

Trans Day of Remembrance Vigil

On the 20th November 2020 the Glasgow Mission, Order of Perpetual Indulgence created a safe space of remembrance and celebration of the lives lived as well as lost. They honoured those past in spoken word, poems and music.

The hosts lit candles and asked attendees to light a candle or shine a light in this dark time. They said the names of those past and remembered the life they lived and mourned their passing as a community. We could not meet our loved ones during this pandemic but we came together online in remembrance.

Following a minute of silence for those lost, we had a minute of noise to celebrate their lives and contributions.

Rainbow Office Hours

Now, more than ever, we need to talk. So the Staff pride Network has set up **Rainbow Office Hours**. A chance to make a connection with another LGBTQ+ staff member, or PG student, at the University.

Each month*, the last Friday of the month at 12-1pm, a few of our members will be standing by – check our website for details of who is available. Pick out someone you'd like to talk to, and drop them a line in Teams to check they're not with someone else (i.e. a digital knock on the door!). After that, you two are free to chat about anything and everything. You might have specific things you want to talk about, or it

might just be the pleasure of spending some time with someone like you.

We're not a counselling or support service, but we do believe in the power of community – so why not take a moment to make that connection and feel just a wee bit better.

- Sue Fletcher-Watson: My name is Sue. I'm a cis woman and I'm bisexual. I've been married for 15 years to a cis man and we have two kids – everyone assumes we're a heterosexual couple. I am happy to chat about the experience of being bi (or pansexual) generally and specifically about bi-visibility and bi-phobia.
- Karen Pinto-Csaszar: I'm Karen and I'm a Student Support Officer at Edinburgh College of Art. I am a cisgender straight woman who is part of the 'BAME' community (Latin-American) and am interested in chatting with staff and students of any orientation about (among many things) the contribution allies might make in supporting and learning from the LGBT+ community, including and perhaps especially potential allies who may feel interested but hesitant to get involved. I'm also interested in chatting about matters of the BAME community at large, including being a BAME expat!
- Chloe Stanton: Senior Electronics Engineer in the School of Physics and Astronomy, I'm a pansexual trans woman, not currently in a relationship, and interested to chat to PhD students and any staff about being visibly trans within the university or just LGBTQI+ issues in general.
- Robert (Robbie) Court: I'm a PostDoc in the School of Informatics specialising in insect neurobiology. Label wise I am Gay, Autistic, Humanist, Dyslexic, Prosopagnosic and have ADHD. I've been with my 'husband' (not got round to the now available paperwork – one day) for over 25years, he came with a son who is nearly 30 now.