

# LGB Staff Update

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## OTHER

## ACTIVITIES

### • Book Club

The book club is up and running! The first title is 'The Stars' Tennis Balls' by Stephen Fry. The first meeting will be held on 19 August. Please e-mail [Stephen.johnston@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:Stephen.johnston@manchester.ac.uk) for more details

### • Facebook

The LGB Network is getting a Facebook Page! Look out for an invite soon. It's just another platform to advertise our events and engage with more people at the University.

### • Name the Network

Do we need a new name? LGB Network Group is a little, well, dull! So if you can come up with something a bit more snappy then let us know! All suggestions to [lg.bt@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:lg.bt@manchester.ac.uk)

### • Other news

**The Supreme Court has ruled that homosexual asylum seekers should be granted refugee status if going back to their homeland would result in them being forced to conceal their sexuality or face persecution for living openly as a gay person:** <http://www.equalityhumanrights.com/media-centre/2010/july/>



Hello and welcome to issue 2 of the University of Manchester LGB Staff Newsletter!

it appeals to you then it may well appeal to others!

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 is going from strength to strength since its re-launch in February so if you have any suggestions for future events (no matter how left-field) then please get in touch - if

Finally, it is important to realise that the LGB Network group has the largest 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](mailto: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 maybe pass them a copy of this newsletter!

## AUGUST EXCLUSIVE

We are delighted to welcome Mark Dowd, campaign strategist for Operation Noah ([www.operationnoah.org/markdowd](http://www.operationnoah.org/markdowd)) to the University ahead of his BBC documentary and the papal visit in September. We have arranged a special exclusive seminar entitled "Queer and Catholic: some musings on the papal visit" and this will take place as part of Manchester Pride on Thursday 26th August in lecture theatre D7 Renold Building from 5.30pm.

Everyone is welcome, but pre-booking is essential as we expect spaces to fill up very quickly. Network members have an opportunity to reserve their space 7 days before they go on general release. **Please e-mail: [paul.marks-jones@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:paul.marks-jones@manchester.ac.uk) to secure your spot**

## YOUR NETWORK NEEDS YOU !!

**E & D Forum** The LGB Staff Network is able to be represented at the next Equality & Diversity Forum. The forum meets annually 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](mailto:lg.bt@manchester.ac.uk)

**Stonewall** We'll be recruiting for a project group to look at the University becoming a Stonewall champion—all input is welcome—look out for an invite soon!

**Web Pages** We've made a few changes to the web content, but still need more ideas! What would you like to see there? How can we use this space more effectively to promote the LGB community at the University? Any comments, please send to: [lg.bt@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:lg.bt@manchester.ac.uk)

## EVENTS

Thanks to everyone who attended 'Summer Drinks' on 1st July. It was great to see a lot of new faces there and the discussions were certainly lively when deciding the next event—more details of which can be seen in this newsletter. If you've never been to an event and may be a little apprehensive about coming along, please do not be. Everyone is very friendly and meeting for the same reason, so come along and join in the fun!

### July Walk

As always the next LGBT staff walk will take place on the final Sunday of the month—25th July and will be an approximate 10 mile circular walk in North Wales. This will hopefully be an opportunity to take in the stunning views of the North Welsh Coast and sample some of the local refreshments! The group will be departing by train from Manchester Piccadilly train station at 8am and will return at 5.30pm If you would like to join the group, please email: [Thomas.Nuhse@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:Thomas.Nuhse@manchester.ac.uk) for further details.

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