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[Intersectionality of Race, Gender & Class: Campaigning for Inclusion, Equality, Freedom & Justice]

Liverpool John Moores University LGBT History Month Event (2019)

LJMU's Equality, Diversity & Inclusion (EDI) Team in collaboration with the LJMU LGBTIQ+ Staff Network, are proud to present an opportunity for all LJMU Staff, Students and members of the local community to attend this year's **Lesbian Gay Bisexual Trans (LGBT) History Month Event (2019) "Intersectionality of Race, Gender & Class: Campaigning for Inclusion, Equality, Freedom & Justice"** with Keynote speaker **Lady Phyll** (Executive Director & Co-Founder of UK Black Pride).

EVENT SUMMARY:

28th February 2019 | 12:45 – 16:00 | Redmonds Building (LIVERPOOL L3 5UG)



This year's LJMU will host Keynote speaker **Lady Phyll (Executive Director & Co-Founder of UK Black Pride)** whom will be addressing key issues surrounding intersectionality, with a particular focus on Race, Gender, Sexuality & Class, in response to LGBT History Month 2019.

Lady Phyll prides herself on being a passionate activist who commits to working diligently to make people aware of on-going inequalities and injustices facing the Black LGBT+ community. She has worked tirelessly to build up UK Black Pride by bringing together artists, activists, volunteers and supporters from across the LGBT+ community.

Lady Phyll will be supported by;

- **Chief Inspector Karen Wiesenecker** (Merseyside Police)
- **Dr. Emma Vickers** (Event Chair & Senior Lecturer, LJMU)
- **Lucy Day** (Former Chair of Liverpool Pride)
- **Nick Medforth** (School of Nursing and Allied Health, LJMU)
- **Howisha Penny** (John Moores Student Union)

To find out more about UK Black Pride, please visit: www.ukblackpride.org.uk

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[START]

12:45 - 13:25	Arrival/Registration & Networking Lunch
13:25 - 13:30	Welcome & House Keeping (Event Chair: Dr. Emma Vickers – Senior Lecturer, Humanities and Social Science, LJMU)
13:30 - 13:40	Opening Address & Introduction To Keynote Speaker (Interim VC & Chief Executive Mark Power)
13:40 – 14:25	Keynote speaker - Lady Phyll Opoku-Gyimah (Executive Director & Co-Founder of UK Black Pride) Talk Title: “Intersectionality of Race, Gender & Class: Campaigning for Inclusion, Equality, Freedom & Justice”
14:25 - 14:30	Introduction to Q&A Panel Debate supporting members:
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chief Inspector Karen Wiesenekker (Merseyside Police) • Lucy Day (Former Chair of Liverpool Pride) • Nick Medforth (School of Nursing and Allied Health, LJMU) • Howisha Penny (John Moores Student Union)
14:30 - 15:00	Q&A Panel Debate
15:00 - 15:10	Where do we go from here? & Closing words
15:10 - 16:00	Networking & Event Close

[END]

(NB: The above schedule is subject to change)

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EVENT SPEAKERS (Keynote):



Phyll Opoku-Gyimah (AKA Lady Phyll)

Head of Equality and Learning at PCS the Union
UK Black Pride Executive Director

Phyll (she/her) is the nucleus of the award-winning celebration and protest that is UK Black Pride. Widely known as Lady Phyll – partly due to her decision to reject an MBE in the New Year's Honours' list to protest Britain's role in formulating anti-LGBT penal codes across its empire – she is the Head of Equality & Learning for Public and Commercial Services (PCS) trade union as well as a community builder and organiser; a Stonewall Trustee; Diva Magazine columnist, and public speaker focusing on 'race, gender sexuality and class' intersectionality. Phyll has been nominated for and won numerous accolades including the European Diversity Awards Campaigner of the Year in 2017, she is also in the World Pride 100 Power List at number 2.

Phyll is also the co-editor and author of the 'Sista' Anthology, writing by and about same gender loving women of African Caribbean descent with a UK connection. She is also a Diva Columnist, has been a Stonewall Trustee and has also worked with the TUC equality committees.

Phyll is a working class, family-orientated Ghanaian woman who understands the Twi and Fanti languages which connect her to a rich African cultural heritage that advocates for unity and equality. She also prides herself on being a passionate activist who commits to working diligently to make people aware of on-going inequalities and injustices facing the Black LGBT+ community. She has worked tirelessly to build up UK Black Pride by bringing together artists, activists, volunteers and supporters from across the LGBT+ community. Phyll supports Paris Black Pride and ensures UK Black Pride is part of the International Federation of Black Prides around the world. Phyll cites her maxim as a quotation from Maya Angelou: 'prejudice is a burden that confuses the past, threatens the future and renders the present inaccessible'

Links: www.ukblackpride.org.uk and www.pcs.org.uk

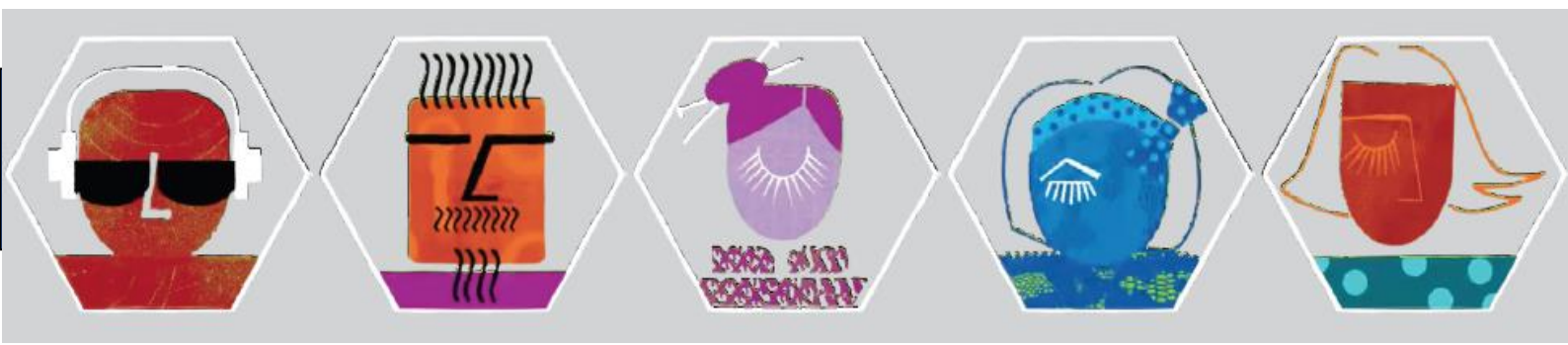
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EVENT SPEAKERS (Event Chair):



Dr. Emma Vickers (Event Chair & Senior Lecturer Humanities and Social Science, LJMU)

Emma is a senior lecturer in History at Liverpool John Moores University. Her first monograph, *Queen and Country: Same Sex Desire in the British Armed Forces, 1939-1945* (MUP 2013) explores the intersection between same-sex desire and service in the British Armed Forces during the Second World War.

Emma has published articles in the *Lesbian Studies Journal* (2009) *Feminist Review* (2010) and *The Oral History Review* (2019). She is currently working on outputs stemming from *Dry Your Eyes Princess*, a project which used oral testimony to uncover the experiences of trans* personnel in the British Armed Forces before 2000. Following an award from the Arts Council, Emma worked with the photographer Stephen King on a series of photographs of her interviewees which were exhibited as part of *Homotopia* in Liverpool and *Outburst* in Belfast.

Emma has worked with the BBC and collaborated with various museums and external organisations including the Ministry of Defence, Reading Museum and the Historical Association. She is an academic advisor for the National Festival of LGBT History, a fellow of the Higher Education Academy and an active member of the Oral History Society's LGBTQ special interest group. In 2017 she was awarded the prestigious Vice Chancellor's award for social and economic engagement.

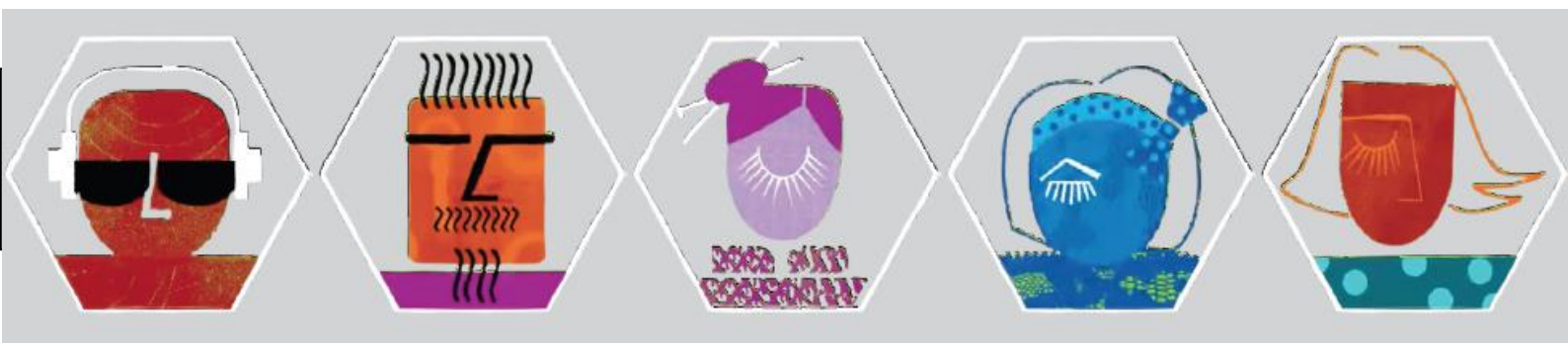
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EVENT SPEAKERS (Q&A Panel Debate Supporting Memebers):



Chief Inspector Karen Wiesenekker (Merseyside Police)

Chief Inspector Karen Wiesenekker has been a police officer for 27 years and is currently managing the introduction of Policing Education Qualifications Framework which will see some significant changes for entry into policing and will afford police officers with opportunities to professionalise via academic qualifications.

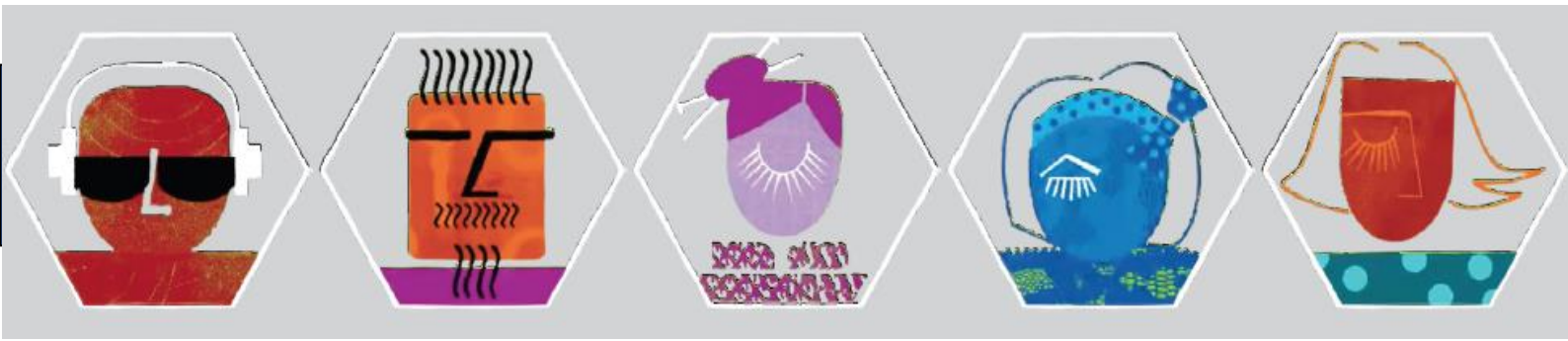
Karen is also the Staff Officer to ACC Julie Cooke from Merseyside who is the National Police Chief's Council lead for LGBT+.

Karen has previously worked as the lead for Equality and Diversity with Staff Support Networks, Equality Objectives and Positive Action as a primary focus.

Karen has also previously been the Chair of the Merseyside Black Police Association and throughout her career has championed equity and fairness for officers and staff with protected characteristics.

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Lucy Day (Former Liverpool Pride Chair)

Lucy is an Impact Officer for Research and Innovation Services at LJMU, Lucy received the Citizenship Award for her volunteer work with Liverpool Pride. Lucy played a major role in helping to shape Liverpool's LGBT community and its place in the wider Merseyside community.

Lucy's role as a Trustee and Chair of the Board saw her placed in strategic decision-making positions within the organisation – responsible for the charity governance and overseeing the delivery of the event.

Lucy has been instrumental in growing the size, reputation and meaning of the event. She successfully provided both leadership and stability in a challenging funding landscape, helping to raise £100,000 per year through fundraising and sponsorship to put on the event. Her work not only had a positive impact on the city but also helped to change the lives of the thousands of people within the local LGBT community for the better.

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EVENT SPEAKERS (Q&A Panel Debate):



Howisha Penny (VP Community Engagement, John Moores Student Union)

I am Vice President for Community Engagement and my role is to make sure that students are staying safe within their new community, looking after their health and wellbeing while having the time of their life at LJMU. I also represent LJMU students on a wider level with the Merseyside City Council and police.

I hope to bring a more fun and exciting way of delivering campaigns on issues that LJMU students face, by making sure that the campaigns are inclusive and engaging as well as getting a positive outcome. During my year as Community Engagement Officer, I will be focusing on mental health, celebrating diversity through a series of events such as panel debates, continuation of conversation around sexual violence/misconduct and food options.

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EVENT SPEAKERS (Q&A Panel Debate):



Nick Medforth (Senior Lecturer School of Nursing and Allied Health, LJMU)

Nick has a professional background in Adult and Children's Nursing having trained at Alder Hey Children's Hospital in Liverpool and the Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street in London. He has worked as a Charge Nurse on a Dialysis Unit for Children and Young People and as a Nurse Specialist for Paediatric Haematology and HIV.

Nick has also worked as a Youth Worker in a Sexual Health Service for Young People in Merseyside and has been seconded to Government Office for the North West where he was Implementation Lead for a Department of Health Project across Cumbria and Lancashire aimed at improving the accessibility and quality of Health

Services for Young People. He has also been a volunteer Telephone Counsellor for ChildLine North West for several years.

Nick's previous role as Associate Dean (Quality Assurance and Enhancement) enabled him to combine academic teaching, professional leadership with contribution to the work of the management team of the Faculty of Education, Health and Community. He had lead responsibility for assuring and enhancing quality across its provision. This role also involves contributing to the assurance and enhancement at a University level as well as other strategic developments.

Nick is currently Programme Leader for the Advanced Paediatric Practitioner programme at LJMU and he also teaches on the BA (Hons) Health and Social Care for Individuals, Families and Communities. Nick also works as a self-employed Advocate for Children and Young People on behalf of Liverpool City Council. He volunteers as a Diversity Role Model.

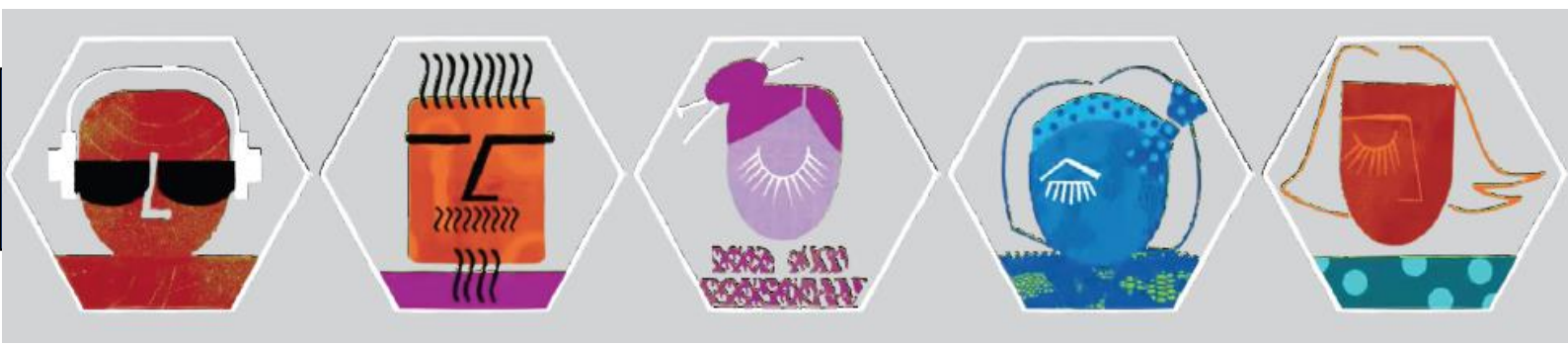
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STAY CONNECTED:

WIFI Access:

- **Step 1** | Select “LJMU_Guest”
 - **Step 2** | Open a webpage/browser (you then will be asked to complete a basic access form)
 - **Step 3** | You should be connected
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Twitter:



Please feel free to Tweet during the event using:-

#LGBTQ+2019 #Inclusion @LJMUEquality

EDI Mailing List

Would you like to stay in touch with LJMU’s EDI Team and receive invitations to similar equality events?

If so, **Opt-in** to the EDI mailing list today. Just sent the following details to: **equality@ljmu.ac.uk**

- YOUR FULL NAME:
- EMAIL ADDRESS:
- ORGANISATION:
- AGREEMENT STATEMENT: “YES, I’D LIKE TO STAY IN TOUCH”

NB: LJMU’s EDI Team will NOT share the information you provide with any third parties. For LJMU’s full privacy statement please visit: <https://www.ljmu.ac.uk/legal/privacy-and-cookies>

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TRAVEL / VENUE / ACCESS DETAILS:

LJMU Redmonds Building (Brownlow Hill, Liverpool L3 5UG) is located a short distance uphill from Liverpool Lime Street Train Station.

Trains:

Please find a “walking map” here:

<https://www.google.com/maps/dir/Lime+Street+Station,+Liverpool/LJMU+Redmonds+Building/@53.406786,-2.9778349,17z/data=!3m1!4b1!4m14!4m13!1m5!1m1!1s0x487b2124bd7216a5:0xf1b66bcb111ffb4a!2m2!1d-2.9773131!2d53.4076217!1m5!1m1!1s0x487b21228b571b67:0xb0b0f021901d72ae!2m2!1d-2.9725177!2d53.4051238!3e2>

Parking:

There is **no** parking available onsite; however there is a drop-off bay located at the front of the building. The nearest Pay & Display Car Park is located a 5mins walk from the venue on Mount Pleasant:

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Accessibility:

The venue is wheelchair accessible with elevators on each floor. A quiet contemplation/prayer room has been made available for use on the day.

If you have any additional access requirements or require further assistance during your visit please complete the access/dietary requirements question on your **Eventbrite** booking form.

Important Note(s):

Photography and filming may occur during this event. If you do not wish for your image to be captured, we ask that you alert our media teams/representatives upon your arrival.

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