Weekly Digests June 2015

4 June 2015

Manchester Pride: a theme has now been chosen and it is 'Devotion'.

We have five people signed up to the Pride planning meeting on Tuesday 30th June from 5pm in the Student's Union – . We need more people, ideas and contributions please!

The student body has also been invited and will be attending. RSVP to lgbt@manchester.ac.uk if you are able to attend and assist with the planning of our entry

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The event will be held at Renold Building on Sunday 30 August 2pm – 3pm with refreshments from 1.30pm. Make a note in your diaries and more information will be coming soon! Watch this space.

We will need a couple of volunteers as part of the event, so email lgbt@manchester.ac.uk if you are able to help out from 1pm – 3pm.

Pride photo call

Dates for your diaries – The annual Pride photocall (attended by Nancy and members of the Senior Leadership Team) will be on **EITHER** Tuesday 28 July at 12.30 OR Wednesday 29 July at 12noon – just awaiting a few responses before confirming the date, so please hold both times in your diaries

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As announced in the last bulletin, this year we will be sponsoring Sparkle In The Park (the National Transgender Celebration), by having a park banner in Sackville Park over the Sparkle Weekend (11 & 12 July).

We are also working on an event to be part of this year's Sparkle Fringe festival. Here's what's going on already: http://www.sparkle.org.uk/the-fringe/?type=track&value=22

Our designers would like input from the group as to what the banner should say and look like. Send your ideas for the fringe and designs to lgbt@manchester.ac.uk over the next week and these will be collated and shared on the next update.

Stonewall Questionnaire Changes

We now have a project team for our Stonewall Questionnaire completion – joining myself and Daniel will be Stephen J, Paul B and Athony T – THANKS! An update will follow next week's meeting

A summer of Shuttles

ALLOUT member Michael is organising a weekly LGBT Saturday Badminton session over the Summer (starting end June), most likely to be held at Sugden Sports Centre. You can drop me an email to michael.coleman@manchester.ac.uk to be included on the mailing list for further information. Sessions will be open to all abilities.

Next meeting

Final reminder for the meeting on Thursday 11 June at 9am. As it's a breakfast meeting we will be providing pastries, tea and coffee – therefore **PLEASE** indicate your attendance/nonattendance via the outlook invite that was sent to you all. If you cannot find that –please mail directly so I can update your attendance – it's just so we order the right amount of food! ©

Manchester Pride

Lots of discussion and ideas around the theme of DEVOTION at the meeting today and therefore plenty to go with for the meeting on Tuesday 30th June from 5pm in the Student's Union. Suggestions included looking at how famous academics have been devoted to their research; how the university is devoted to its staff and students; how people devote themselves to their different jobs at the university – so lots to go on!

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Next social event

It's Book Group time on Thursday 18th June at 4.45pm – we meet in TROF (The Deaf Institute) on Grosvenor Street. The book is 'Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close' by Jonathan Safran Foer – come along whether you have read it or not – it's more than likely that we'll have a film screening of the book at a later date as it has been a very good read!

Manchester Pride Meeting and Photcall

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The banner is ready. What do you think?



Thanks to Mandy for the design

And some more details about our Sparkle fringe event:



Research

See message below from Wiley Exchanges

Using research to drive social change on LGBTQ issues

As researchers, 'impact' is a driving factor behind many funding priorities in the academic world. And by 'impact' we often mean citations. But what about real impact? How can researchers in fields such as History, Business, Psychology, Education and Philosophy influence social change on a global level? This month we're bringing research to bear on...





LGBTY – Sydney Street Cafe

ALLOUT has lots of upcoming plans and projects with our community partner LGBTY (http://www.lgbtcentremcr.co.uk) in the meantime why not take a look at their website, see what they're involved in and pop along to the café for a delicious lunch (with great cake too!)

Stonewall Banner Tour

We would like to repeat last year's successful tour of the Stonewall pull up banner which promotes the University as a Diversity Champion. If you are able to arrange for the banner to be displayed in your buildings main reception or as part of an event for a few weeks over summer and into Autumn then please email Daniel.Taylor@Manchester.ac.uk