

Rainbow Laces

As part of LGBT History Month activities, we collaborated with SPORT to engage with the Rainbow Laces Campaign. Over 900 pairs were distributed to sports teams and staff members on campus making this our biggest involvement to date.



Stonewall

Our feedback meeting for the 2016 index took place and we had some very positive outcomes in the index. Our account manager commented on some great practice and said everyone involved in the application and associated events should be very proud of our achievements.

There are plenty of (easy) actions that we should undertake to further improve our next application – due in September. I'd like to pull together a small team (6-8 people) from different areas of the University to be able to make our application as varied and as strong as possible. As the index is so wide reaching, everyone will have something relevant to input.

Would you like to be involved?

If so – please mail lgbt@manchester.ac.uk

IDAHOT

Tuesday May 17th is IDAHOT (International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia) – we're hoping to mark this in the usual way with the Rainbow flying at different parts of the campus. If you have a suitable place to fly a flag, then please let me know and I'll make sure we have enough. It's also hoped we will commence the Mosaic Wall where the memorial tree to Alan Turing is planted: <http://www.staffnet.manchester.ac.uk/news/display/?id=16051> – this activity would be followed by a film screening

An official invite will be circulated after next week's meeting.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is next week - Tuesday March 22 at 12.30pm in G.33 Williamson Building
Bring along your lunch and we'll provide some cakes and treats.

ACTION ALL: please accept or decline Outlook invite and please send any agenda items to Geoff.blunt@manchester.ac.uk

Manchester Pride

Today applications opened for Manchester Pride 2016 with the theme 'Once Upon a Time....'

So far I haven't received any interest in joining or contributing to the organising committee and associated events– this will be an agenda item next week, but in the meantime, please do consider being part of this team so The University can be represented for the fifth consecutive year.

please mail lgbt@manchester.ac.uk

Manchester GOLD

[Manchester Gold](#) is a mentoring programme that takes place every year – it is open to all staff at all levels and is a great way to develop your career at the University.

As the latest round has just started I thought it would be useful to have some testimonials from group members who may have participated in this in previous years – either as a mentor or a mentee.

If you have done, and would like to provide a few sentences about your experience, then please send to me:

lgbt@manchester.ac.uk – submissions can be anonymised if you desire.

Coffee and Cake?

The next of these informal gatherings will be in April – the venue may be different to give more people the opportunity to attend.

More information in future updates and on the Facebook page – so keep checking there.

March 31 2016

New Banner

We're in the process of designing a new pull banner for the group to use at events. Any comments on our first 'draft':



Stonewall and Conference

As mentioned, I'd like to pull together a small team (6-8 people) from different areas of the University to be able to make our next Stonewall application as varied and as strong as possible. As the index is so wide reaching, everyone will have something relevant to contribute.

Currently I have one other volunteer

Your input is required! Would you like to be involved?

If so – please mail lgbt@manchester.ac.uk

Also, Stonewall Conference – This is taking place on Friday 15 April and we have funding to send one group member. A full agenda is [here](#) – please contact me directly ASAP if you would be interested in attending: paul.marks-jones@manchester.ac.uk

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An official invite will be circulated today.

PDR

Did you know that the annual Performance Development Review has undergone some changes?

You can read all about the changes here: <http://www.staffnet.manchester.ac.uk/news/display/?id=16142>

Manchester Pride

The theme for Manchester Pride 2016 is 'Once Upon a Time...'

So far I haven't received any interest in joining or contributing to the organising committee and associated events, therefore I am currently putting together a sheet detailing what is involved in the whole process, so people feel better informed when thinking of volunteering for this.

Additionally, there is an opportunity to help co-ordinate a 'fringe' event for Stonewall – this would be for their Youth event and I have the following details:

Date: Saturday 27 August

Time: 9.30am – 1pm

Number of people: 50

Catering: tea/coffee and a biscuit or pastries, orange/apple juice and sandwich packed lunch.

More about the event:

Every year, the charity, Stonewall hosts its annual Youth Pride Event at Pride in London, open to anyone who will be aged between 16 and 21 on the day, from around the UK. The event provides young people with the chance to meet others and Stonewall staff, as well as march in the parade. For some attending the event means that they will be meeting, for the first time, other lesbian, gay, bi and trans young people.

This year, Stonewall is expanding the event to Manchester, during Manchester Pride.

To be involved in either, please mail lgbt@manchester.ac.uk

Social Events

The next 'coffee and cake' informal meet up will be **14 April 1pm at Contact Theatre**. Hope many of you can make it.

The next book for Book Club is 'The Colour Purple' by Alice Walker – date and venue for the meeting is yet to be decided, but will be on the Facebook page.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is **June 9 at 8.30am** in Hanson Room – Humanities Bridgeford Street

Breakfast will be provided and Geoff has agreed to act as secretary again.

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ACTION ALL: please advise if you are happy to be on the visible meeting request – we have too many people on the current 'hidden' format. THANKS!

April 14 2016

New Banner

The new banner has arrived and it looks great:



It's now on tour, so it would be great if we could have it in as many buildings on campus as possible.

If you could host the banner for two weeks, then please let me know and I will add your location to the list.

Thanks to Mandy for the concept and design 😊

Stonewall and Conference

Thanks to those who have come forward to volunteer to assist with the Stonewall application. This is the LAST CALL now as the first group meeting will be on Wednesday 27 April

More input is required! Would you like to be involved?

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No-one came forward for the Stonewall Conference.

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We will commence the Mosaic Wall where the memorial tree to Alan Turing is planted: <http://www.staffnet.manchester.ac.uk/news/display/?id=16051> – this activity will be followed by a film screening introduced by James Thompson (Associate Vice President – Social Responsibility). We are aiming to link with Rainbow Noir and the BME Staff Network group for the film screening.

Outlook invites have been sent – **PLEASE** confirm your attendance ☺

Sexuality Summer School

The annual Sexuality Summer School brings postgraduates, researchers and international scholars together with artists and filmmakers to facilitate dialogue and discussions that speak to contemporary debates in queer and feminist sexuality studies, with a particular emphasis on the interdisciplinary study of culture.

You can read the Staffnet article [here](#).

On this page you will also find details of how to register, participate and join the mailing list.

Manchester Pride

The theme for Manchester Pride 2016 is 'Once Upon a Time...' I've had a couple of volunteers come forward to assist. As requested, a more detailed list of what's involved has been produced. This is attached.

Planning does need to start soon, so if anyone else can come forward please let me know.

I'll arrange a meeting for those who have volunteered and from this point a decision will be made about participation.

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Social Events/MMU Collaboration

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The next book for Book Club is 'The Colour Purple' by Alice Walker – date and venue for the meeting is yet to be decided, but will be on the Facebook page.

Also – another date for your diary! Myself and Ben recently met with MMU LGBT Staff Network Group to see how we could join forces more frequently. We have agreed a great plan of action and the first of these events is a **JOINT SOCIAL!** This will take the form of the popular 'network with your network' event that we ran a few years ago. Scheduled for **THURSDAY 2 JUNE** in the downstairs bar at TROF/Deaf Institute on Grosvenor Street it will be a relaxed and informal way to get to know each other.

More details will be sent via an Outlook invite and details posted on the Facebook page

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