

June Newsletter

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Welcome to the new Staff Pride Network Newsletter

Over the past year the Staff Pride Network has been growing and evolving, and as such we felt it was time for a makeover to match! As well as a new image, we'll be sending out a regular newsletter to keep you up to date with all the Network news and upcoming events, and to help you stay connected with your LGBT+ Colleagues and Allies.

We also want to celebrate the achievements of the diverse LGBT+ community across the university. So if you have any news, research or events that you would like to share with us then please do get in touch – StaffPrideNetwork@ed.ac.uk.

A Message From Our Co-Chairs



Sharon Cowan

Jonathan MacBride

The newly named Staff Pride Network (previously the LGBT Staff Network) was relaunched in September 2016, for LGBT+ colleagues and allies, and we are delighted to complete the relaunch today with a new logo designed by ECA student Kael Oakley.

Having discovered that the previous network had gone into abeyance, Jonathan MacBride explored the possibility of reinvigorating the static network with his now co-chair, Sharon Cowan. With the support of the UoE Human Resources team, VP for People & Culture Jane Norman, and committed volunteers, the new network has gone from strength to strength in its first year.

We have developed links with external organisations such as Stonewall Scotland and university LGBT+ staff networks such as Napier and LSE, as well as internally with the Disability Network. LGBT+ History Month in February saw a packed programme of academic, arts, social and other events, some of which were organised with the student LGBT+/queer groups BLOGS and Liberation+.

Future planned events include a UoE SPN Pride March contingent wearing our newly designed t-shirts with logo, while the rainbow flag flies over Old College, and trans awareness training for network members.

We are proud to provide a safe space for all LGBT+ identified staff and allies, and happily welcome anyone who wants to join the network to contact the committee at StaffPrideNetwork@ed.ac.uk.

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Logo Competition Winner Announced



Congratulations to **Kael Oakley**, winner of our Logo and Branding Competition.

The Staff Pride Network was re-established in July 2016 but needed an updated logo and brand. Fashion Lecturer and Edinburgh College of Art (ECA) Staff Pride Network Rep, Emily Ford-Halliday, set an ECA-wide competition for Art and Design students to come up with a branding makeover that would encapsulate the networks' values and purpose. Read More

And here is Kael's winning design which is now the new logo for the University of Edinburgh's Staff Pride Network!



'Tis the Season to be Proud



Join SPN at Pride Edinburgh

Get your rainbow hats out of the closet and get ready for Pride Edinburgh 2017 which is now just a few days away. The 22nd annual pride scotia march starts at 12pm on Saturday 17th June. Meeting point for Staff Pride Network members (and friends of course!) is at **11am at the Scottish Parliament, beside the water feature**. Look out for our new logo branded t-shirts.



Order Your SPN Pride T-Shirt

We hope you can join us this Saturday for Pride Edinburgh. We'll be marching together so remember to order your Staff Pride Network T-Shirt. E-mail us at StaffPrideNetwork@ed.ac.uk with your size (M-L-XL) and we will save you one. Limited stock though, so hurry!

Edinburgh Frontrunners Pride Run

Early bird? Join/come and support other SPN members at the **Meadows (eastern end) at 9am** for the Edinburgh Frontrunners Pride Run before the march, including a cake sale in aid of LGBT Youth Scotland. Visit the web page for more details, [here](#).

Pride Edinburgh 2017 Sat 17th June



For a full running order of the day's events – visit the [Pride Edinburgh website](#).

Events

Pre-Pride Edinburgh Coffee Afternoon

TODAY – 1-3pm, Teviot Library Bar (Side Room)

Join us at our regular monthly coffee afternoon and the first of our Pride Edinburgh events. Please drop in any time for a coffee and cake, catch up with your LGBT+ colleagues and ask a committee member those questions you've been dying to have answered!

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Saturday 17th June – 11am, Scottish Parliament

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SPN Social

Friday 30th June – 5:30pm, The Potting Shed

Continuing our monthly evening socials, join us after work to unwind and meet other network members. Conveniently held on the first Friday after payday.

Full Events Calendar
Useful Information
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