

LGB Staff Update

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OTHER ACTIVITIES

Book Group

The next book group will be held on Wednesday 3 November and the chosen book is 'The Vesuvius Club' by Mark Gatiss (League of Gentlemen). Come along to Kro Bar from 5pm for a relaxed and friendly discussion.

Book and Film Group

It has been suggested that the book group diversify and alternate on a monthly basis between a book and a group viewing of a film (either at the cinema or DVD at the University). Would this interest you? Email Stephen Johnston or leave a message on the Facebook page with your thoughts.

October Walk

The next walk will take place on Sunday 10 October and will be a 10 mile circular walk including an ascent up Pendle Hill. The group will meet at 9.40am at Manchester Victoria to take the train to Clitheroe. For further details please email:
Richard.savage5555@yahoo.co.uk

International Day Against Hate Crime

On 23 October, the non-profit organisation "17-24-30" will be holding a candlelit vigil in Trafalgar Square to unite people against all forms of hate crime. Last year 10,000 people attended the event and the success is hoping to be replicated this year. For further details visit: www.17-24-30.com



Welcome to the latest LGB Staff Update. There has been plenty happening since the last newsletter and there's plenty going on over the coming weeks!

We were delighted to welcome Mark Dowd to the University on 26th August to talk exclusively to the LGB Network Group ahead of his BBC documentary. The talk 'Queer and Catholic: Some Musings on the Papal Visit' was our most successful event yet, with over 50 people in attendance. The talk proved to be very popular not only for LGB staff, but also with people from all parts of the University community, so it was encouraging to see non-LGB staff attending our events. Thank you to everyone who turned up and made the post-talk discussion very interesting. If you didn't manage to make it, we hope you saw the BBC documentary which Mark had produced. Once again, thanks to Mark for his time and delivering such an informative session. Suggestions for future speakers or events are always welcome.

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YOUR NETWORK NEEDS YOU !!

Facebook Group The LGB Staff Network now has a Facebook page. It is a private group solely for members of the Network and we would encourage people to join to try and increase interaction with other members of staff and hopefully drive the group forward. Email: lg.bt@manchester.ac.uk for the link.

Stonewall Project We're currently looking into having a place in the 'Stonewall Top 100 Employer Index' and becoming a 'Stonewall Diversity Champion' in 2011 - these are both recognised accolades and should help raise the profile of the LGB community at Manchester University. We need more people to get this off the ground and so, Daniel Taylor is putting together a project group—first meeting is scheduled for beginning of November—anyone interested in being involved please could you contact Daniel: daniel.taylor@manchester.ac.uk for more details on the project.

Quiz Night

As previously advertised we're hoping that our next social event will be a joint one with Salford University and MMU's LGBT groups.

This will be a quiz night held in Taurus on Thursday 4th November from 6.30pm. So you can get a team together (max 4) or just turn up and we'll make up teams on the night! Let's show our superior knowledge across a range of fun and serious subjects! :-)) There will be prizes a plenty and entry is just £1 per person—payable on the night. There's lots of drinks offers on the night and we'll even throw in some snacks to keep those brains ticking over during the evening. Please register teams/names with Paul: paul.marks-jones@manchester.ac.uk ASAP.

Mentoring

The benefits of the LGB group keep growing thanks to your input. Now you have the possibility to receive some expert and confidential advice/guidance/mentoring from a fellow staff member. So if you feel you'd benefit from a chat about anything—career, identity, LGB issues at work or anything else then drop a mail to lg.bt@manchester.ac.uk and your mail will be forwarded to our dedicated advisor.

World Aids Day

It is estimated that 33.4 million people worldwide are living with HIV with over 90,000 living in the UK. Despite widespread publicity and campaigns, gay and bisexual males are amongst the strongest affected groups in newly diagnosed HIV cases.

On 1 December each year, people are encouraged to participate in events and fundraising to support those who are affected and to tackle HIV prejudice.

In order to mark World Aids Day 2010, the LGB Network Group will be organising a lunchtime lecture on Wednesday 1 December as well as a social-based event in the evening.

Members of the group are encouraged to come forward if you have any ideas for speakers, events or fundraising activities that you would either like to promote or get the group involved with.

For further information visit:

www.worldaidsday.org

www.tht.org.uk



The Red Ribbon is the international symbol of support for people living with HIV. Please wear a ribbon to show your support and increase awareness.

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