

LGBT+ History Month Events 2021

It's that time again when we commemorate and celebrate LGBT+ history. Once again the Staff Pride Network team have put together another series of fascinating events on a range of topics, further details available on our [EventBrite](#).

- **1st Feb:** ['Legal for 40 Years: A snapshot from someone who was there'](#)
 - Interview with lawyer Terry Munyard focused on his involvement on legalising homosexuality in Scotland (1st Feb 1981)
- **10th Feb:** ['Transgressions'](#)
 - An evening to share stories of what has happened when we are seen to cross a line or boundary, how this is seen as a transgression, what are the repercussions and how we have coped, complied, resisted or challenged.
 - Collaboration with OurStory Scotland
- **17th Feb:** [The Role of Legal Activism in the Advancement of Trans Rights](#)
 - The Role of Legal Activism in the Advancement of Trans Rights & Current Challenges in the wake of the Keira Bell High Court Judgment
 - Collaboration with GLASS network
- **22nd Feb:** [Creating equity in healthcare for LGBT+ people](#)
 - We invite you to join us for an informal discussion on what healthcare professionals should know in order to ensure equity in care to LGBT+
- **24th Feb:** [LGBTQ+ Trivia Night](#)
 - Collaboration with The STEM Village
- **25th Feb:** [Activism and the Future of HIV in Scotland](#)

We are delighted that Schools and departments throughout the University have chosen to organise more events and have liaised with us to ensure communications are appropriate. Watch out for social media from UoE Sport & Exercise and an HCA event on 9th Feb <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/lgbt-history-month-dr-molly-merryman-queer-voices-from-the-pandemic-tickets-133064687061> .

We'll share more events from fellow HE networks on our social media so if you're not already following us, we're @uoestaffpride on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#) and [Insta](#).

Happy LGBT+ History Month! We hope you can join us for one of our events.

Jonathan and Katie

The SPN online social has moved to Zoom

This is a regular weekly Wednesday lunchtime coffee meetup 1-2pm & once a month (on the first Friday of the month) our evening social event (BYOB) 6:30pm-late.

Please drop in with a coffee and meet your LGBT+ colleagues and ask a committee member those questions you've been dying to have answered!

This event is open to all LGBT+/ally staff (or PhD students) of the University of Edinburgh.

More generally we have a broad range of people attending of

all ages, disabilities and social abilities so please feel welcome to join us.

If you are nervous at all and would like to meet up with one of us first then please get in contact via our social media outlets or via email: staffpridenetwork@ed.ac.uk

For the duration of 'the event' we shall be meeting online via a video chat service (finally given into Zoom):

The Staff Pride Network is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: SPN Social

Time: This is a recurring meeting every Wednesday 1-2pm and 6:30pm-late on the First Friday of each month.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://ed-ac-uk.zoom.us/j/83368381329>

Meeting ID: **833 6838 1329**

Passcode: **SPNsocial1**

Join by Skype for Business

<https://ed-ac-uk.zoom.us/skype/83368381329>

Rainbow background images for video conferencing or slides

The designs taking inspiration from our Flags Survey results, we are delighted to present new Teams backgrounds which are available on the University website and saved in the Staff

Pride Network Members SharePoint for you to download. Please add to your Teams (now!) and consider using these as backgrounds for lectures and meetings, both internal and external meetings.

“We are really pleased that these backgrounds play a small but welcome part in emphasising the importance of diversity and inclusivity at our University.”

Niall Bradley, Deputy Director of Marketing, The University of Edinburgh

As we continue to work with the University to increase awareness of the importance of Equality, Diversity & Inclusion, tools for all staff and students to show support and allyship are key to that journey.

In this digital age where Rainbow Lanyards are less visible, rainbow lanyard Teams backgrounds were proposed by **Melissa Highton**, Director of Learning, Teaching and Web Services and Assistant Principal Online Learning at ISG, which became a (*lengthy, multiple emails*) very senior management collaboration between Katie & I for the Staff Pride Network, ISG graphic designer and SPN graphic design volunteer Gill Kidd, HR's Head of EDI Caroline Wallace, with final designs and corporate approval by University Communications & Marketing, including Head of Brand, Head of Marketing, Deepthi de Silva-Williams and Deputy Director of Marketing Niall Bradley.

Available from <https://www.wiki.ed.ac.uk/display/commandmktg/Background+images+for+video+conferencing>

Mark Pace has also kindly shared his two PowerPoint templates masters using these designs:

[SPN Powerpoint](#)

[SPN Powerpoint2](#)