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## 11.00 - 11.10: Welcome

### 11.10 - 11.40: History of Schools OUT UK – Lizzie Wallis

Schools OUT UK is a unique organisation that has instigated many vital projects that have enabled LGBT people in all their diversity to be visible and safe.

### 11.50 - 12.20: It's a Wonderful LGBT History Month – Steve Ashfield

It shows just how valuable learning about LGBT History is for our community. What would life be like if we didn't know about the history of our community and how life has changed over the decades.

### 12.35 - 13.05: Chosen of the Goddess – Trans Women in the Ancient World – Cheryl Morgan

Media coverage of trans people often states that we are a recent invention, perhaps dating only from 1930s Germany. The reality is much more complicated. People have been living lives outside of the gender binary for all of human history. Indeed, in the past societies were often more open to different genders than they are now. In the ancient world, living outside of the gender binary was often closely associated with religion. This talk will look at evidence for gender variance in goddess worship from Sumer through Assyria and Babylon to Rome.

### 13.15 - 13.45: But where I'm from it's illegal: A comparative reading of early-20<sup>th</sup> century 'gay' literature – Andrew Herm

Through examining *The Charioteer*, *Giovanni's Room*, and *Quatrefoil*, insight may be gained regarding the depiction of 'gay' men in the United States, England, and the Continent throughout the early-to-mid-twentieth century. The effect on masculinity, performativity, and inter-male romance due to varying degrees of 'out-ness', societal and cultural norms, and effects of patriarchy, particularly in connection with the military during and after the Second World War, are all explored throughout these novels. In conjunction with social and military histories, the viability of literature as historical documents that provide invaluable insight into past cultures' views on homosexuality and non-normative romance will be advocated through the range of this survey.

### 14.30 - 15.00: 'Gwen Farrar and Norah Blaney: Our love is a thing apart' – Alison Child

Gwen Farrar and Norah Blaney were household names in the 1920's. They filled the London Palladium for the farewell performance of their variety act in 1932. They were lovers from 1915 to 1931 and counted Radclyffe Hall, Jo Carstairs and Talullah Bankhead amongst their close friends. Alison will explore the reasons these remarkable women have been excluded from cultural memory.

### 15.10 - 15.40: Criminal Prosecution of inter-male sex 1850-1970 – Dr. Jeffery Evans

The first reliable longitudinal survey of indictable criminal prosecution of inter-male sex yet undertaken reveals a number of stark insights suggesting that the Criminal Justice System of the 19<sup>th</sup> century is not one of relentless prosecution.

### 15.50 - 16.20: But what can they do in bed anyway? Lesbian sexuality and the law – Jenny White

Explorations of LGBT lives & the law traditionally tend to focus on the criminalisation of male same sex acts, the resulting convictions and fight to overturn the legislation. Female same sex acts have never been outlawed in the UK (at least in civilian society). It's sometimes suggested that this was because Queen Victoria just couldn't believe such a thing existed. But how true is this theory?

## 16.20 - 16.30: Closing speeches and messages of thanks

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