

# University-wide poster display

Thanks if you have already put up Staff Pride Network posters around your building, on noticeboards, in staff rooms etc... Posters share our common message, and it would be great to have these displayed in all buildings around the University.

We have printed 300 posters, and there are still plenty to collect and distribute, so your input is welcome here.

Posters can be collected from Allies Rep Carol (carol.dow@ed.ac.uk) at the School of Informatics and Callum (Callum.Michie@ed.ac.uk) at the KB Copy Centre in the James Clerk Maxwell Building. Get in touch with them if you need posters sent to you.

Check out the designs on SharePoint.

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## Informatics Jamboree

The School of Informatics held its annual Jamboree on Friday 26th April.

The day is a social gathering for staff and their families to come along and take part in activities such as a silent disco, a tango class, a pub quiz, arts and crafts, board games. This all followed with a ceilidh in the evening. There was also a visit from alpacas who greeted us at George Square.

The Staff Pride Network had their first stall at the jamboree last year, and this year it was even bigger and brighter than before. It was extremely well attended and hopefully our

message was passed across successfully.

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# Sharing best practice in Higher Education

The LGBT+ Network of Networks in Higher Education (LGBTNoNHE) meets quarterly and works to support members to share, exchange and develop best practice regarding equality, diversity and inclusion in Higher Education.

The March 2019 meeting at Sheffield Hallam University covered a large number of issues including embedding LGBT into procurement practices and supply, service delivery (accommodation, student services etc), and freedom of expression and safe spaces in higher education. Feedback was given by British Transport Police on their Diversity and Inclusion Strategy, and discussions took place on establishing a LGBTNoNHE website.

This meeting provides a great opportunity for members to network and share good practice, and I would recommend anyone interested in being involved in attending future meetings.

Full notes from the LGBTNoNHE are on SharePoint.

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# Filmhouse event



The Everyday Cyborgs and Humanimals event on April 14th at the Filmhouse was the first public screening of four short films exploring fears, hopes and anxieties, as well as the everyday reality, of being not-fully-human. The films were made by local artists, creatives, and a group of young people, as part of the Animal, Mechanical and Me: The Search for Replaceable Hearts project led by Dr Gill Haddow in Science Technology and Innovation Studies at the University of Edinburgh and funded by the Wellcome Trust.

The project explores patient experiences and public reactions to using material from non-human animals or from implantable cybernetic systems to repair, replace or regenerate the human body. It seeks to bring patients' experiences, anxieties, and wider questions around human identity and selfhood, to bear on conversations about recent developments in medical technology. The film screening was part of a more general attempt to showcase social science research at Edinburgh University to wider audiences, and to generate public awareness and debate about these issues.

We decided to wear rainbow lanyards in addition to the classic dark-blue one to promote a more inclusive public image of the University, but also to pay tribute to the LGBT+ contributions to academic thought around identity, selfhood, and embodiment, and around the figure of the cyborg in the Western cultural

imaginary.

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# Pride Edinburgh



Pride Edinburgh is on Saturday 16th June 2018 and we have LOTS of plans! All are welcome to join us for the march, wear a Rainbow Lanyard and a University Staff Pride Network t-shirt and stay for the Queer AF cabaret.

We'll meet at Levels Cafe, Holyrood Road from 11am in advance of the march moving off from the Scottish Parliament at 12.

We have set up an ePay link (<https://bit.ly/2xrpIaz>) and an order form (<https://bit.ly/2xpWwRj>) so you can buy a Staff Pride Network t-shirt for the march at cost price of £13.20, and we'll send it to you internal mail. You can also collect from Central or Little France. With or without a t-shirt, feel free to wear your Rainbow Lanyard and join us to celebrate Pride and show solidarity with LGBT+ people around the world.

Once you've marched, applauded the speeches, visited the community fair in Teviot and Potterow and ceilidh-danced your wee heart out, SPN are proud to present a special Pride Edition of Queer AF Cabaret. Drag queen host Georgia Tasda will be joined by a selection of Edinburgh's finest queer performers. The fun begins at 6pm in Teviot Underground. Free

entry to all!

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## Rainbow Lanyards



We have been overwhelmed by the enthusiasm for our Rainbow Lanyards and are delighted that the latest batch of 4000 Rainbow Lanyards has been delivered. Our RL Distribution Team of 6 has a small backlog at the moment, and will send out your order as quickly as they can. Any help with this would be appreciated. If you'd like to help, let us know!

Of the 4000 lanyards already delivered, Card Services have funded 1400 for new staff who will be able to choose between a blue and rainbow lanyard; Finance, Student Wellbeing, ISG Library Services and Informatics have paid for 700 lanyards for their own staff; Finance, Card Services and Social Responsibility & Sustainability have donated 1400 to the Staff Pride Network for us to supply others throughout the University; and the shop ordered 500 to sell at a reasonable £2 to students, alumni and members of the public.

We were even contacted by an Edinburgh Business School PhD student who wanted to wear one of our rainbow lanyards to her viva!

What does your Rainbow Lanyard mean to you?