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2017 31 JANUARY - 28 FEBRUARY

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WELCOME

Welcome to the York LGBT History Month programme for 2017! These pages are packed with details of public events taking place across the city throughout February. At its heart is the National Festival of LGBT History, a day of free talks showcasing hidden stories and cutting-edge research, hosted by York Explore Library on Saturday 11th February.

All the events featured in this programme are entirely open to the public. Check our website – yorklgbthistory.org.uk – for details of all our events, plus any updates and additions to the schedule.

This programme would not have been possible without the generosity of our supporters: not just the institutions and organisations listed below, but all the local businesses who hosted one of our collection boxes in the run-up to February, and all the individuals who put their hands in their pockets to support our fundraising campaign. We extend our heartfelt thanks to all of them. Just as importantly, we are hugely grateful to everyone from across the community who has worked hard to organise the events listed in this programme.

The theme of LGBT History Month 2017 is “law, citizenship and PSHE”, in recognition of the 50th anniversary of the Sexual Offences Act, which partially decriminalised sex between men. But commemorating a positive legal milestone doesn't mean that all our battles are won. Our programme features diverse stories and experiences from a wide range of genders and sexual and romantic orientations, and expresses why LGBT History Month will always be about activism as well as celebration.

We hope you'll help us to spread the word about all these events on social media – you can find all our details on the back of the programme – and help us to improve by leaving feedback at yorklgbthistory.org.uk/17/feedback.

We look forward to seeing you at the events!

Adrian, Aidan, Andy, Colin, Emily, George, Helen, Jake, Kit, Rachel and Salina
The York LGBT History Month team

WIN A £50 VOUCHER

OUTWORD BOUND COMPETITION

Aged 11-16? Love writing?

Write a piece of fiction, non-fiction or poetry on LGBT life and you could win a £50 voucher of your choice!

Entrants are asked to write a piece of fiction, non-fiction or poetry of up to 1,000 words, focusing on any aspect of LGBT life. Some ideas include:

- the theme of LGBT History Month 2017: law, citizenship and PSHE;
- other LGBT history topics;
- personal experiences;
- coming out;
- bullying;
- equality and diversity related to LGBT issues.

The competition will take place throughout LGBT History Month, **opening on Wednesday 1st February and closing on Tuesday 28th February.**

OutWord Bound aims to celebrate York's diverse community and combat homophobic, biphobic and transphobic bullying in schools. We hope that teachers will consider publicising OutWord Bound among their Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4 pupils. An information pack, including a poster and entry form, can be downloaded from the OutWord Bound website.

For more information see outwordbound.org.uk or email outwordboundcompetition@gmail.com.












EVENT INFORMATION

We have avoided including any information that is likely to change, but in case of extraordinary circumstances any updates will be posted on our website, alongside details of new events.

Where possible, we've included both an email address and phone number as contact details, and occasionally a web address. In the event that you need more information but a phone number is not supplied and you are unable to use email, you may contact the festival's Lead Coordinator **Kit** on **07504 690246** – note there is likely to be a delayed response.

Events are colour-coded by type as follows:

 Craft	 Discussion	 Exhibition
 Film	 Performance	 Personal histories
 Service	 Social	 Talk

The following accessibility icons are used in the event listings.

 Baby-changing facilities	 Hearing loop
 BSL/English interpretation	 BSL/English interpretation may be available on request
 Gender-neutral toilets	 Wheelchair access

Large-print programmes available on request: contact **Kit** (info@yorklgbthistory.org.uk and **07504 690246**). All information also available via our website.

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JANUARY, TUESDAY ■

NAKED ACTS

PERFORMANCE

🕒 10:00 - 17:00 | York Art Gallery, Exhibition Square, YO1 7EW



A community day of talks, workshops and 'scratch' performances on LGBT*IQ issues put on in response to the Flesh exhibition at York Art Gallery.

Organised by: *Cast-Off Drama/York Art Gallery*

Tickets: **Set price £25** for a day ticket to attend or to book a group stall, or pay what you can afford, from ninakane@btinternet.com

More info: *Nina Kane*
ninakane@btinternet.com | 07590 388770 | castoffdrama.blogspot.com

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FEBRUARY, FRIDAY ■

LGBT CRAFTERNOON: ZINE-MAKING

CRAFT

🕒 16:00 - 18:00 | W/024, Wentworth College, University of York, YO10 5DD

What would inclusive sex and relationships education look like? We will be creating a special LGBT History Month zine! There will be lots of resources and plenty to cut and stick. Refreshments provided.

Organised by: *York Graduate Students' Association*

Tickets: **Not required**

More info: *Annis Stead* | as799@york.ac.uk

Accessibility:  

03

FEBRUARY, FRIDAY ■

YORK LGBT HISTORY MONTH 2017 LAUNCH NIGHT

SOCIAL

🕒 18:30 - 22:00 | Temple Hall, York St John University, Lord Mayor's Walk, YO31 7EX

Celebrate the start of York LGBT History Month 2017 with a fun evening out. Our launch night will feature a quiz, a bar (cash-only) serving soft and alcoholic drinks, live music, films and speeches – plus an opportunity to network with local LGBT organisations and councillors. It's free to attend, but space is limited so please register using the link below.

Organised by: *York LGBT History Month*

Tickets: [Free from yorklgbthistory.org.uk/17/launch](http://yorklgbthistory.org.uk/17/launch)

More info: *Kit Heyam* | info@yorklgbthistory.org.uk

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FEBRUARY, SATURDAY ■

“PRIDE OF PLACE” PINNING EVENT

PERSONAL HISTORIES

🕒 10:00 - 12:00 | K/111, King's Manor, University of York, Exhibition Square, YO1 7EP

Pride of Place is a Historic England project which uncovers and celebrates places of LGBTQ heritage across England, ranging from the frontiers of Roman Britain to the gay pubs and clubs that remain important in our lives today. Come along to share your stories of places around the country with hidden LGBT history, and “pin” them on the Pride of Place online interactive map.

Organised by: *York LGBT History Month*

Tickets: [Free from equality@york.ac.uk](mailto:equality@york.ac.uk)

More info: *Kit Heyam* | info@yorklgbthistory.org.uk

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FEBRUARY, SUNDAY ■

ELEVENSES AT BARLEY HALL

SOCIAL

🕒 10:00 - 13:00 | Barley Hall, 2 Coffee Yard, YO1 8AR



Drop in for light refreshments at Barley Hall, a reconstructed medieval townhouse in the centre of York. After indulging in a hot or cold drink and some LGBT-themed cake, you will be free to explore the museum, including its fantastic display of costumes. The event is free, but there will be a collection raising funds for the ongoing work of York LGBT History Month.

Organised by: *York LGBT History Month*

Tickets: *Not required*

More info: *Kit Heyam | info@yorklgbthistory.org.uk*

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05

FEBRUARY, SUNDAY ■

CELEBRATING LGBT HISTORY

SERVICE

🕒 11:00 | St Saviourgate Unitarian Chapel, St Saviourgate, YO1 8NQ

Everybody is welcome to a Unitarian service to celebrate LGBT History Month, conducted by Rev. Nicky Jenkins. The slogan of the General Assembly of British Unitarians is “Nurturing faith, embracing life, celebrating difference”.

Organised by: *York Unitarians*

Tickets: *Not required, but there will be a collection*

More info: *Margaret Hill | mhill.york@gmail.com | 01904 693427*

Accessibility:



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FEBRUARY, MONDAY ■

LUNCH POEMS: READING LGBT/QUEER POETRY

DISCUSSION

🕒 12:30 - 14:00 | The Eagle and Child, 9 High Petergate, YO1 7EN

Taking its name from gay New York poet Frank O'Hara's celebrated collection 'Lunch Poems' (1964), academics and poets will host a lunch time discussion and reading group of poetry on LGBT themes, over lunch. Poems will be circulated in advance to ticket holders, but you do not need any previous experience or knowledge of poetry to take part in the discussion.

Organised by: *York St John University*

Tickets: *Free from yorklgbthistory.org.uk/17/lunch-poems. Food not included*

More info: *Dr Adam Stock | a.stock@yorks.ac.uk*

Accessibility: *None*

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FEBRUARY, TUESDAY ■

HIGHER EDUCATION READING GROUP: BEING LGBTQ IN HIGHER EDUCATION

DISCUSSION

🕒 11:00 - 12:00 | Department of Education Senior Common Room (D/L/104), Derwent College, University of York, YO10 5DD

This monthly reading group for those interested in higher education issues opens its doors for LGBT History Month. There are two recommended articles for discussion: email Annis Stead or visit the GSA website for reading materials. Refreshments are provided. Sponsored by York Graduate Students' Association.

Organised by: *York Graduate Students' Association*
Tickets: *Free from as799@york.ac.uk*
More info: *Annis Stead | as799@york.ac.uk | yorkgsa.org*
Accessibility: 

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FEBRUARY, TUESDAY ■

LGBTQ+ GREATS ONE: ALAN BENNETT

SOCIAL

🕒 19:30 | Café W, Waterstones York, 15 Coney St, YO1 9QL

Come along to Café W in Waterstones York for a celebration of Alan Bennett, a pillar of the LGBTQ+ community. Price includes a rainbow snack box, and further refreshments will be available to purchase from the café. Book discount offers will be available. Booking strongly encouraged.

Organised by: *Waterstones York*
Tickets: *£3 from york@waterstones.com, 01904 620784, or in store*
More info: *Andrew Auton*
york@waterstones.com | 01904 620784 |
yorklgbthistory.org.uk/17/waterstones |
facebook.com/WaterstonesYork

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DISCUSSION

FEBRUARY, WEDNESDAY ■

“I DON’T SHAVE FOR SHERLOCK HOLMES”: QUEERBAITING, QUEER CODING AND QUEER VISIBILITY IN POPULAR CULTURE FROM SHERLOCK TO STRANGER THINGS

🕒 18:15 - 19:45 | D/L/047, Derwent College, University of York, YO10 5DD

Queerbaiting entices LGBT audiences by flirting with queer possibility, but never realising it. The paper explores tensions between queerbaiting and representing male intimacy, referencing Sherlock, Supernatural, One Direction and Harry Potter. Exploring queer coding and LGBT representation in TV, the session identifies recurring issues, such as the ‘dead lesbian’ trope and bierasure. The paper concludes by asking what challenges face creators of LGBT television in 2017 with reference to earlier LGBT shows. Part paper, part discussion: audience contribution is welcome and encouraged.

Organised by: *Emily Roach/University of York*
Tickets: [Free from equality@york.ac.uk](mailto:equality@york.ac.uk)
More info: *Emily Roach* | emilyroach92@yahoo.co.uk
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TALK

FEBRUARY, WEDNESDAY ■

IS OUR PAST ACE? HOW ASEXUAL COMMUNITIES SEE THEIR OWN PASTS

🕒 13:30 | The Treehouse, Berrick Saul Building, University of York, YO10 5DD

Come and explore the pasts of a community you’d probably assume didn’t have a history, in this talk by George Norman, founding member of asexual campaign group maapple. There’ll be a brief introduction to asexual history and culture, but the main focus of the talk will be on how an LGBTQ community sees its own past.

Organised by: *George Norman*
Tickets: **Not required**
More info: *George Norman* | george@yorklgbthistory.org.uk
Accessibility:  

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FEBRUARY, THURSDAY ■

BISEXUALITY IN SCIENCE FICTION

TALK

🕒 18:30 | D/L/003, Derwent College, University of York, YO10 5DD

A talk by Oli Lipski.

Organised by: *University of York Students' Union LGBTQ Network*

Tickets: *Free from lgbtq@yusu.org*

More info: *Jaz Millar | lgbtq@yusu.org*

Accessibility:



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FEBRUARY, FRIDAY ■

DISCURSIVE SILENCES: EXPLORING THE CONTINUED ABSENCE OF PLEASURE IN SEX AND RELATIONSHIPS EDUCATION IN ENGLAND

TALK

🕒 18:00 - 20:00 | D/L/002, Derwent College, University of York, YO10 5DD

A talk by Dr Vanita Sundaram (Centre for Research on Education in Social Justice, University of York) and Dr Helen Sauntson (Associate Professor in English Language and Linguistics, York St John University). The event is followed by a drinks reception.

Organised by: *York Graduate Students' Association*

Tickets: *Not required*

More info: *Annis Stead | as799@york.ac.uk*

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FEBRUARY, SATURDAY

NATIONAL FESTIVAL OF LGBT HISTORY: YORKSHIRE HUB

TALK

🕒 10:30 – 16:30 | Marriott Room, York Explore Library and Archives, Library Square, Museum Street, YO1 7DS

York Explore Library and Archive will play host to a fascinating variety of free talks on all aspects of LGBT history. Visitors can drop in throughout the day to discover hidden stories and forgotten heroes, and to find out about the other exciting events taking place throughout the month of February. Hot drinks, snacks and lunch will be available to purchase from the café.

Organised by: York LGBT History Month/Schools OUT/LGBT History Month

Tickets: Not required

More info: Kit Heyam | info@yorklgbthistory.org.uk

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10:30 MAURICE DOBSON: A STORY OF BRAVERY, ACCEPTANCE AND LOVE

Stephen Miller

The unique story of Maurice Dobson (1912-1990): a gay ex-coal miner, WW2 veteran and antiques collector who lived in Darfield, South Yorkshire.

11:00 CRIMINAL PROSECUTION OF INTER-MALE SEX, 1850-1970

Jeff Evans

How did prosecution of sex between men change over this 120-year period?

11:30 BREAK

12:00 TRUE COLOURS: TRAILBLAZING TRANSGENDER SERVICE IN THE MILITARY

Caroline Paige

The untold story of what it meant to be transgender in the British military before and after permissive service. From 1980 to 2014: the highs and the lows, in peacetime and in war.

12:30 KOP OUTS: YOU'LL NEVER WALK ALONE

Paul Amann

The story of the development of Kop Outs, Liverpool FC's LGBT fan club, from a time when being LGBT and a football fan appeared mutually exclusive, to the development of a club-recognised fan group helping enable LGBT fans to attend the match in confidence.

13:00 LUNCH BREAK

14:00 THE BATTLE FOR DECRIMINALISATION OF (MALE) HOMOSEXUALITY IN (WEST) GERMANY, 1945-69

Rainer Schulze

Rainer tells the story of the long battle for recognition and acceptance in (West) Germany following the defeat of Nazism up to the partial decriminalisation of (male) homosexuality in 1969. Given the battles for recognition and acceptance in other parts of the world right now, can we learn from history and from each other?

14:30 THE GAY LIBERATION FRONT: HOW WE INVENTED DIRECT ACTION

Juno Jones

Juno draws on her personal experience of activism with the Gay Liberation Front to provide the background and origins of LGBT direct action in the UK and eyewitness accounts of protests from the Miss World Contest to the London Stock Exchange.

15:00 BREAK

15:30

THE OTHER CONSENTING ADULTS: OR, WHAT WERE LESBIANS DOING IN 1967?

Jane Traies

In 2017 we celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Act of Parliament which partially decriminalised homosexuality between men. Lesbians, never having been illegal, are not officially part of this story – but the media spotlight that was trained on their gay brothers at that time sometimes illuminated their struggle, too. This presentation draws on contemporary reporting and on Jane's own oral history research to uncover the hidden lives of lesbians in the 1960s.

16:00

GWEN FARRAR AND NORAH BLANEY: 'OUR LOVE IS A THING APART'

Alison Child

Gwen Farrar and Norah Blaney were household names in the 1920s. They filled the London Palladium for the farewell performance of their variety act in 1932. They were lovers between 1917 to 1931 and counted Radclyffe Hall, Jo Carstairs and Tallullah Bankhead amongst their close friends. Alison will explore the reasons these remarkable women have been excluded from cultural memory.

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FEBRUARY, SATURDAY

WINE AND NIBBLES RECEPTION FOLLOWED BY LGBTQI+ ARCHIVES ROUNDTABLE

🕒 16:30 – 18:00 | Marriott Room, York Explore Library and Archives, Library Square, Museum Street, YO1 7DS

DISCUSSION

PhD student and archivist Victoria Hoyle invites you to participate in an informal workshop about the creation of LGBT archives. What should be preserved as part of an LGBT archive? Who decides what is valuable? How can it be shared and interpreted?

*Please be aware that this session is part of an active research project and will be recorded. Victoria will explain her research and ask your consent to use anonymised transcriptions of the roundtable as part of her thesis. You may opt out if you wish.

Organised by: *Victoria Hoyle*

Tickets: *Not required*

More info: *Victoria Hoyle | victoria.hoyle@york.ac.uk*

Accessibility:



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FEBRUARY, SATURDAY

THE LYDIA SHAW AND TINA MAMMOSER EXHIBITION

EXHIBITION

🕒 19:00 - 21:00 | John Cooper Studio Theatre, 41 Monkgate, YO31 7PB



HLGBT York Productions present The Lydia Shaw and Tina Mammoser collaboration. Lydia's work explores the realms of gender, confidence and sexuality: she focuses predominantly on the female form while toying with the idea of "what lies beneath". Tina's, inspired by landscapes, creates precise drawings with a creative and changed reality in the line and pattern. Working between these contrasts of paint and pencil, the art evolves. Produced by Mei Wilshire.

Organised by: *HLGBT York*

Tickets: [£7 from yorklgbthistory.org.uk/17/hlgbt-york](http://yorklgbthistory.org.uk/17/hlgbt-york)

More info: *Mei Wilshire*

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hlgbtyork.wordpress.com/2016/08/15/peter-podmore-exhibition-2016 |

facebook.com/HLGBTYork

Accessibility:



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FEBRUARY, SUNDAY ■

QUEER SUNDAYS

CRAFT

🕒 11:00 - 16:00 | York Art Gallery, Exhibition Square, YO1 7EW

Drop in to make performance art at York Art Gallery in this unique and exciting community project. An opportunity for participants to come and explore the artworks from a queer perspective and make their own work from them. Come and have fun with masks, drapes, storytelling, drama, singing, drag, materials, contact improvisation, clowning, percussion, paints, food and anything else you are inspired to play with! Participation includes use of materials.

Organised by: *Cast-Off Drama/York Art Gallery*

Tickets: **Not required**

More info: *Nina Kane*

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Accessibility:



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FEBRUARY, SUNDAY ■

SHARE YOUR LGBT HISTORY AT YORK CASTLE MUSEUM

PERSONAL HISTORIES

🕒 13:00 - 17:00 | Kirk Room, York Castle Museum, Eye of York, YO1 9RY

Opening in May 2017 to mark the 50th anniversary of the partial decriminalisation of sex between men, a new community-led exhibition at York Castle Museum will tell the story of LGBT life in York from the 1960s to the present day. Bring along your stories, objects and photographs to contribute to the exhibition and find out how you can be involved in the project. Visitors will need to sign in and collect a visitor pass at the Castle Museum entrance. The event is free, but if you wish to also visit the rest of the museum you will need to pay admission as normal.

Organised by: *York Museums Trust/York LGBT History Month/York Pride*

Tickets: **Not required**

More info: *Kit Heyam* | info@yorklgbthistory.org.uk

Accessibility:



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FEBRUARY, SUNDAY ■

50 YEARS OF LOVE AND PRIDE

TALK

🕒 16:00 - 19:00 | Briar House CIC, Club Chambers, Museum Street, YO1 7DN

Come and join us as we explore 50 years of love and pride. The talk will document the changes in LGBT legislation since 1967 and explore the development of Pride events. The talk will also cover LGBT history in York, which has surprising stories waiting to be discovered! Jake will give a talk on being BAME and LGBT and Lisa will give a talk on being trans.

Organised by: *York LGBT Forum*

Tickets: **Not required**

More info: *Jake Furby and Lisa Kelly*

yorklgbtforum@gmail.com | 07935 200575

Accessibility:



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FEBRUARY, SUNDAY ■

DEEP IN THE HEART OF ME

PERFORMANCE

🕒 20:00 | The Basement, City Screen, 13-17 Coney Street, YO1 9QL

Thirty years on from 'Shirley Valentine', Janet takes a holiday to Greece. She meets the girl of her dreams in a suit and tie singing Frank Sinatra songs. To a backdrop of Sinatra's greatest hits, 'All or Nothing at All', 'I've Got You Under My Skin', their romance unfolds and Janet realises this holiday was a departure in more ways than one.

Nominated in the Best LGBT+ Show category at Brighton Fringe 2016.

Organised by: *Behind the Lines*

Tickets: **£8/£6 (concessions) from**
yorklgbthistory.org.uk/17/deep-in-the-heart-of-me

More info: *Alison Child*

admin@behindthelines.info | 07908 155000 | behindthelines.info

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FEBRUARY, MONDAY ■

KATE BORNSTEIN IS A QUEER AND PLEASANT DANGER: DOCUMENTARY SCREENING

FILM

🕒 18:00 - 19:45 | Fountains Lecture Theatre, Fountains Learning Centre, York St John University, Lord Mayor's Walk, YO31 7EX



Transgender-dyke. Reluctant-polyamorist. Sadomasochist. Recovering-Scientologist. Pioneering gender outlaw.

Meet Auntie Kate. Trailblazing performance artist-theorist-activist Kate Bornstein takes us on a mind-bending quest through her world dismantling gender and seeking answers to the age-old question: what makes life worth living?

An award-winning documentary by director Sam Feder.

Organised by: *York St John University*

Tickets: [Free from yorklgbthistory.org.uk/17/kate-bornstein](https://yorklgbthistory.org.uk/17/kate-bornstein)

More info: *Adam Stock and Kimberly Campanello*

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Accessibility:



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FEBRUARY, MONDAY ■

QUEER CABARET PRESENTS: GALENTINE'S DAY

SOCIAL

🕒 20:00 - 00:00 | The Lounge (Roger Kirk Centre), James College, University of York, YO10 5DD

Queer cabaret comes to the University of York! There will be glitter, there will be drama and there will be heart (also cocktails). Recognising the need for intersectional LGBT liberation, this event showcases feminist and queer acts, including live music, spoken word, drag performances and more.

Organised by: *York Graduate Students' Association*

Tickets: Free, but £2 suggested donation to York LGBT History Month

More info: *Annis Stead* | as799@york.ac.uk

Accessibility:



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FEBRUARY, WEDNESDAY ■

SEXPOSÉ

DISCUSSION

🕒 19:00 | PX001, Physics and Exhibition Centre, University of York, YO10 5DD

The yearly sex-positive panel show between the LGBTQ, Womens' and Fetish Societies at the University of York.

Organised by: *University of York Students' Union LGBTQ Network, University of York Students' Union Women's Network, FetsoC York*

Tickets: Free from lgbtq@yusu.org

More info: *Jaz Millar* | lgbtq@yusu.org

Accessibility:



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FEBRUARY, THURSDAY ■

MIND YOUR HEAD DISCUSSION GROUP

DISCUSSION

🕒 17:30 - 18:30 | James Lodge, James College, University of York, YO10 5DD

University of York Students' Union and the GSA combine with Mind Your Head to bring you a chaired discussion group around mental health in the LGBTQ community. Topics may include: coming out, loneliness, coping with harassment etc.

Organised by: *York Graduate Students' Association*

Tickets: **Not required**

More info: *Annis Stead* | as799@york.ac.uk | yorkgsa.org

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FEBRUARY, THURSDAY ■

ZINE WORKSHOP

CRAFT

🕒 18:00 - 20:00 | Yorkshire MESMAC York office, The Workshop, Marygate Lane (off Marygate), YO30 7BJ

Join York Queer Women's and Gender Group to make zines inspired by LGBT History Month.

Organised by: *York Queer Women's and Gender Group*

Tickets: **Not required**

More info: *Jess Wynn*
j.wynn@mesmac.co.uk | 07710 099028 | 01904 620400 |
facebook.com/QueerWomenYorkshireMesmac

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TALK

FEBRUARY, THURSDAY ■

GOING TO STRASBOURG: ORAL HISTORY ACCOUNTS OF SEXUAL ORIENTATION DISCRIMINATION AND THE EUROPEAN COURT OF HUMAN RIGHTS

🕒 18:15 - 20:15 | P/T/006, Physics and Exhibition Centre, University of York, YO10 5DD

In this talk, Paul Johnson (Professor of Sociology, University of York) draws upon oral history interviews conducted with LGBT people who have challenged discrimination in the UK by making applications to the European Court of Human Rights (ECtHR). Understanding the role of the ECtHR in safeguarding LGBT rights is vital at a time when the Conservative Party and other politicians advocate the UK weakening its ties with Strasbourg.

Organised by: *University of York*

Tickets: *Free from equality@york.ac.uk*

More info: *Chris Brunt | equality@york.ac.uk*

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TALK

FEBRUARY, FRIDAY ■

WHAT DOES LGBT COMMUNITY MEAN TODAY?

🕒 18:15 - 19:45 | The Treehouse, Berrick Saul Building, University of York, YO10 5DD

Eleanor Formby of Sheffield Hallam University will draw on her research to discuss what LGBT community means to people. This will include examining: 'ownership' of community; 'difference' and diversity; relationships to, within and beyond physical space; imagined communities and belongings; the importance of 'ritual' events and symbols, such as Pride and the rainbow flag. Within this, the impact of history and current social contexts will be explored. Overall, the talk will highlight what connects 'people like us' across time and space.

Organised by: *York LGBT History Month*

Tickets: *Not required*

More info: *Eleanor Formby | e.formby@shu.ac.uk*

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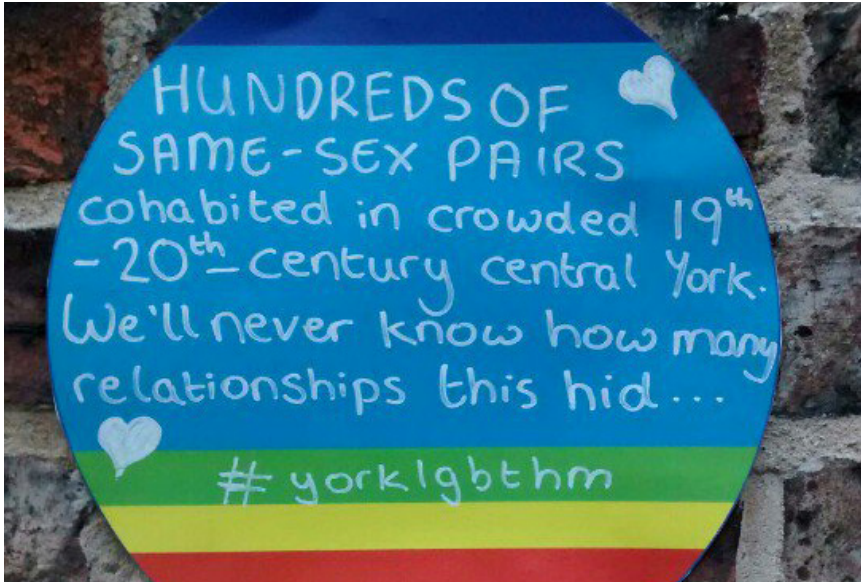
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FEBRUARY, SATURDAY

YORK'S LGBT HISTORY: MAKE YOUR OWN RAINBOW PLAQUE

PERSONAL HISTORIES

🕒 13:00 - 16:30 | Garden Room, York Explore Library and Archives, Library Square, Museum Street, YO1 7DS



There are over seventy blue plaques around York commemorating famous people or events. To celebrate York LGBT History Month 2017, we invite you to create your own rainbow plaques to mark places of personal and/or political significance to LGBT history. Drop into Explore York between 13:00 and 15:00 to make your own removeable cardboard plaque. After 15:00, we'll distribute them around the city. If you arrive after 15:00, we'll leave contact details at Explore so you can find out how to join us en route. If you can't make it, please feel free to email us in advance and we'll create your plaque!

Organised by: *York's Alternative History*

Tickets: *Not required*

More info: *Helen Graham | yorkalternativehistory@gmail.com*

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FEBRUARY, SUNDAY ■

T-SHIRT WORKSHOP

CRAFT

🕒 14:00 - 17:00 | Yorkshire MESMAC York office, The Workshop, Marygate Lane (off Marygate), YO30 7BJ

Throughout history, queer activists have spread their messages and shown their pride through slogan t-shirts. This workshop, led by Riah Holme, will give you the chance to create your own. Bring a t-shirt or anything else you'd like to decorate. We'll have art materials and some pictures of historical t-shirts for inspiration. There is a small charge for this event to cover the cost of materials. No need to book, just pay on the door.

Organised by: *York LGBT History Month*
Tickets: £2 on the door. No booking required
More info: *Kit Heyam* | info@yorklgbthistory.org.uk
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FEBRUARY, MONDAY - SUNDAY ■

VALUES, IDENTITY AND PARTICIPATION: 'VIP' EVENT!

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🕒 All day | Main reception, York Hospital, Wigginton Road, YO31 8HE

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EXHIBITION

The constitution establishes the principles and values of the NHS in England. It sets out rights to which patients, public and staff are entitled, and pledges which the NHS is committed to achieve, together with responsibilities, which the public, patients and staff owe to one another to ensure that the NHS operates fairly and effectively. Visit our display in the main reception at York Hospital to see more.

Organised by: *York Teaching Hospital NHS Foundation Trust*
Tickets: Not required
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FEBRUARY, MONDAY ■

TACKLING HETERONORMATIVE ARCHAEOLOGY

DISCUSSION

🕒 18:30 | D/L/116, Derwent College, University of York, YO10 5DD

A discussion hosted by the University of York Students' Union LGBTQ Network.

Organised by: *University of York Students' Union LGBTQ Network*

Tickets: lgbtq@yusu.org

More info: *Jaz Millar* | lgbtq@yusu.org

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FEBRUARY, MONDAY ■

TRANS LAW AND WORKPLACE BEST PRACTICE

DISCUSSION

🕒 17:30 - 19:30 | Aviva, Wellington Row, YO90 1WR

Emma Cusdin, People Director at Aviva Investors and co-founder of Trans*formation, discusses current legislation impacting trans people and shares her views on best practice for employers. Emma joined Aviva in 2016 and, on her advice, Aviva have already added the honorific of “Mx” to their job application process and are training the pre-employment screening team on supporting trans job applicants. Registration opens from 17:30, with talk and Q&A from 18:00 - 19:00, followed by refreshments and networking.

Organised by: *Aviva*

Tickets: [Free from yorklgbthistory.org.uk/17/trans-law](https://www.yorklgbthistory.org.uk/17/trans-law)

More info: *Robert Gardner* | robert.gardner@aviva.com | twitter.com/AvivaPride

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FEBRUARY, MONDAY ■

SPECTRUM LGBTQ+ BOOK GROUP

DISCUSSION

🕒 18:30 - 20:30 | Café W, Waterstones York, 15 Coney St, YO1 9QL

Books come in many colours. Contact Andrew or check the website to find out which book the Spectrum book group have chosen for LGBT History Month. All welcome.

Organised by: *Waterstones York*

Tickets: *Not required*

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yorklgbthistory.org.uk/17/waterstones |
facebook.com/WaterstonesYork

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FEBRUARY, TUESDAY ■

LGBT ISSUES IN SCHOOLS

TALK

🕒 11:30 - 12:30 | D/L/047, Derwent College, University of York, YO10 5DD

A talk by Aidan Newman: NQT at Rossett School, University of York PGCE graduate, and York LGBT History Month Outreach Coordinator. An opportunity to look at the challenges that LGBT youth face across the country and gain a wider insight into their experiences at school, followed by a discussion of research-backed best practice in schools that can help make a positive impact on students and start to improve the current national picture.

Organised by: *University of York*

Tickets: *Free from info@yorklgbthistory.org.uk*

More info: *Aidan Newman | aidan@yorklgbthistory.org.uk*

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FEBRUARY, WEDNESDAY ■

CAN A PERSON TALK LIKE A LESBIAN?

TALK

🕒 16:00 - 17:30 | DG/017, De Grey Court, York St John University,
Lord Mayor's Walk, YO31 7EX

The Language and Identities in InterAction Research Unit (School of Languages and Linguistics) present a colloquium by University of York PhD candidate Salina Cuddy. Salina will give an overview of previous linguistic research within the field of language and sexuality and, in particular, research focusing on lesbian speakers. She will then introduce her current project and outline some of the goals she hopes to achieve with this work.

Organised by: *York St John University*

Tickets: **Not required**

More info: *Professor Chris Hall*
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yorks.j.ac.uk/schools/languages--linguistics/lidia/events

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FEBRUARY, WEDNESDAY ■

“HERE I AM LORD”: THE PLACE FOR LGBT PEOPLE IN A MODERN CHRISTIAN MOVEMENT

TALK

🕒 19:00 - 20:15 | York Minster, Deangate, YO1 7HH

A talk by Ruth Hunt, Chief Executive of Stonewall. The question as to whether LGBT people can have faith has often led to polarised arguments, with some people losing sight of God. In this lecture, Ruth will explore the range of views on the issue and will discuss some productive ways forward towards creating an inclusive, modern Christian movement.

Organised by: *The Ebor Lectures*

Tickets: **Free from yorklgbthistory.org.uk/17/ebor-lectures**

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FEBRUARY, THURSDAY ■

LIBERAL DEMOCRATS HOST BARONESS LYNNE FEATHERSTONE

TALK

🕒 18:30 - 20:00 | P/L/001, Exhibition Centre, University of York, YO10 5DD



University of York Liberal Democrats host a talk and Q&A with Baroness Lynne Featherstone, former MP for Hornsey and Wood Green, and Parliamentary Under Secretary for Equalities. Now a Peer in the House of Lords, Baroness Featherstone tells her unique inside story of recent LGBTQ political activism – as a champion of equality, an advocate of LGBTQ rights, and a fundamental agent in bringing about same-sex marriage.

Organised by: *University of York Liberal Democrats*

Tickets: [Free from yorklgbthistory.org.uk/17/baroness-featherstone-1](https://yorklgbthistory.org.uk/17/baroness-featherstone-1)

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FEBRUARY, FRIDAY ■

LAVENDER LINGUISTICS

TALK

🕒 13:00 - 16:00 | DG/125, De Grey Court, York St John University, Lord Mayor's Walk, YO31 7EX

Lavender linguistics gives a unique narrative on sexuality, romanticity, gender identity and their interaction with our everyday language practices. This one day event will include 6 slots for speakers on language, sexuality, and gender identities. Come along to learn about and rethink your language and that of society, at present and across time.

Want to share your knowledge on LGBTQ language practices and lavender linguistics? Submit a proposal to the organisers.

Organised by: *University of York and York St John University Linguistics Departments*

Tickets: *Not required*

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FEBRUARY, SUNDAY ■

QUEER SUNDAYS

CRAFT


🕒 11:00 - 16:00 | York Art Gallery, Exhibition Square, YO1 7EW

Drop in to make performance art at York Art Gallery in this unique and exciting community project. An opportunity for participants to come and explore the artworks from a queer perspective and make their own work from them. Come and have fun with masks, drapes, storytelling, drama, singing, drag, materials, contact improvisation, clowning, percussion, paints, food and anything else you are inspired to play with! Participation includes use of materials.

Organised by: *Cast-Off Drama/York Art Gallery*

Tickets: *Not required*

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FEBRUARY, MONDAY ■

LGBT HISTORY QUIZ

SOCIAL

🕒 20:00 - 23:00 | The Lounge (Roger Kirk Centre), James College, University of York, YO10 5DD

Test your knowledge of LGBT history with this fun pub quiz, including Disco Bingo! Prizes to be won!

Organised by: *York Graduate Students' Association*

Tickets: *Free, but suggested donation to York LGBT History Month*

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FEBRUARY, TUESDAY ■

LGBTQ AND INTERNATIONAL

DISCUSSION

🕒 All day | Ask for location

A day of events, workshops, seminars and screenings hosted by the University of York Students' Union LGBTQ Network and International Students Association's Global Week.

Organised by: *University of York Students' Union LGBTQ Network and University of York Students' Union International Student Association*

Tickets: *lgbtq@yusu.org*

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