

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 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.