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LGBT History Month bulletin 93 2012

Welcome to the 93rd LGBT History Month bulletin. This covers January 2012

We're Off!

Welcome to LGBT History Month 2012. This is our eighth History Month; our second History month in a leap year and our second History Month dedicated to LGBT achievement in sport.

What have we achieved?

Since LGBT History Month focused on sport – through working with Pride Sports – this is what has happened:

- a pre-launch at [Twickenham](#) and a pre-launch at [the Oval](#)
- the RFL team [Sheffield Eagles](#) have worn Schools OUT shirts and [Leeds Rhinos](#) will this year
- the [Government Equalities Office](#) has declared their intention to eradicate homophobia and transphobia in sport and has introduced a [Charter](#) for all sports clubs to sign up to declaring that they will make themselves welcoming to LGBT people at elite and street level; as participants and spectators
- They debated it on the [Today](#) programme (02-02-12 AT 8.38AM)
- They launched a [logo competition](#) to go with it
- There has been [University research](#) into attitudes homophobia on the terraces.
- The [Olympics/Paralympics Committee](#) has made the upcoming London 2012 Olympics/Paralympics the LGBT-friendliest ever, with volunteers recruited from the LGBT community organisations and the largest ever Olympic Pride House setting up at Clapham.
- Gareth Thomas and John Amaechi are LGBT History Month Patrons.
- Billie-Jean King joined [Sue](#) at Downing Street to celebrate LGBT History Month in 2011.
- The [Football Association](#) is working with researchers to tackle gender discrimination and homophobia in sport.
- [Kick it Out](#) aims to tackle homophobia.
- [Show Racism the Red Card](#) aims to tackle homophobia.
- The [Justin Campaign](#) has gone from strength to strength.
- [Football clubs](#) celebrate LGBT History Month.
- a [professional footballer](#) came out
- Then [another one](#)
- A [rugby player](#) came out.
- Another [rugby player](#) launched an anti-homophobia campaign.
- A [cyclist](#) came out.
- A [cricketer](#) came out.
- Another [cricketer](#) spoke out against homophobia in Attitude magazine.

- An [Irish hurler](#) came out.
- [Television programmes](#) were made and aired about LGBT people in sport

To read all about it go to our [sports](#) pages.

Not bad for an organisation that one MP described as "[achingly politically correct](#)" in 2005!

What do we still need to achieve?

But there is more to be done. We hear horror stories about lesbian pupils being made to change with the boys or trans pupils being made to change in the disabled toilets; there is still stigmatization for people who come out at street or elite level and homophobic rants are still heard all-too-often from the football crowds. And how many lesbian professional sportswomen came out? Hardly surprising when the Sportsperson of the Year Award is drawn from an all-male shortlist!

How Can You Help?

We will continue to work for LGBT equality in sport for the rest of the year – with our mother organisation Schools OUT – but our work involves lots of time and we are a voluntary sector organisation.

We depend on the time and the generous efforts of committed individuals to achieve what we do.

We want you to organise an event this month and tell us about it.

We want you to look at our [calendar](#) and attend as many events as possible.

We want you to [buy a badge](#) from our website or wherever you see one.

We want you to [donate to us](#) on our website.

If you have an event, please think of us and have a whip round for LGBT History Month

STOP PRESS! PLACES STILL AVAILABLE!

Schools OUT Annual Conference 2012

Saturday 4th February

9.30 am - 6.00pm

The RADA Studios (Formerly The Drill Hall)

16 Chenies Street, London WC1E 7EX

[location](#)

EDUCATING OUT PREJUDICE THROUGH THE LGBT LENS

- Celebrating our new website [the Classroom](#)
- Gendered Intelligence, Mermaids and GIRES will explore how to challenge the concept of binary gender
- Disability History Month will explore challenging disablism
- OFSTED will explore how we can use the curriculum to celebrate diversity
- Workshops will explore the lesson plans on the website and there will be an opportunity to view the Rainbow Project films (see Rainbow below)...

...plus the usual chance to network and Schools out AGM vote in the new committee

To register call the box office: 020 7307 5060

Fees

Student or unemployed £15 Retired £20 Individual £50 Organisation £60



Schools OUT Conference 2012
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Educating Out Prejudice through the LGBT Lens
Programme

Time	Event										
9.30 – 10.00am	Registration and Coffee										
10.00 – 10.20	Welcome and Introduction to The Classroom										
10.20 – 11.30	Presentation on Gender: GIRES, Gendered Intelligence and Mermaids: Challenging the Binary Concept of Gender										
11.30 – 12noon	Break										
12 - 12.30pm	Presentation on Schools Inspection: HMI OFSTED: Janet Palmer Implementing The Equality Act Public Sector Duty through the Curriculum										
12.30 - 12.45	Guest speaker: Sarah from Channel 4's My Transsexual Summer										
12.45 - 1.45	Lunch										
1.45 - 2.15	Entertainment: Poet and Performer Dean Atta										
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3.45 - 4.30	AGM: Committee Reports and Elections										
4.30 - 5.15	Presentation on Disability: Richard Rieser from Disability History Month: World of Inclusion										
5.15 – 5.45	Updates from organisations and floor										
5.45 - close	End: bar opens										

Rainbow Project Film Competition



A European project has launched a students' film competition *and* is looking for teachers and pupils to pilot a series of films and lesson plans.

The Rainbow project is a pan-European Education project involving Schools OUT and Ant Creative Media in the UK with partners in the EU in the Basque Country, Belgium, the Netherlands, Italy, Bulgaria and Germany. It aims to tackle homophobia and transphobia by challenging stereotypes on an international scale. Coming up to its second year, the project, which will be complete in February 2013, has launched a film competition for young people aged 15 to 19, with a prize for the best film in each category. The categories are animated, drama and documentary.



To find out more details and how to enter the competition go [here](http://rainbow.ecfa.info/). The winning films will be shown at the Milan LGBT Film Festival 2012.

If you are a teacher and you would like to pilot the short films with some of your pupils contact Tony Fenwick at fenwicktony@hotmail.com Come to the Schools OUT Conference 2012 (see above) to find out more.

Sue and Tony Write for the Education Review

Schools OUT and LGBT History Month Co-Chairs Tony Fenwick and Sue Sanders have had an article published in the latest issue of the prestigious Education Review: a bi-annual publication by the National Union Of Teachers. Entitled *Teaching Out Prejudice – Celebrating Equality*, Sue and Tony look at the current situation in our schools and colleges and explore how the classroom can become a theatre for change – rather than an institution for iterating the status quo. Using the terms usualise, actualise and realise, they show how the classroom can portray and promote an inclusive, diverse and better educated society. To order your copy go [here](#)

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**No time for Birthdays and Homophobic Quotes
this month 'cos we're busy, busy, busy!
See you in March.**

LGBT History Month Patrons:

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