

February is LGBT History Month!

2014 sees LGBT History Month focus on music and will be a celebration of what LGBT people have contributed and continue to contribute to the world of music.

As in previous years we'll have a timetable of events running throughout the month, incorporating events at local establishments such as The Contact Theatre and The Cornerhouse.

Our meeting on 16 January will focus on activities and how the timetable will look—so come along and make a contribution—what would you like to see and what would you not like to see!?

One event already scheduled is the quiz rematch between MMU and UoM! Last year those scoundrels shamed five university teams by taking the top prize—so it's time to show them what we really do know! This takes place Friday 28 February—so clear your diaries and get swotting up! If you'd like to participate—either as an individual or a team, just message lg.bt@manchester.ac.uk



The University of Manchester
LGBT Staff Network Group

WELCOME

A big welcome to 2014 and our new look newsletter. You'll notice our new name, which members had voted on and thanks to Reece for the great design. There's a lot happening in 2014 and we hope to be able to match the activity level and successes we've had in the last couple of years. Enjoy the newsletter and as always we're happy to receive content, stories or ideas for inclusion.

Trans Awareness



Wednesday 20 November was Trans Remembrance and Awareness day. This was marked at the university with the flying of the

Transgender flag in University Place. We were also able to remind people of the University's guidance for Trans Staff and Students which can be found here:

www.documents.manchester.ac.uk/display.aspx?DocID=12047

During 2014 we will be reviewing this guidance.

Book Event

On 12th February, Armistead Maupin, the author of the Tales of the City books, (first published in the 70s, but serialised on Channel 4 in the 90s), will be reading from his new book, The Days of Anna Madrigal at the Dancehouse theatre on Oxford Road. This book completes the third trilogy of his stories set in San Francisco, covering 5 decades and dozens of characters, many of whom are LGBT and all of whom are involved in complicated, intertwined, and often unlikely relationships. The author insists this will be the final outing of these characters so expect more than a hint of patchouli-tinged nostalgia. Other work by Armistead Maupin has a darker tone, such as the Night Listener and Maybe the Moon, so it will be interesting to see if this has influenced the last visit to the house on Barbary Lane. Tickets are available from Waterstones on Deansgate.

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Pride 2014



Following the successes in 2012 and 2013 we'll have a tricky task to top it in 2014! The group has begun discussions about our participation—whether we should have a parade entry given the associated costs in relation to the amount that was raised for LGBT charities. To put this into perspective—our parade **entry fee** in 2013 was over £800—the total amount raised for the whole of Manchester Pride weekend was around £30,000. The group will discuss at the January meeting whether it is more powerful and productive to arrange something

as an alternative and donate money directly. More discussions will take place, but any ideas and opinions can be put forward to ensure we make a fair and balanced decision. In the meantime, Manchester Pride are asking for input into how the weekend should look in 2014—if you want to participate, you can do so here:

www.manchesterpride.com/getinvolved/beinvolved



Social Events

BOOK GROUP

Thursday 18 February 5pm
Kro Bar

Book is 'Breaking Point' by Jenny Roberts

WALK OUT

Sunday 16 February 9am
Meet Oxford Road Station

QUIZ & SOCIAL

Friday 28 February 7pm
MMU students' Union

MORE DETAILS ON FACEBOOK PAGE!

Stonewall



Our 2013/2014 submission was sent in on time and now we're just waiting the results! Whilst we'd love to be in the Top 100, we're realistic about this and so long as we climb from 165 we'll be very happy. As it's such a mammoth task we'd like to appeal to everyone to remember to keep their eye out for any LGBT activities and news on campus so we can include as evidence. And if anyone wishes to join the team for completing the questionnaire, please get in touch! Plus we have a rather snazzy banner (pictured) that can be displayed anywhere on campus—let us know if you'd like to have it in your building!

Equality and Diversity Forum

The University's 'Equality and Diversity Forum' met on 26 November. Chaired by the AVP for Social Responsibility, it is also attended by the Registrar, Secretary and Chief Operating Officer and the Deputy President and Deputy Vice Chancellor in addition to other heads of operational units so is an excellent opportunity for groups to raise any issues that have occurred throughout the year.

The Forum were updated on the activities of the LGBT Staff Network Group and were exceptionally pleased to hear about our success in the Manchester Pride Parade and the University's commitment to becoming 'Stonewall Champions'.

The Disabled Staff Network provided an update on the University signing the 'Time to Change' pledge and also spoke about a forthcoming conference being organised by the Network called "What Are We Hiding?".

The BME group have been working to try and understand the issues of BME staff at the University and have also developed links with staff at MMU with a view to organising joint events.

Timetable of Meetings 2014

We're setting 2014 meeting dates in advance. Our first meeting is **16 January 12 noon 5.209 University Place** and then subsequent meetings in March, June, September and December.

See the Facebook page for Doodle links to indicate your preference for each meeting.