

# LGBT Staff Newsletter

## WELCOME !

August 2012 is set to be a bumper month for Manchester with Olympic fever sweeping the nation and Manchester Pride celebrating its 22nd year. Amongst all of the action, we hope you'll have time to support many of the events featured in this newsletter.

As ever, if there are any events or support that you'd like to see the LGBT Staff Network provide then get in touch!

## Manchester Pride 2012

The focus of this issue will be around the various activities the University will be involved with as part of the Manchester Pride festival. The highlight for many will be the University's first entry in the Parade since 2007 which will take place on Saturday 25 August through Manchester City Centre. At the time of going to press, over 90 people will walk under the banner of The University of Manchester including staff, students, family and friends—many of whom aren't LGBT themselves but are proud to support the University and its LGBT community.

On 28 July, some of the participants in this year's parade gathered with Prof. Dame Nancy Rothwell (Vice-President and Chancellor) and Karen Heaton (Director of Human Resources and LGBT Staff Network Champion) to launch the University's involvement and demonstrate the commitment of the Senior Leadership Team to equality.

Places in the parade are strictly limited however if you are interested in joining the group, please email

[lg.bt@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:lg.bt@manchester.ac.uk) to see if there are places still available. We would also like to encourage all staff and students to come and watch the parade, cheer on those taking part and support the other events listed overleaf. For details of the parade route, see the Manchester Pride website at: [www.manchesterpride.com](http://www.manchesterpride.com)



## "Queer'd Science"

The theme for the Manchester Pride Parade this year is 'Queer'd Science' to mark the centenary of Alan Turing. Turing was instrumental in the cracking of the Enigma Code during World War II and is regarded as a pioneer in the development of the computer. He worked at The University of Manchester from 1948 until his death in 1954.

Manchester Museum continue to run an exhibition focusing on Turing's contribution to biology and mathematics with guided tours scheduled throughout the Manchester Pride Fringe Festival (17–27 August). [www.museum.manchester.ac.uk/whatson/exhibitions/alanturingandlifesenigma/](http://www.museum.manchester.ac.uk/whatson/exhibitions/alanturingandlifesenigma/)



## Alan Turing: Science and Sexuality

**22nd August, 17:30**

The Manchester Museum are proud to host an evening event focusing on Alan Turing, his work and his lasting legacy. Audience members will gain an insight from University staff working in different fields and have the opportunity to engage in a Q&A session.

Panel members will include Dr Eva Navarro-López (School of Computer Science), Dr James Sumner (Centre for the History of Science, Technology and Medicine) and Henry McGhie (Manchester Museum).

Further details will be launched shortly via the Museum website however to register for this event, please call on 0161 275 2648 (this is a free event that is open to all members of the public).

## LGBT: Unlikely Bedfellows

**20th—23 August, 19:30**

The John Thaw Studio Theatre will host a Manchester Pride Fringe Commission.

A quartet of Britain's leading writers (Neil Bartlett, Stella Duffy, Rob Ellis & Jackie Kay) explore the diversity which exists within the simple four letters that represent our community.

Four individual stories which challenge the accepted stereotypes that lurk behind the rainbow flag.

Tickets are available priced at £10.

[www.arts.manchester.ac.uk/martinharriscentre/index.php](http://www.arts.manchester.ac.uk/martinharriscentre/index.php)

Directed by Jonathan Best.



## Turing's Sunflowers

The Museum of Science and Industry (MOSI) in collaboration with The University of Manchester are leading a worldwide project to grow and study 3000 sunflowers to put Turing's unfinished theory around the Fibonacci sequence in nature to the test. MOSI will be running a number of events around this theme so check the official website for further details:

[www.turingsunflowers.com](http://www.turingsunflowers.com)

For general enquiries, details on Manchester Pride 2012 or to be added to the **confidential** mailing list please email: [lq.bt@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:lq.bt@manchester.ac.uk)



For Equality and Diversity Issues please email: [Paul.Marks-Jones@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:Paul.Marks-Jones@manchester.ac.uk)

## Chamber Music Concerts

**20th—24th August, 13:00**

Held in the Cosmo Rodewald Concert Hall at the University, Manchester Pride will hold its annual series of Chamber Music Concerts.



The recitals, which are now in their fifth year, celebrate LGBT composers and feature internationally renowned performers as well as young, local talent. This year's five concerts include performances from the exceptionally versatile baritone Roderick Williams, the supremely talented Heath Quartet, the wonderful Aquinas Piano Trio, young and vibrant pianist Daniel Browell and the charismatic mezzo CN Lester, with guitarist Toby Carr.

The recitals will feature music by Tchaikovsky, Britten, Schubert, Saint-Saens, Tippett, Ireland and Somervell as well as the world premiere of a new piece by Manchester Pride's very own Composer-in-Association, Marc Yeats. The concerts on 21 & 23 August will be recorded by BBC Radio 3 for future broadcast.

Tickets (priced at £5) are available on the door but if you'd like to book in advance phone 0843 208 0500.



## The Polari Mission—Bona Eek

**13th August—23rd September**

**John Rylands Library, Deansgate (Free)**

Artists Jez Dolan and Joseph Richardson are launching a mission to save Polari, one of the world's most endangered languages and a bold yet secretive part of gay history. This display is a trailblazer for a forthcoming exhibition, to be hosted by the library in 2013.

## Quaker Ceilidh

**17 August, 19:00—21:00**

**Central Manchester Quaker Meeting House, 6 Mount Street, M2 5NS**

An evening of folk song and dancing.

This is a free event, but as space is limited, please reserve your place:

Email: [Quaker@manchesterpride.co.uk](mailto:Quaker@manchesterpride.co.uk)

