9.30- 3.30 2- 4.30pm	The Equality Act 2010: time to lighten the load? One day training session Cost Public and private sector £110 per individual. There is a discount for early booking - £90 up until 9 May 2011. Third sector £75 per person. Some bursaries are available to not-for-profit organisations – please contact us for further information. Please remember, places are limited. For more information or to request a booking form, please email events@brap.org.uk . Historical walking Tour LGBT Soho. Depart 2pm prompt. £5 per person; no need to book. www.kairosinsoho.org.uk
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28	Birmingham	All day	Pride. The Parade theme is LGBT Freedom Around the World; celebrating counties where being LGB or T is not illegal. Marchers are invited to wear rainbow colours
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Peter gets an office!

Calling all volunteers - help requested this week

This Thursday and Friday (12th & 13th May), between 10.30 and 16.00 at Borough in London SE1.

The Peter Tatchell Foundation has recently expanded, including - for the first time - an office. We're well on our way to becoming a fully-fledged human rights charity and non-governmental organisation.

In order to consolidate this expansion, we're about to embark on a huge fund-raising mission. We have almost a thousand letters to send to prospective donors, and these letters need to be folded, put in envelopes, stamped and addressed.

So, we're looking for a handful of volunteers for this task.

We can cover travel costs from with London to Tatchell Towers on production of travel receipts, plus we can stretch to tea, coffee and a few cheeky biscuits.

Contact Seon, the PTF campaigns assistant, if you can come and give us a hand on either/both days.

Seon@petertatchellfoundation.org



Friday, 22nd July 2011
9am – 5.30pm

Central School of Speech and Drama,
Eton Avenue, London, NW3

plus:

A SPECIAL EVENING FUNDRAISER EVENT
6.30-8.30pm

Gendered Intelligence Film Night
Programmed by members of the GI Youth Group

Registration will be available from 4th April.
For more information go to: www.genderedintelligence.co.uk
or e mail: admin@genderedintelligence.co.uk

Homophobia and Transphobia Quotes

"He is just really, really upset and jealous that we have got a true queen coming to WA."

Western Australia's Police Minister Rob Johnson retaliates to a question from openly gay opposition MP John Hyde about government spending on the Commonwealth Heads of Government meeting. Despite withdrawing his comment almost immediately, he later claimed in his defence that there was no homophobic subtext to his remark and simply that he was referring to a visit to Perth by Oprah Winfrey instead of Queen Elizabeth.

<http://www.pinknews.co.uk/2011/04/08/australian-politician-denies-homophobia-towards-gay-mp/>

"People aren't so individual any more. There is this sense of why would you want to stand out and make a show of yourself? You can find that sort of attitude in the gay community too. That if you are an exhibitionist you are somehow spoiling the big assimilation. Most gay men go out of their way to look normal and fit in, but Philip is not of that breed."

Boy George discusses the pressures on gay men to assimilate in mainstream society following the violent attack on his flamboyant longtime friend from the New Romantic Movement, Philip Sallon.

http://www.advocate.com/News/Daily_News/2011/04/09/Boy_George_Gay_Men_Try_to_Fit_In/

"Not being bad, but if Ricky Gervais was homosexual, you'd be wondering if he was, you know, ill. His dramatic weight loss has left him looking like a dying man."

In one foul swoop, Daily Star columnist Joe Mott manages to offend half of the nation. Bloggers and Twitter users accuse Joe of simultaneously insulting gay people, the overweight and people with HIV. Major HIV/AIDS charities all released statements condemning his remarks as insensitive, ignorant and outdated.

<http://www.pinknews.co.uk/2011/04/12/daily-star-columnist-if-ricky-gervais-was-gay-you-d-think-he-had-aids/>

"What happened in Tuesday night's game is not representative of what the Lakers stand for... We want to reaffirm our commitment to all our fans and our appreciation for the support we receive from all segments of society... We appreciate the input we've received from GLAAD the past two days and will look forward to working with them on ways to help educate ourselves and our fans, and to help keep language like this out of our game."

LA Lakers spokesman John Black reaffirms the team's commitment to addressing homophobia in professional basketball following Lakers player Kobe Bryant's use of the anti-gay slur faggot during a basketball match. Bryant was fined \$100,000 for his remark.

<http://miamiherald.typepad.com/gaysouthflorida/2011/04/not-representative-lakers-nba-to-work-with-glaad-in-aftermath-of-kobe-bryants-faggot-slur.html>

"Just hope that as we remember Servicemen and women today we remember the Australia they fought for – wasn't gay marriage and Islamic!"

Jim Wallace from the Australian Christian Lobby receives an early nod for the second GLORIAS (Gay & Lesbian Outrageous, Ridiculous and Ignorant Comment Awards) for his ANZAC Day comment at the end of April.

<http://www.samesame.com.au/news/local/6723/Which-have-been-the-worst-gay-gaffes.htm>

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See You in April!

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John Amaechi, former international basketball player, broadcaster and psychologist, **Christine Burns**, Equality and diversity specialist, podcaster, campaigner, **Dr Harry Cocks**, social historian and writer, **Angela Eagle MP** Work and Pensions, **Professor Viv Gardner**, Martin Harris Centre for Music and Drama, **Professor Martin Hall**, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Salford University, **Sir Ian McKellen**, actor, **Cyril Nri**, actor, director and writer, **Ian Rivers**, Professor of Human Development; Subject Leader for Sports Sciences, Brunel University, **Professor Sheila Rowbotham**, lecturer and campaigner, **Labi Siffre**, poet, songwriter and singer, **Professor Melanie Tebbutt**, Director, Manchester Centre for Regional History, Senior Lecturer, Manchester Metropolitan University, **Gareth Thomas**, rugby international, **Jeffrey Weeks**, historian, sociologist, author and LGBT activist, **Stephen Whittle OBE**, Professor of Equalities Law in the School of Law at Manchester Metropolitan University