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LGBT History Month bulletin 80

Welcome to the 80th LGBT History Month Bulletin.
This bulletin covers January 2011



LGBT History Month Northern Launch Thursday, 27th January, Salford University



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Schools OUT Conference 2011 Saturday 5th February, Drill Hall

Put Saturday 5th of February in your diaries. The legendary Schools OUT Conference will be taking place – as always – on the first Saturday of LGBT History Month at the Drill Hall in Central London.

The theme will be coming out in schools, colleges and universities: why we need to do it and how to do it best. There will also be entertainment, displays, exhibitors and an announcement of our new, gripping, ground-breaking lesson plan and resource project. There will be a panel with LGBT people who are out in their educational field, workshops on how to be out at work and a chance to feed back to key stakeholders in government departments.

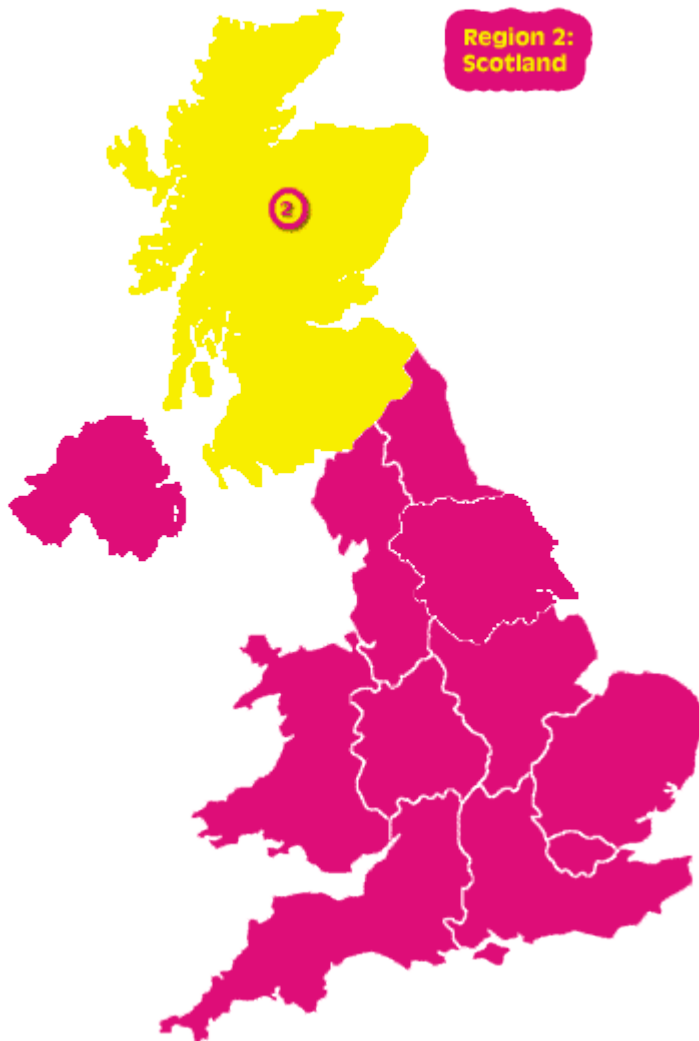
There'll be thought-provoking entertainment from poet Nick Jarvis and lots of stalls and exhibitions.

There'll be lunch and lots of networking opportunities, including a bar at close of play. For more details and to register, click [here](#).

Sshh... Message from A Day in Hand

Hi hand holders.

Please vote for A Day In Hand and SSHH Saturdays in the Pink Paper 2011 awards.



Earth Calling the north east, Northern Ireland, Wales...

Above is a facsimile of our interactive calendar, which can be accessed [here](#). It tells everyone what is going on in LGBT History Month throughout February every day in every region. If you have an event you need to put it on our interactive calendar. It's free publicity! It's full of stuff in Nottingham, the south west, East Anglia and the north west, 0-as well as Greater London and the south east. But Yorkshire? Tyneside?

Northern Ireland? Where are you? What are you doing? Do you hibernate in February? Do you migrate?

If you live in any of these places and you are LGBT and you are doing something in February put it on our calendar. Otherwise people will think you don't exist! And you don't want that. Do you?

Equal Love Campaign case Postponed

Eight couples who were to take a case to the Court of Human Rights over the UK ban on same sex marriage and heterosexual civil partnerships were thwarted on December 21st when their applications were postponed.

The couples, four straight and four gay/lesbian, each applied to be married or enter into a civil partnership and were rejected on the grounds of their sexuality. The intention is to challenge this in the European Court of Human Rights so that the institutions of marriage and civil partnerships are open to everyone. The papers were to have been filed on the 21st of December but a delay on the part of Camden's registry meant the final couple's letter of rejection was not available and the whole process has now been postponed.

This is the brainchild of the Equal Love Campaign, led by campaigner Peter Tatchell. Currently only same-sex couples can enter a civil partnership and only straight couples may marry. Consequently, for example, an atheist heterosexual couple must make religious vows while a Christian gay or lesbian couple must enter a non-religious ceremony. Equal Love argues that this is discrimination.

Under The Equality Act it is now possible for a same sex couple to enter a civil partnership in a religious premises with the church authority's permission.

Same sex marriages are now performed in Argentina, Belgium, Canada, Holland, Iceland, Norway, South Africa, Spain, Sweden and Portugal, as well as Mexico City and some of the United States.

The Isle of Man does not perform civil partnerships, although it recognises those performed on the UK mainland.

International

UN Restores Sexual Orientation

The United Nations General Assembly on Dec. 21 overturned its recent vote that removed a reference to sexual orientation from a resolution against extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions. The resolution urges member states to protect the right to life of all people and calls on governments to investigate killings based on discriminatory grounds. For the past 10 years, the document included sexual orientation in a list of discriminatory grounds on which killings are often based.

In November, a General Assembly committee composed of all U.N. member nations removed the gay reference in a vote of 79 to 70 with 17 abstentions and 26 absences. That led to an intense campaign, headed by the United States, to reinsert the reference.

The reinsertion vote was 93 to 55 with 27 abstentions and 17 absences. Then, the vote to pass the full resolution with the gay language back in place was 122 to 1 with 62 abstentions.

The document is believed to be the only UN resolution ever to reference "sexual orientation."

Uganda's Rolling Stone Gagged

Ugandan tabloid Rolling Stone has been put in its place at last, with the Uganda high court ruling on Monday that it stop outing homosexuals. The newspaper also has to pay the three applicants' damages. Although Uganda's 2009 Anti-Homosexuality Bill was stalled in parliament, it wasn't scrapped altogether and still has the potential to be debated this year. And in October 2010, Gile Muhame's fledging newspaper Rolling Stone (no connection to the US Rolling Stone) began its homophobic campaign of outing alleged homosexuals by publishing their photographs and home addresses, as well as calling for them to be hanged.

But things are looking a little bit better in 2011. On Monday the Uganda high court in Kampala ruled in favour of the three applicants in the case of Kasha Jacqueline, Pepe Onziema, and David Kato vs Giles Muhame and Rolling Stone. The applicants asked that they be granted a permanent injunction against the respondents publishing injurious information against them and that they receive compensation for the pain and mental anguish caused.

In his ruling, Judge Vincent Musoke-Kibuuku stated the court found, "The impugned publication threatened the rights of the applicants to respect (of) human dignity and protection from inhuman treatment and the right to privacy of person and home. Court would, upon that account, issue the injunction sought by the applicants under the motion, restraining the respondents, their servants and agents, from any further publications of the identities of the persons and homes of the applicants and homosexuals generally." In addition, the three applicants were awarded 1.5 million Ugandan shillings each (about R4,200 each) in compensation, and were ordered to recover their costs from the respondents. Rolling Stone is appealing against the verdict.



Don't Ask Don't Tell: RIP.

LGBT Birthdays: January

Transgender

Andrea Jean James

(16 January 1967 –)

American film consultant, actress and LGBT rights activist. James co-founded Deep Stealth Productions to provide educational materials for transsexual women and raise awareness about violence against transgendered people. In 2004 she was a member of the first all-transgender cast to perform *The Vagina Monologues*. In 2005 she was a script consultant for the film *Transamerica*, starring Felicity Huffman (*Desperate Housewives*).

Lesbians and bisexual women

Clare Balding

(29 January 1971 –)

BBC sports presenter, journalist and jockey. Balding has fronted coverage of the Grand National, reported from four Olympic Games and commentated on the rugby league Challenge Cup. She also presents the Lord Mayor's Show and the walking programme *Ramblings* for Radio 4. In July 2010 the Press Complaints Commission upheld Balding's complaint that comments made by writer A.A. Gill in *The Sunday Times* had mocked her sexuality and appearance.

Ellen DeGeneres

(26 January 1958 –)

American stand-up, television presenter and actress. She hosts talk show *The Ellen DeGeneres Show* and was a judge on *American Idol* for one year. DeGeneres generated much publicity during the fourth season of the sitcom *Ellen* by coming out off and on screen, with her character Ellen Morgan revealing her sexuality to a therapist played by Oprah Winfrey. DeGeneres has won 12 Emmys and entered into a civil partnership with actress Portia de Rossi in 2008.

Susan Sontag

(16 January 1933 – 28 December 2004)

American author, literary theorist and political activist. Sontag wrote significant texts on the visual arts, including *On Photography*. Her short story 'The Way We Live Now', published in 1986 in *The New Yorker*, is regarded as one of the definitive accounts of the AIDS epidemic. She was in a committed relationship with photographer Annie Leibovitz in her final years.

Saffron Burrows

(22 October 1972 –)

English actress and former model. Burrows current stars as Detective Serena Stevens on *Law & Order: Criminal Intent*. She has had roles in such films as *In the Name of the Father* (1993) and *Troy* (2004). She has also modelled for Marks & Spencer, most recently in their August 2010 campaign.

Gay and bisexual men

Joe Orton

(1 January 1933 – 9 August 1967)

English playwright. During his brief but prolific career he achieved considerable recognition and notoriety for his black comedies. The best known of these include *Entertaining Mr Sloane* and *Loot*. His farce *What the Butler Saw* was performed after his death at the hands of his lover Kenneth Halliwell, who killed him with a hammer then committed suicide. John Lahr's biography of Orton, *Prick Up Your Ears*, was adapted into a film directed by Stephen Frears in 1987. Scripted by Alan Bennett, it starred Gary Oldman as Orton.

Matthew Bourne

(13 January 1960 –)

British classical and contemporary ballet and dance choreographer. His all-male production of *Swan Lake* in 1995 attracted widespread attention. Since then he has produced adaptations of *Nutcracker!*, *Edward Scissorhands* and *Cinderella*. He was the subject of a *South Bank Show* in 1997 and awarded an OBE in 2001.

Peter Tatchell

(21 January 1952 –)

Australian-born British human rights activist. Tatchell is well known for his work on behalf of LGBT people, from co-founding direct action group OutRage! to campaigning against music lyrics that incite homophobic attacks. In 2007, he was attacked while protesting in Moscow against a ban on the Pride march planned for the city.

David Starkey

(3 January 1945 –)

British historian, television and radio presenter and specialist in the Tudor dynasty and Tudor period. He became a household name with television series such as *The Six Wives of Henry VIII* and *Monarchy*, which chronicled the history of English kings and queens from Anglo-Saxon times onwards. He was appointed a CBE in 2007.

Derek Jarman

(31 January 1942 – 19 February 1994)

British film director, stage designer, diarist, artist and author. Jarman began his career working as production designer on such films as Ken Russell's *The Devils* (1970). His directorial debut, *Sebastiane* (1970), caused a stir with its explicit imagery of gay sexuality. During the 1980s he campaigned against Clause 28 and directed what became his most famous film, *Caravaggio*. His final film, *Blue* (1993), was shown on Channel 4 while its soundtrack was broadcast simultaneously on BBC Radio 3.

Events and Calendar

Stoke Newington Diversity Training Centre for Teachers - 2 new courses

Educate and Celebrate - 12 January 2011

A whole school approach to making your school LGBT friendly - for all staff.



The training centre provides:

- school policy information lesson plans and ideas
- TV resources
- shared experiences
- PowerPoints for assemblies
- demonstrations for how to take an introductory LGBT lesson with year 7 students

The courses are practical, very relaxed, friendly and are aimed to give you the confidence to take the resources back to your own school to begin LGBT celebrations with confidence.

They have received an overall grade of '*Excellent*' from teachers who attended previous courses.

For more information or to book a place contact Elly Barnes, Diversity Course Leader.
020 7241 9653 ellybarnes@sns.hackney.sch.uk

Gendered Intelligence Trans People Accessing Sport Art Project

We have been awarded a small amount of funding from Southwark Council to run an arts project between Jan 15th and the end of Feb 2011 in collaboration with community arts organisation ActiveArt: <http://www.active-art.org/>

The project will be our LGBT History Month 2011 project for young trans people and will culminate in an exhibition in Southwark at the end of History Month for everybody to attend! We will be looking at the themes associated with Trans and Gender Variant people accessing sport. Including the barriers to access, what sport means to you, and celebrating trans people in sport, including how particular sports can be more masculine or feminine orientated.

We have 5 exciting workshops *and* a film night planned so you can explore these themes and collectively produce a piece of art that will be exhibited and used for social change.

If you are interested in getting involved, we would stongly encourage you to come to **all** or as many of the workshops as possible . If you can't make the workshops we will be starting an ongoing blog that any young trans person from across the world can contribute to! The blog will consist of different themes discussed in the sessions and be a place where people can upload their own experiences around accessing sport, and ideas to overcoming the barriers! We hope you will take ownership of it eventually and that the blog will continue to live after the art project finishes.

Dates and Times:

Saturday 15th Jan 1 - 5pm
Wednesday 26th Jan 6 - 9pm (film night)
Saturday 5th Feb 1 - 5pm
Saturday 12th Feb 11am - 5pm
Sunday 13th Feb 1 - 4pm
Saturday 19th Feb 12 - 5pm

Exhibition to commence during week of 21st of Feb.
Date & Venue TBC

Email finn.greig@genderedintelligence.co.uk, or call or text 07841 291 277 Finn for more info or to book your free place!

Date	where	when	what
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7	Harris Centre 51 Lanark Road Maida Vale, W9 1DE Friends House Restaurant 173-177 Euston Rd NW1 2BJ Tate Britain, 5 Atterbury St, Westminster, London SW1P 4	11-4 12.30-2 6-8	Age Concern Westminster Men's Lunch. Book with the Harris Centre 0203 370 3035 Women's group Lunch Dean Atta Late at Tate Britain. Tickets and info http://www.tate.org.uk/britain/eventseducation/lateattatebritain/lateattatebritainjanuary2011.htm
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9	Coventry and Warwickshire Friend	4-6	Sunday Social. Please contact the helpline (024 7671 4199) or email: admin@cwfriend.co.uk for more information and we will get back to you. Host details not to be released to non-members

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11	London: Meet at junction of Cornhill/Threadneedle Street Henderson Court 102 Fitzjohn's Ave, NW3 6NS	2.15 for 2.30 6-9pm	Men's group Winter walk Age Concern Mens Group speaker's Night. With the Mayor of Camden
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14	Harris Centre 51 Lanark Road Maida Vale, W9 1DE	11-4	Age Concern Westminster Men's Lunch. Book with the Harris Centre 0203 370 3035
15	Koko Building, Coventry Southwark venue TBC Barceló Carlton Hotel North Bridge Edinburgh EH1 1SD	10am-12 11-5 10.30-4	Business Meeting Coventry and Warwickshire Friend. www.cwfriend.co.uk Gendered Intelligence: Trans people Accessing Sport. See above National LGBT Network Skills Sharing Conference scott@equality-network.org
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17	Hyson Green Library 37A Gregory Boulevard Nottingham NG7 6BE 01159 152483	Library hours (till 29- 01)	LGBT History Month Display organized by Nottingham Rainbow Heritage
18	London 104.4FM	6.30- 7.30	LGBT radio show every Tuesday at Listen on 104.4FM (in London) or online anywhere in the world at www.resonancefm.com . we will be covering LGBT history month throughout Jan / Feb. On 18th Jan, Sue Sanders joins us live in the studio. We also have a special live broadcast from Southwark Playhouse on Monday 21st Feb
19	25 Median Road E5 0PF Oval House Theatre, 52-54 Kennington Oval, London SE11 5SW Lakeside Arts Centre University Park Nottingham 01158 467777	6-8 5.30- 7.30 1-2pm	Wednesday Women's Group. Coffee and a chat Poetry workshop with Dean Atta Facebook event http://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=162600087114839 Tickets and info http://www.ovalhouse.com/cn/event_details.php?sectionid=theatre&eventid=439&searchid=current Talk by Dr Dyfri Williams on The Warren Cup, as seen in the British Museum and featured on Radio 4's A History of the World in 100 Objects
20	The Attlee Room, Portcullis House, Houses of Parliament London SW1AA 0AA	6.30- 9.30	Pre-Launch of Women's History Month. To attend email metheringhamowlett@gmail.com
21	Harris Centre 51 Lanark Road Maida Vale, W9 1DE Friends House Restaurant 173-177 Euston Rd NW1 2BJ	11-4 12.30-2	Age Concern Westminster Men's Lunch. Book with the Harris Centre 0203 370 3035 Women's Group Lunch
22	British film institute southbank Belvedere Road Southbank Waterloo London SE1 8XT	1-3	Gay...and what? Youth led film festival on LGBTIQI Press Release.doc

	<p>020 7928 323</p> <p>The Metropolitan Hotel, King Street, Leeds, LS1 2HQLeeds</p> <p>The Lowry Theatre Salford</p> <p>Drill Hall 16 Chenies Street, London WC1E 7EX 0207 307 5060</p> <p>Oval House Theatre, 52-54 Kennington Oval, London SE11 5SW</p>	<p>All day</p> <p>8pm (till Sat)</p> <p>1-4</p> <p>8-9.30</p>	<p>LGBT Consortium Annual Conference and AGM. With Keynote Speaker Sue Sanders http://www.lgbtconsortium.org.uk/content/consortiums_annual_conference_and_agm_save_date</p> <p>Miss Nightingale the Musical www.thelowry.com</p> <p>Staying out Late. Workshops for older LGBT people led by Paul Osman and Clare Summerskill http://www.lgbthistorymonth.org.uk/calendar/LGBT%20History%20Month%20Events.php?recordID=795</p> <p>Shh. Dean Atta Facebook event http://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=164029943620306 Tickets and info http://www.ovalhouse.com/cn/event_details.php?sectionid=theatre&eventid=439&searchid=current</p>
23	Coventry and Warwickshire Friend	4-6	Sunday Social. Please contact the helpline (024 7671 4199) or email: admin@cwfriend.co.uk for more information and we will get back to you. Host details not to be released to non-members
24	Lakeside Arts Centre University Park Nottingham 01158 467777	11-4	Roman Sexuality: Images, Myths and Meanings. exhibition
25	Henderson Court 102 Fitzjohn's Ave, NW3 6NS	6-9	Age Concern Men's Group Film Night. Borstal Boy
26	<p>First Out Café 52 St. Giles High Street WC2H 8LH</p> <p>Kings Head Theatre London</p>	<p>6-8</p> <p>10pm (till Feb. 19th)</p>	<p>Age Concern transgender women's group. First meeting</p> <p>Miss Nightingale the Musical www.kingsheadthatre.com</p>
27	<p>International</p> <p>Salford University</p> <p>Hillwood Resource Centre 1 Polygon Rd, NW1 1QH</p>	<p>All day</p> <p>All Day</p> <p>6.30-9.30</p>	<p>Holocaust Memorial Day www.hmd.org.uk</p> <p>Northern launch of LGBT History Month. http://www.salford.ac.uk/lgbthistorymonth/</p> <p>Age Concern Camden Women's Film Night. Topp twins</p>
28	<p>Drill Hall 16 Chenies Street, London WC1E 7EX 0207 307 5060</p> <p>Harris Centre 51 Lanark Road Maida Vale, W9 1DE</p> <p>Friends House Restaurant 173-177 Euston Rd NW1 2BJ</p> <p>Harris Centre, 51 Lanark Road, Maida Vale, W9 1DE</p> <p>Cottons Islington, 70 Exmouth Market, Clerkenwell, London EC1R 4QP</p>	<p>7.30 (till 30-01)</p> <p>11-4</p> <p>12.30-2</p> <p>3-4</p> <p>6.30-10</p>	<p>Burmese Theatre Workshop: Smile as They Bow smile2801.jpg</p> <p>Age Concern Westminster Men's Lunch. Book with the Harris Centre 0203 370 3035</p> <p>Women's Group Lunch</p> <p>London Ambulance Service Consultation with the older LGBT community</p> <p>Come Rhyme With Me; Dean Atta Facebook event http://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=172216992810046 Tickets and info http://www.cottons-restaurant.co.uk/</p>
29	Croydon Clocktower	All Day	LGBT History Month Exhibition. Organised by CAGS Tennis Group

	<p>Katharine Street Croydon CR9 1ET 0208 726 6900</p> <p>New Foresters, possibly later in NG1, Nottingham</p> <p>Milton Keynes Ridgeway Community Centre (33 Dulverton Drive, Furzton, Milton Keynes MK4 1NA)</p> <p>Drill Hall 16 Chenies Street, London WC1E 7EX 0207 307 5060</p>	<p>8pm</p> <p>10-10</p> <p>1-4</p>	<p>Nottingham BII Bois LGBT History Month Launch Night. http://www.nottinghamballbois.com/</p> <p>Q:Alliance LGBT General Assembly. Features LGBTory MP Ian Stewart, Tony Fenwick, David Watkins and a mini-film festival http://www.qalliance.org.uk/ga2011/</p> <p>Staying out Late. Workshops for older LGBT people led by Paul Osman and Clare Summerskill http://www.lgbthistorymonth.org.uk/calendar/LGBT%20History%20Month%20Events.php?recordID=795</p>
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31	<p>Arnold Library Front St, Arnold, Nottingham NG5 7EE</p> <p>Keyworth Library, Church Drive Keyworth Nottingham NG12 5FF</p> <p>Rushcliffe Civic Centre Pavilion Rd, West Bridgford, Nottingham NG2 5FE</p> <p>The Hall, Bridgford Rd West Bridgford, Nottingham NG2 6AT</p> <p>FUSION in the Forum 2 Millennium Plain Bethel St Norwich NR2 1TF 01603 727950</p>	<p>Opening times (till 21-02)</p> <p>Opening times (till 25-02)</p> <p>All day (till 07-02)</p> <p>All day (till 07-02)</p> <p>10-5 (till 12-05)</p>	<p>LGBT History Month Display organized by Nottingham Rainbow Heritage</p> <p>LGBT History Month Display organized by Nottingham Rainbow Heritage</p> <p>LGBT History Month Display organized by Nottingham Rainbow Heritage</p> <p>LGBT History Month Display organized by Nottingham Rainbow Heritage</p> <p>Art with a Capital Q. LGBT artwork from the Tate Collection. Organised by Norwich Pride</p>

Homophobic and Transphobic Quotes

"Last week, I was talking to my second-year students about two straight men cuddling; they laughed, 'what's the big deal about that'. I polled them, and found that 14/15 said they had spooned another man, in bed, sleeping all night long. Gone are the days in which men would rather sleep on the floor or head to toe; not only do they share beds and cuddle, but they are not homosexualised for this."

Bath University's Eric Anderson invents a new verb (Guardian 04-01-11)

"We ask every immigration official to search their own hearts and their souls and to really say, 'Is this the Canada we want to live in – a Canada that sends a (teenager) to a probable death because of homophobia?'"

Canada MP Cheri DiNovo, on Mexican Daniel Garcia, who claimed his life was in danger because his sister was a lesbian and her partner had been murdered. He was deported from Toronto, where he was

at school, to Mexico on January 2nd. His sister was deported the previous Monday. (Autostraddle 04-01-11)

See You Next Month!

LGBT History Month Patrons:

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