

LGB Staff Update

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ACTIVITIES

- In order to diversify our activities, it has been proposed that the LGB Network set up a book group to meet every 6 weeks or so. If you are interested, please email Stephen Johnston with your name and any suggestions for our first book. A suitable time and venue will be arranged once interest has been established.
- 17 May 2010 is the International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia (IDAHO). On 17 May 1990 the World Health Organisation removed homosexuality from it's list of mental health disorders and since 2004 the date has been used to 'bring about public and political mobilization for LGBT rights'. Look out for events in your area and show your support for IDAHO 2010 by flying a rainbow flag.



Hello and welcome to the first University of Manchester LGB Staff Newsletter! This is an opportunity to share news, articles, events and ideas across the LGB Staff Network and beyond. All staff are encouraged to contribute to future issues - just send an email to the contact address at the foot of the page. The staff network group was re-launched during LGBT History Month in February and Paul Marks-Jones from the Equality and Diversity team organised a range of events to mark the occasion. These ranged from cinema visits to a LGBT History Walk and even a performance by the Manchester Lesbian and Gay Chorus. These events were well attended and it is hoped that we can now build on that success and develop a thriving, active and supportive network. If you have any suggestions for future events (no matter how left-field) then please get in touch - if it appeals to you then it may well appeal to others! Finally, it is important to realise that the LGB Network group has the largest confidential email distribution list out of all of the staff networks. If you are reading this and aren't on the list, then please email lg.bt@manchester.ac.uk to join. If you know a colleague who may like to join the network then let them know about us and pass them this newsletter!

YOUR NETWORK NEEDS YOU !!

*The LGB Staff Network is able to be represented at the next Equality & Diversity Forum. The forum meets twice a year to review E&D strategy, monitor the performance of the University, recommend suitable actions and promote a working and learning environment that values diversity, promotes inclusion and commits to ensuring equality. If you are interested in representing LGB Staff at the forum, please email: lg.bt@manchester.ac.uk

*The Network is also hoping to update it's web presence so suggestions for content as well as IT-literate volunteers are needed to ensure that the Network can communicate as effectively as possible and people are able to get the information they need.



Queer Up North is celebrating it's 18th birthday in style this year and the international festival is bigger than ever. Members of the LGB Staff Network were

invited to the launch event at the Harvey Nichols 2nd floor brasserie last month and in addition to the free champagne, were treated to an overview of this year's festival highlights as well as a performance from the irrepressible Jonny Woo. Full details of the festival can be found at www.queerupnorth.com however there are several events taking place on our doorstep at The University of Manchester:

- 24 May** - 'The Queer Space of China'
- 25 May** - 'Screen Tests: Andy Warhol Films Susan Sontag'
- 27 May** - 'The Angel's Song: What About Queer Music?'

All of the above start at 5pm and will be held in Lecture Theatre A, University Place. It is general admission to members of the public, no booking required and all are **absolutely free!** Please support the festival by attending as many events as you can. Email the network for a full brochure.

Quiz Night

The next LGB social event will be a Quiz Night held on Thursday 3rd June! The quiz will take place in the upstairs bar of The Rembrandt on Canal St which will provide a private space and relaxed atmosphere. The bar will be open from 5pm and the quiz will commence at 6pm. For this event, a subsidised buffet will be provided and therefore there is a cost of £6 per person. If you would like to put a team together, feel free to invite colleagues or friends, however please don't let that put off individuals or small groups - there will be an opportunity to form a team on the night. For catering purposes, please email your interest by 21 May: lg.bt@manchester.ac.uk

May Walk

The next LGBT staff walk will take place on Sunday 30 May and will be an approximate 10 mile circular walk around Windermere. This will hopefully be an opportunity to take in the stunning views of the Lake District on the May Bank Holiday weekend. The group will be departing by train from Manchester Piccadilly train station at 9am and will return either on the 16:45 or 18:45 direct trains (depending on whether people would like longer by the lake). If you would like to join the group, please email:

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