

5 May 2016

## IDAHOT

Tuesday May 17<sup>th</sup> is IDAHOT (International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia)

<http://www.staffnet.manchester.ac.uk/news/display/?id=16398>

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) and Rainbow Noir. Outlook invites have been sent – **PLEASE** confirm your attendance or reserve your ticket here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/film-screening-idahot-tickets-25023298359>

## MMU Event/Collaboration

This will take the form of the popular ‘network with your network’ event that we ran a few years ago. **SAVE THE DATE!** 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.

Also – they are hosting a day event for IDAHOT. The schedule of the day is as follows:

10.30am - 12.30:

Room 1.22: Human Library

11am - 12.30pm

Room 1.24: Trans/Toilets 101: Discussion

12.30 - 1.30pm:

Room 1.22: Lunch / Refreshments

1.30 - 4pm:

Room 1.22: Human Library

1.15 - 4pm:

Room 1.24: Body and Gender Drama / Mixed-Arts workshop

All activities are free to attend and open to all, regardless of gender identity.

Refreshments will be provided, please let us know if you have any specific access or dietary requirements and we will endeavour to accommodate them.

To book, please visit Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/trans-metropolitan-tickets-23228467973>

## Stonewall

The Stonewall project team have recently met and will be working through the questionnaire over the next few months – updates will follow.

## Obama

Incase you missed it, here’s the link to The LGBT question asked to President Obama at the recent London Town Hall event:

<https://youtu.be/8RcyggZ9SV8?t=3042>

## Manchester Pride

The theme for Manchester Pride 2016 is ‘Once Upon a Time....’I’ve had a couple of volunteers come forward to assist – these people will be contacted to see if we are proceeding with a UoM entry.

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

**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](mailto:lgbt@manchester.ac.uk)

## Social Events

The next 'coffee and cake' informal meet up will be decided soon and advertised on Facebook. Hope many of you can make it.

The next book for Book Club is 'The Colour Purple' by Alice Walker– 5pm on Thursday 23rd June at Sand Bar.

## 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.

**ACTION ALL:** please accept or decline Outlook invite and please send any agenda items to [Geoff.blunt@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:Geoff.blunt@manchester.ac.uk)

**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!

**June 1 2016**

## MMU Event/Collaboration

This is TOMORROW – 2<sup>nd</sup> June! ☺

It will take the form of the popular 'network with your network' event that we ran a few years ago and will be downstairs bar at TROF/Deaf Institute on Grosvenor Street it will be a relaxed and informal way to get to know each other.

Everyone has been sent an Outlook invite and we currently have 13 people coming along from UoM – so should be good – but there's room for more of you! ☺

**ACTION:** Accept the Outlook invite

## Manchester Pride

Thank you to the three people who came forward to assist with Pride. After discussions we realise this is not a practical number to work with and none of the people would be able to do the co-ordination on the day. I have also put this proposal to our Allies, but it does not look likely that we will have enough people from there either.

So, it is with sadness that I announce we will not have a presence in Manchester Pride 2016.

Our focus will therefore be on the Pride Fringe and the Stonewall event (detailed below)

We have two suggestions for Fringe events – one about the third gender and then a collaborative event with the DSN and BME groups to do something around Olympians.

More discussions will take place at the meeting next week

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## Social Events

The next event is tomorrow as detailed above.

The book group will meet on Thursday 23rd June in Sand Bar at 5pm to discuss the book *The Colour Purple*. Still plenty of time to read it and join in!

## Next Meeting

The next meeting is **June 9 at 9am** in G33 Williamson Building (new time and venue)

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## 20 June 2016

### Meeting 20 June

Notes from the previous meeting are attached – please observe any actions

## Orlando

We will all be aware of the terrible attack which took place in Orlando.

I have arranged a book of condolences to be placed in the Chaplaincy for people to sign. There is also the possibility to light a candle.

This is located in the Main Auditorium – please circulate details to as many people as possible.

There is an article on StaffNet: <http://www.staffnet.manchester.ac.uk/news/display/?id=16642> (it is currently being updated to show the new location)

Thanks go to The Library and EPS Reprographics who have helped with the book. And also sincere thanks to the Chaplaincy for hosting:



## Manchester Pride

As announced previously our focus will be on the Pride Fringe. The Stonewall event listed previously will not go ahead at the University. Stonewall had to find another host as we did not have a volunteer in time.

We now have three suggestions for Fringe events:

- one about the Hirja/third gender community in India
- A discussion/debate/networking event with the theme 'Why is Pride Important'
- a collaborative event with the DSN and BME groups to do something around Olympians.

Invites have been sent to the BME/Disabled Staff Network groups as we will need more people to help put these events on. Stephen Johnston is already taking a lead with the discussion event – scheduled for Thursday 18 August. We will need people to help co-ordinate, administer and market these events. To be involved, please mail [lgbt@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:lgbt@manchester.ac.uk)

## LGB Guidance

As per the notes we would like to undertake a review of our current guidance. This is attached and if anyone has comments, then please track changes and return to me

## Sparkle in the Park

Once again we will be supporting Sparkle in The Park.

This takes place 8/9/10 July in Sackville Park

More details here: <http://www.sparkle.org.uk/>

## Social Events

The book group will meet on Thursday 23rd June in Sand Bar at 5pm to discuss the book The Colour Purple. Come along – even if you haven't read the book

Subsequent event will be part of the Pride debate detailed above on THURSDAY 18 AUGUST – **SAVE THE DATE**

Walking group – keep your eyes peeled on the Facebook page for the next walk in July.

## Next Meeting

The next meeting is **October 5 at 12 noon – venue TBD**

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