

Mosaic laying

Many of you will know/have seen the mosaic which is in front of the Alan Turing Tree:
Some repairs and completion of the mosaic will take place tomorrow at 12.30pm outside St Peter's Chaplaincy.
If you can spare 20 minutes, then please do come along to help!
There might even be some cakes/biscuits.....



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Manchester Pride

As announced previously our focus will be on the Pride Fringe.

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 – this is now likely to be a gallery display

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 still need people to help co-ordinate, administer and market these events. To be involved, please mail lgbt@manchester.ac.uk

LGB Guidance

As per the notes from the last meeting, 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, which is this weekend! Don't forget to tweet your pictures to @UOMLGBT

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

Social Events

The book group will next meet to discuss 'Breaking the Surface' by Olympic diver Greg Louganis – date TBD – more details will be on the Facebook page

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**

ACTION ALL: please accept or decline Outlook invite and please send any agenda items to

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!

Invitation

Please see invitation below from Salford’s LGBT Network Group:

*At the last minute we have arranged for the University to host a fantastic exhibition looking at the life’s of Trans people of faith. The exhibition is already up in the Foyer of Media City and there is an official launch **this Thursday evening 6-8pm at Media City.***

This is in partnership with the LGBT Foundation and the Sparkle Festival Fringe.

More information can be found at the exhibition website : <http://www.twilightpeople.com/event/exhibition-tour-goes-manchester/>

Follow us on Twitter: [TwilightPeople2](#) #TPexhibition

28 July 2016

Manchester Pride Activities

As announced in previous digests there will be several activities taking place in the run up to Manchester Pride:

- a gallery display of Olympians and sports people from different backgrounds will be displayed in both Alan Turing Building and Arthur Lewis Building for the duration of the Olympic Games.
- **Thursday 18 August 4pm:** A discussion/debate/networking event with the theme ‘Why is Pride Important’. Read more and book tickets here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/is-pride-still-important-tickets-26818999349>
- **Wednesday 24 August 1pm:** Sarah Newport will host an interesting talk Q&A session about the Hirja/third gender community in India. Read more and book tickets here: <http://www.eventbrite.com/e/indias-hirja3rd-gender-community-tickets-26818917103>
- in addition we will have banners displayed on Waterloo Place and Sackville Street with the Rainbow flag flying at different locations

If you have a location to display the Rainbow Flag, then please get in touch: lgbt@manchester.ac.uk

Stonewall Questionnaire/Survey

Every Year as part of the Stonewall Questionnaire we are asked to circulate a staff survey.

This part of the questionnaire carries 5% of the total, so it’s really important that we have as many people participate as possible.

This has already been circulated to our ALLIES and on the Facebook page.

Please take five minutes to complete the survey – it’s really important!

<https://www.snapsurveys.com/wh/s.asp?k=146882603160>

Our four digit code is 1693

And please feel free to share with colleagues – it’s not exclusively for LGBT staff!

Catering

Did you know that our Community Partner The Proud Trust also offer catering services and are an approved supplier of the University?

Next time you have to order catering why not give them a try? They are currently listed under ‘The Young Women’s Health Project’ on the supplier system.

You can contact Claire: claire.holmes@theproudtrust.org for an outside catering menu and to discuss booking.

LGB Guidance

Thank you to everyone who sent suggestions for improvements/changes to our LGB guidance. These will be incorporated and the guidance relaunched in August.

Stonewall's Youth Pride

Registration for Stonewall's Manchester Youth Pride has now opened

The event is taking place on **Saturday 27th August** and is open to anyone who will be between the ages of 16 and 21 on the day.

You can find out more by following this [link](#).

Social Events

The **book group** will next meet to discuss 'Breaking the Surface' by Olympic diver Greg Louganis –we'll meet on Wednesday 14 September in Sand Bar from 5pm

Walking group :

Our August walk will happen on Sunday August 7th - a fairly gentle, circular walk (actually, more of a slim-waisted figure 8) just over 8 miles from Grindleford. From the train station we will first follow a steep path through the stunning Padley Gorge and then join the Sheffield Country Walk until Upper Burbage Bridge. Higger Tor will be the highest point of the walk, from where we will have a quick look at Carl Wark –an interesting rocky outcrop that might have been an Iron Age fort. (Check the Wikipedia page!) The last leg via the Longshaw Estate is very gentle, and we have the option to either have a pub lunch at the Grouse Inn or a very rustic snack at the station café (although that one isn't licensed).

Meet 9:10am on Sunday August 7th at Manchester Piccadilly near the information and buy a return ticket to Grindleford. We'll catch the 9:22 Northern service to Sheffield, arriving at 10:24. Trains back to Manchester run at 29 past the hour- we should be able to catch the 15:29, returning at 16:34, unless the kids go climbing around Carl Wark in which case a 16:29 departure (arrival 17:34) is more likely.

As we are going by train you can just turn up on the day. However if you are planning to come it is helpful to have a mobile number to text you on if there are any last-minute changes.

Hope to see you there, whether you are a new or old member of the group. Please contact Tom: Thomas.nuhse@manchester.ac.uk for further details

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11 August 2016

Manchester Pride Activities

Our August events are in full swing now!

- A gallery display of diverse sports people is now on display in the Alan Turing Building, Humanities Bridgeford Street, Ellen Wilkinson, SPORT Offices AND the Arthur Lewis Building for the duration of the Olympic and Paralympic Games. Please visit, comment and tweet @UoMLGBT!
- **Wednesday 24 August 1pm:** Sarah Newport will host an interesting talk Q&A session about the Hijra/third gender community in India. Read more and book tickets here: <http://www.eventbrite.com/e/indias-hirja3rd-gender-community-tickets-26818917103>
- **DATE CHANGE Tuesday 6 September 4pm:** A discussion/debate/networking event with the theme 'Why is Pride Important'. Confirmed speakers are Manchester's Lord Mayor and Trans Activist Jacqui Gavin. Read more and book tickets here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/is-pride-still-important-tickets-26818999349>
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We already have in excess of 100 responses, but the higher the response rate, the more accurate the info!

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Staff Benefits and Discounts

You will all be aware of the fantastic range of benefits available to University Staff – these benefits and discounts are open to everyone and there are even some LGBT venues/services offering discounts to everyone. Ranging from discounts on food and drink to generous reductions on travel and holidays, you can read all about the benefits here (login required for staff discounts area): <http://www.staffnet.manchester.ac.uk/human-resources/benefits/>

Manchester GOLD

Manchester GOLD is the University’s highly regarded mentoring scheme. Mentors and mentees are matched based on experience and relevance to goals and targets of each person. People can also request to be matched with other LGBT staff to ensure the process is as rewarding as possible. More information about the scheme and how to be involved can be seen here: <http://www.staffnet.manchester.ac.uk/employment/training/personal-development/groups-networking-mentoring/mentoring/manchester-gold/>

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