

LGBT+ HISTORY MONTH 2018

Geography – mapping our world



Events throughout February 2018 celebrating lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender history, organised by Oxford Brookes University, Brookes Union, University of Oxford and local community groups.

Introduction



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Oxford Brookes University

Welcome to LGBT+ History Month 2018. This represents Oxford Brookes third year of collaboration to celebrate and highlight achievements, voices from the LGBT+ community and perspectives on LGBT+ equality and inclusion. The diverse programme collates a range of events organised by staff and students of Oxford Brookes together with other local organisations and wider community activity.

I am delighted to invite everyone to connect and reflect on how our identities and communities relate to our local and global context, and broaden understanding of

experiences and activism for LGBT+ equality and inclusion in the wider world.

Oxford Brookes University celebrates and values the diversity of our students and staff and aims to create an organisational culture which is fully inclusive of diverse sexual orientations, gender identity and gender expression.

In focusing on visibility, voice, promoting awareness and sharing learning and experiences, LGBT+ History Month gives us all an opportunity to further our personal and organisational journeys for equality and “**acceptance without exception**”.

For more information about equality, diversity and inclusion at Oxford Brookes please visit the website: www.brookes.ac.uk/staff/human-resources/equality-diversity-and-inclusion

Our webpages include information about local and national resources and support organisations relating to **sexual orientation** and **gender identity**.

The overall aim of LGBT+ History month is to promote equality and diversity for the benefit of the public by:

- Increasing the visibility of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (“LGBT”) people, their history, lives and their experiences in the curriculum and culture of educational and other institutions, and the wider community;
- Raising awareness and advancing education on matters affecting the LGBT+ community;
- Working to make educational and other institutions safe spaces for all LGBT+ communities; and
- Promoting the welfare of LGBT+ people, by ensuring that the education system recognises and enables LGBT+ people to achieve their full potential, so they contribute fully to society and lead fulfilled lives, thus benefiting society as a whole.



lgbthistorymonth.org.uk

The national theme for LGBT+ History Month 2018 is Geography – mapping our world.

Advances in equality legislation and societal attitudes are an ongoing journey. Worldwide LGBT+ communities still face criminalisation in 72 nation states (ILGA 2017).

Each year ILGA, the International Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans and Intersex Association, produces reports and **maps** on global **sexual orientation laws** and **trans legal mapping**.

Here in the UK, **reform of the Gender Recognition Act 2004** is still awaited and active campaigns continue for LGBT-inclusive relationships and sex education in our schools.

LGBT+ groups at Oxford Brookes University



LGBT+ STAFF FORUM

At Oxford Brookes University, we are committed to ensuring the very best staff experience where all our community can flourish in a culture of respect and support, where we celebrate difference and thrive on each other's success.

As part of our commitment to equality, diversity and inclusion we have set up a LGBT+ Staff Forum.

For further information email hr-lgbtplus@brookes.ac.uk

At Oxford Brookes we use LGBT+ to include the spectrum of diverse sexualities and gender identities.



BROOKES LGBTQ+ SOCIETY

We are a society which is accepting of those who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer/questioning, intersex, pansexual, asexual, straight, and everything in between.

If you are trying to figure out who you are, need someone to talk to, or just want to meet likeminded people, check out our events page and come along, or email BrookesLGBTQ@gmail.com

Calendar of events

DATE	EVENT	ORGANISER	BOOKING
22 January -13 April	University of Oxford's Queer Studies Network	University of Oxford	Some events
29 January -9 February	Feel Good Festival	Oxford Brookes	Some events
31 January	Movie night: Rent	Oxford Brookes	N/A
1 February	First Thursday Drinks	Community	N/A
2 February	LGBTQ+ Trusted Source Writing Workshop	University of Oxford	Yes
4 February	First Sunday	Community	N/A
5 February	Flag raising	Oxford Brookes	N/A
5 February	Movie night: But I'm a Cheerleader	Oxford Brookes	N/A
6 February	Swindon Coffee Morning	Oxford Brookes	N/A
7 February	Campus stall – Harcourt Hill	Oxford Brookes	N/A
8 February	Campus stall – Headington	Oxford Brookes	N/A
9 February	Campus stall – Marston Road & Wheatley	Oxford Brookes	N/A
9 February	Quiz night	Oxford Brookes	N/A
9 February	Molly's FriYAY!	Community	N/A
12 February	The Oxford LGBT Book Club	Community	N/A
13 February	Pride – introduced by Nicola Field	Community	Yes
13 February	Red Box	Community	N/A
14 February	LGBTQ+ Society: George Norman – The issues faced by asexual people	Oxford Brookes	N/A
14/28 February	Oxford Board Gaymers	Community	N/A
15 February	OBU Documentary Club: Two soft things, two hard things (followed by Q&A with filmmaker)	Oxford Brookes	Yes
18 February	Cheap Eats	Community	N/A
19-23 February	One World Week	Oxford Brookes	Some events
20 February	LGBT History Month Lecture: Asad Dhunna	University of Oxford	Yes
21 February	Asylum in the UK: LGBT+ experience of the asylum system	Oxford Brookes	Yes
21-23 February	Penguins	Oxford Brookes	Yes
23 February	Movie night: Pride	Oxford Brookes	N/A
23 February	The Molly House: Queer History Night	Community	N/A
24 February	Party at the Pitt: An LGBT History Month Celebration	University of Oxford	Yes
26 February	LGBTa	Community	N/A
February TBC	Oxford UNISON LGBT Group	Community	N/A
27 February	Oxford Lesbian History Group	Community	N/A
1 March	Movie night: Paris Is Burning	Oxford Brookes	N/A
6 March	Identity – Open Mic Poetry Night	Oxford Brookes	N/A

Oxford Brookes University events

JOHN HENRY BROOKES
BUILDING



MONDAY 5 FEBRUARY 2018, 12.30PM
OUTSIDE HEADINGTON HILL HALL

Flag raising

Join us to raise the rainbow flag over Headington Hill Hall to mark the beginning of LGBT+ History Month.

Campus stalls

Come and find out about the Staff and Student LGBT+ Networks. The stalls will be at 12 noon - 2pm at the following campuses:

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| 7 February | Harcourt Hill (restaurant) |
| 8 February | Headington (Union Square) |
| 9 February | Marston Road (restaurant) |
| 9 February | Wheatley Hub |

There will also be a coffee morning at 10.30 - 11.30am at Swindon Campus:

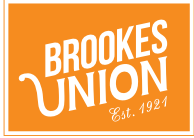
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| 6 February | JOF.G.11 |
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Brookes LGBTQ+ Society events

These events are open for everyone in the University. Venues for our events are yet to be confirmed.

Like/follow our **Facebook page** to get updates, or email **BrookesLGBTQ@gmail.com** to be added to our mailing list.



www.brookesunion.org.uk

www.facebook.com/brookeslgbtsoc

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday		
1	29	30 Bi/pan/trans/ non binary	31 Movie night: Rent	1 Societies Fair	2 Social! Glitter social!	3	4
2	5 Flag raising Movie night: But I'm a Cheerleader	6 Tuesday drinks	7 Harcourt Hill stall Tea Soc joint event	8 Headington stall Ace 1st Year	9 Wheatley/ Marston Road stalls Quiz night	10	11
3	12 Round table forum	13 Bi/pan/trans/ non binary	14 A talk on the issues faced by asexual people, with George Norman	15 1st year social OBUDoc screening of Two Soft Things, Two Hard Things	16 Social!	17	18
4	19	20 University of Oxford LGBT History Month Lecture - Asad Dhunna	21 Asylum in the UK: LGBT+ experience of the asylum system	22 Ace 1st Year	23 Movie night: Pride	24	25
5	26	27 Bi/pan/trans/ non binary	28	1 Movie night: Paris Is Burning	2	3	4
6	5	6 Identity - open mic poetry night	7	8	9	10	11



WEDNESDAY 15 FEBRUARY 2018
TIME & VENUE TBC

George Norman: the issues faced by asexual people

George Norman is an activist and a campaigner for asexual awareness and inclusion, as a coordinator of the political group Ace Labour. He will be delivering a talk on issues facing the asexual community, to which all are welcome to attend!



ABOUT THE SPEAKER

George Norman is a student and political activist. In 2015 he became the first openly asexual person to stand for public office in the UK, an experience that led him to help found maapple. He's particularly keen to get everyone of every political stripe engaged with and talking about asexual issues, although he remains a passionate and active Labour Party member.

Main image: **Asexual flag**

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Brookes LGBTQ+ Society movie nights



31 JANUARY 2018, 6.30PM

**SNOW ROOM (JHB.408), HEADINGTON CAMPUS
RENT**

2005 | 12A | 2h 15min | Drama, Musical, Romance

This is the film version of the Pulitzer and Tony Award winning musical about Bohemians in the East Village of New York City struggling with life, love and AIDS, and the impacts they have on America.



5 FEBRUARY 2018, 7PM

**JHB.303, HEADINGTON CAMPUS
BUT I'M A CHEERLEADER**

1999 | 15 | 1h 25min | Comedy, Drama, Romance

A naive teenager is sent to rehab camp when her straitlaced parents and friends suspect her of being a lesbian.

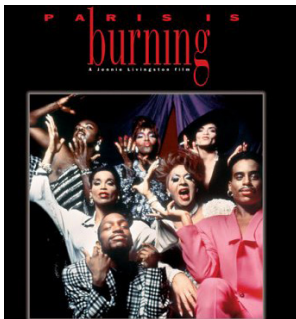


23 FEBRUARY 2018, 6.30PM

**JHB.401, HEADINGTON CAMPUS
PRIDE**

2014 | 15 | 1h 59min | Biography, Comedy, Drama

UK gay activists work to help miners during their lengthy strike of the National Union of Mineworkers in the summer of 1984.



1 MARCH 2018, 7PM

**JHB.303, HEADINGTON CAMPUS
PARIS IS BURNING**

1990 | 1h 11min | Documentary

A chronicle of New York's drag scene in the 1980s, focusing on balls, voguing and the ambitions and dreams of those who gave the era its warmth and vitality.



9 FEBRUARY 2018, 7PM
SPORTS LOUNGE
BROOKES SPORT HEADINGTON

Quiz night

Amnesty International Oxford City Group and the Oxford Brookes LGBT+ Staff Forum invite you to join us for a fun-packed fundraising evening.

- Voluntary contribution
- Prizes to be won
- All welcome!

The bar will be open until 11pm and the cafe will be open until 8pm.



Collaboration



Oxford City
Amnesty
International

Oxford Brookes
LGBT+ Staff Forum

ABOUT THE ORGANISERS

Amnesty International Oxford City Group is made up of volunteers who carry out actions to promote the campaigns of Amnesty International.

[www.amnesty.org.uk/
groups/oxford-city](http://www.amnesty.org.uk/groups/oxford-city)

SUPPORTED BY

UNISON

One of the UK's largest trade unions, serving more than 1.3 million members. We represent full-time and part-time staff who provide public services, although they may be employed in both the public and private sectors.

UCU

The University and College Union (UCU) represents over 110,000 academics, lecturers, trainers, instructors, researchers, managers, administrators, computer staff, librarians and postgraduates in universities, colleges, prisons, adult education and training organisations across the UK.

Collaboration



Oxford Brookes
University
Documentary Club

Oxford Brookes
LGBT+ Staff Forum



ABOUT THE ORGANISERS

The **Documentary Club** screens documentaries made by independent filmmakers addressing a wide range of cultural, political and social issues. This is intended to broaden the perspectives of Brookes students and engage with the broader community.

Each Thursday during the 2017-18 academic year at 7pm in the John Henry Brookes Lecture Theatre, Headington Campus, we screen a range of documentaries.

DIRECTOR/PRODUCER
MICHAEL YERXA



THURSDAY 15 FEBRUARY 2018, 7PM
JOHN HENRY BROOKES LECTURE THEATRE
HEADINGTON CAMPUS

Two soft things, two hard things

Canada 2016 71min

Filmmakers: Mark Kenneth Woods, Michael Yerxa

As a small group in Nunavut, Canada prepare for a seminal LGBT Pride celebration in the Arctic, the film explores how colonization and religion have shamed and erased traditional Inuit beliefs about sexuality and family structure and how, 60 years later, a new generation of Inuit are actively 'unshaming' their past.

This screening will be followed by a video conference Q&A session with Director/Producer Michael Yerxa.

Known for his outspokenness as an original cast member on Logo TV and MTV Canada's 1 Girl 5 Gays, Michael Yerxa has worked behind the scenes as a producer on some of Canada's most successful factual television shows including The Amazing Race Canada, Canada's Smartest Person and Still Standing.

He has recently begun to branch out as a documentary filmmaker and producer. In 2015, he collaborated with filmmaker Mark Kenneth Woods on the television documentary "Take Up The Torch", an inspiring look at past and present LGBT sport trailblazers in Canada actively making the sports landscape more LGBT-inclusive post-Sochi Olympics.



WEDNESDAY 21 FEBRUARY 2018, 6PM
JOHN HENRY BROOKES LECTURE THEATRE
HEADINGTON CAMPUS

Asylum in the UK: LGBT+ experience of the asylum system

Antonia Bright, national spokesperson of the Movement for Justice (MFJ), will facilitate a conversation with MFJ LGBT+ refugees about their experience of the asylum system.

LGBT+ relationships are illegal in 72 countries around the world. In 8 of those countries being gay is punishable by the death penalty (ILGA 2017). Many people come to the UK seeking a new life free from these prejudices. MFJ represents and protests on behalf of the UK asylum seekers and has done extensive work with LGBT+ asylum seekers.

Issues up for discussion include why the fight for immigrant rights and against the use of detention centres is important, and what role LGBT+ people are playing in the movement.

ABOUT THE SPEAKER

Antonia Bright is a founding member and national spokesperson for Movement for Justice. She initiated MFJ's 'Surround Detention Centres' protests and Peckham Pride. Antonia is a bisexual cis woman, a Unison Black Members officer and has led MFJ's organising inside and outside of the detention centres.

Aisha Shumazzi is a bisexual cis woman, Aisha joined MFJ after 4 months inside Yarl's Wood. Being bisexual, Aisha faced opposition from the Home Office to her claim for asylum. With MFJ she has organised protests and has won her asylum case.

Collaboration

The Poetry Centre

Oxford Human Rights
Festival

Oxford Brookes
LGBT+ Staff Forum



ABOUT THE COLLABORATORS

The Poetry Centre, based within the Department of English and Modern Languages at Oxford Brookes, conducts research into poetry and organises conferences. It also organises regular poetry readings, an international poetry competition, community projects, and has recently created ignitionpress, which publishes poetry pamphlets. For more details on all of these, visit our website or follow us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

[www.brookes.ac.uk/
poetry-centre](http://www.brookes.ac.uk/poetry-centre)

In 2018 the Oxford Human Rights Festival will be celebrating its 16th year. Founded in 2003, the festival is an initiative of graduate students on the MA course in Development and Emergency Practice. In attracting diverse audiences, the festival hopes to raise awareness about a range of human rights concerns among Brookes students and the wider Oxford community. The festival is open to everyone and most events are free.

[www.oxfordhumanrights
festival.net](http://www.oxfordhumanrightsfestival.net)

TUESDAY 6 MARCH 2018, 7PM
GLASS TANK, ABERCROMBIE,
HEADINGTON CAMPUS

Identity – open mic poetry night

**Spoken word performance featuring local poets
Dan Holloway and Ceri Lloyd, alongside Oxford
Brookes students**

Exploring the themes of this year's Oxford Human Rights Festival (Identity) and LGBT History Month (Geography – mapping our world), we invite local poets and Oxford Brookes students to read and perform work inspired by the themes – either by themselves or by other poets.

This event takes place in the Identity exhibition in the Glass Tank, which is the centrepiece of the 16th annual Oxford Human Rights Festival.

Refreshments provided



**29 JANUARY - 9 FEBRUARY
2018**

Feel Good Festival

**Try something different to help you
feel good this February.**

We believe wellbeing is fundamental to a positive staff experience; the Feel Good Festival provides an ideal opportunity for you to take stock of your overall wellbeing and try something new.

Once again teams dedicated to support your wellbeing have come together to bring you two weeks of great initiatives to help you feel good this February and beyond. This year's delivery team includes colleagues from Brookes Active, Occupational Health, OCSLD, Human Resources, Catering, staff experience and social responsibility.

See our **webpage** for details of events and activities throughout the month.



19 - 23 FEBRUARY 2018

One World Week

**A week to celebrate diversity at
Oxford Brookes University**

One World Week (OWW) is a week of internationally-themed events organised by staff and students at Oxford Brookes.

This year's events will include primary school children from Windmill School performing in the Forum, an international lunch and coffee mornings, world dance, cultural fairs, international karaoke and much more. All events are open to staff and students and are free of charge.

The aim of this project is to celebrate the diversity and uniqueness of the many cultures and people here at Brookes.

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University of Oxford events





TUESDAY 20 FEBRUARY 2018, 6PM
MATHEMATICAL INSTITUTE,
WOODSTOCK ROAD, OXFORD OX2 6GG

Asad Dhunna – What does it mean to be LGBT+ today?

This year's annual Lecture, organised by the LGBT+ Staff Network, will be delivered by Asad Dhunna, a London based marketing and communications director. He has written for various publications including the Guardian and the Huffington Post. **Asad's blog** explores his faith and sexuality, and he also started the podcast Muslim Pride.

This is a free event and all are welcome.

Due to the high interest booking is recommended:
oxlgbthm2018.eventbrite.co.uk



ABOUT THE ORGANISER

The University of Oxford is committed to fostering an inclusive culture which promotes equality, values diversity and maintains a working, learning and social environment in which the rights and dignity of all its staff and students are respected.

The LGBT Staff Advisory Group works with the Equality & Diversity Unit to highlight issues relating to LGBT staff and students in order to inform the development of University policy and practice in relation to LGBT staff and students and to facilitate consultation and the sharing of information with LGBT staff and students.
www.ox.ac.uk/lgbt

ABOUT THE ORGANISER

The Pitt Rivers Museum displays archaeological and ethnographic objects from all parts of the world and all time periods. It is truly a global museum. The museum is also a teaching and research institution and the curators are also university lecturers in either cultural anthropology or prehistoric archaeology. A number of degree courses are taught to both graduate and undergraduate studies.

The museum was founded in 1884 when General Pitt Rivers, an influential figure in the development of archaeology and evolutionary anthropology, gave his collection to the University of Oxford.

As a world-renowned university museum of anthropology and archaeology, the Pitt Rivers Museum (PRM) has been at the forefront of innovation in teaching and research on material and visual culture for many decades.



SATURDAY 24 FEBRUARY 2017, 6PM
PITT RIVERS MUSEUM, SOUTH PARKS ROAD,
ROBINSON CLOSE, OXFORD, OX1 3PP

Party at the Pitt: An LGBT History Month Celebration

Community groups, queer theorists, curators, performers and artists come together to celebrate LGBT History Month 2018. Join us for a night celebrating LGBTQ+ histories from Oxfordshire and beyond. Expect live performances, pop-up exhibitions, micro-talks and interactive activities.

All welcome!

Tickets will be available in mid-January, booking essential.

Standard Admission - £5

Concession (Student, Unwaged, Under 16, 65+) - £3

Tickets: bit.ly/2Fpdb7x

Entry via Robinson Close, South Parks Road, OX1 3PP.

www.prm.ox.ac.uk



FRIDAY 2 FEBRUARY 2017, 10AM - 1PM
COLIN MATTHEW ROOM, FACULTY OF
HISTORY, GEORGE ST, OXFORD OX1 2BE

LGBTQ+ Trusted Source Writing Workshop

This workshop will focus on LGBTQ+ people, places and objects within the National Trust and how we can engage with the public to make these hidden histories more visible.

Come along to find out more about **Trusted Source** and the National Trust's LGBTQ+ project, **Prejudice & Pride**, then start developing articles using provided resources. Please also feel welcome to bring along your own ideas. Facilitated by Alice Purkiss, the Knowledge Transfer Partnership Associate for Oxford University and the National Trust.

The workshop will be followed by a free lunch.

To sign up, email mara.gold@st-hildas.ox.ac.uk



ABOUT THE ORGANISER

TORCH | The Oxford Research Centre in the Humanities stimulates, supports and promotes research activity of the very highest quality that transcends disciplinary and institutional boundaries, and engages with wider audiences.

TORCH has continued to be a nucleus of intellectual energy for the humanities and a place to develop new ideas and collaborations both within and beyond the academy. During 2014-15, TORCH hosted almost 400 events, involving over 13,000 people, supported 400 affiliated researchers, Knowledge Exchange and Early Career Fellows, 21 networks and 10 programmes. Since its creation, TORCH has raised £1.2million in grants and philanthropy so far to develop research projects.

torch.ox.ac.uk



THE OXFORD RESEARCH CENTRE IN THE HUMANITIES

University of Oxford's Queer Studies Network

Launched in November 2017, Oxford's first interdisciplinary Queer Studies Network aims to bring together the many scholars at the University of Oxford whose work engages with queer studies, in order to open up new avenues for engagement with queer theory, marginalised voices and LGBTQIA+ experiences, art and activism.

Queer studies, by nature, reaches beyond institutional and disciplinary boundaries. We therefore look to collaborate with and learn from Oxford University staff, members of the Oxford community and diverse communities and movements in and beyond Oxford.

We meet once a fortnight for a queer theory research lunch and organise other events under three banners: art and activism, transnational perspectives and heritage and engagement. All are warmly welcome to participate.

To sign up to our mailing list, please send a blank email to queerstudies-subscribe@maillist.ox.ac.uk

MONDAY 22 JANUARY 2018, 12.30 – 1.30PM

THE MURE ROOM, MERTON COLLEGE

Queer Theory Research Lunch:

Conceptualising homophobia, lesbian classical reception and masculinity in Joyce's Dubliners

Professor Dan Healey (History and Russian): conceptualizing homophobia in different social science and humanities disciplines. Mara Gold (DPhil Classics): lesbian classical reception during the late 19th and early 20th centuries and the place of classics in the formation of lesbian identities, relationships and networks. Lloyd (Meadhbh) Houston (DPhil English): how queer theory can be used to unpack Joyce's interrogation of Irish masculinity in Dubliners.

MONDAY 5 FEBRUARY 2018, 12.30 – 1.30PM

THE MURE ROOM, MERTON COLLEGE

Queer Theory Research Lunch:

Notes on vegan camp, queer representation in dictionaries and queer prisoners in Francoist Spain

Emelia Quinn (DPhil English): whether a specifically vegan camp is possible, or worth having, exploring whether camp might offer a productive move away from the sincerity and despair that often characterizes vegan responses to violence. Stephen Turton (DPhil English): public reactions on social and news media to the addition of queer identity terms to mainstream dictionaries, and the language-ideological debates these reactions highlight. Sonia Cuesta Maniar (DPhil History): the experience of queer prisoners in Spain during the 1960s and 1970s, and how social and perceived sexual dissidence became the government's new target during the later years of Francoism.

MONDAY 19 FEBRUARY 2018, 12.30 – 1.30PM

THE MURE ROOM, MERTON COLLEGE

Queer Theory Research Lunch:

Queer theory „from” Africa, queer memory/ lesbian activism and queering Chinese-speaking societies

Dr Thomas Hendriks (African Studies): queer theory „from” Africa. Emma Day (DPhil American History): how the queer theory of

memory informs her research on lesbian activists in New York and California who carried out civil disobedience protests at political funerals to counter the invisibility of lesbian risk during the AIDS crisis. Flair Donglai Shi (DPhil English): using the feminist action film *So Close* (2005) to counter the antagonist divisions proposed by Sinophone Studies by arguing that queer theory can help us uncover connections among different Chinese-speaking societies in East Asia.

WEDNESDAY 28 FEBRUARY 2018, 5.15 – 7PM
THE ROTHERMERE AMERICAN INSTITUTE

Queering Spaces: Transnational Perspectives

Walaa Alqaisiya, a doctoral candidate in the Department of Human Geography at Durham University, will be presenting on 'The Politics and Aesthetics of Decolonial Queering in Palestine'. Dr Mojisola Adebayo, a British born, Nigerian-Danish performer, playwright, director, producer and academic based at Queen Mary, will be presenting on 'A Reflection on Mojisola Adebayo's *Afrika (Black/ Queer) Theatre of Ubuntu from Antarctica to Africa*'. Dr Sneha Krishnan, Junior Research Fellow in Human Geography at St John's College, will be presenting on 'Queerness as Method: Doing Transnational Histories of Childhood'.

MONDAY 5 MARCH 2018, 12.30 – 1.30PM
THE MURE ROOM, MERTON COLLEGE

Queer Theory Research Lunch:

Trans aesthetic activism, drag lip-sync performance and 'bumping' in gay life

Santina Sorrenti (MSt Women's Studies): how trans identities engage in aesthetic activism through the circulation of visual culture on social media. Jacob Bird (DPhil Music): locating the 'structurally queer' voice within drag lip-sync performance and how these performances reflect his subjects' self-professed queer identities. Eleri Watson (DPhil English): post-1945 Los Angeles with reference to Isherwood's *A Single Man*, examining the role and possibilities of 'bumping' in gay life and relationships.

12 AND 13 APRIL 2018
FACULTY OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE

Queer Modernism(s) II: Intersectional Identities

Conference organised by Lloyd (Meadhbh) Houston

Queer Modernism(s) II is an interdisciplinary, international conference exploring the place of queer identity in modernist art, literature and culture, with an emphasis on intersecting identities. Panelists will question, discuss and interrogate the social, sexual, romantic, artistic, affective, legal and textual relationship between queer identity and modernity.

CONTACT DETAILS

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Blog
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Like us to advertise your queer/ LGBTQ+ event?

Contact Mara Gold:
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Community events





Oxford Area LGBT University Staff Social Group

Social events for all lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender staff at HE institutions in the Oxford area.

THURSDAY 1 FEBRUARY 2018, 6PM
OXFORD UNIVERSITY CLUB
11 MANSFIELD ROAD, OXFORD OX1 3SZ

First Thursday Drinks

First Thursday happens at 6pm at the Oxford University Club on Mansfield Road on the first Thursday of each month. Drinks and food are available from the bar and members of the group always fly a rainbow flag on our table so new people can find them.

SUNDAY 18 FEBRUARY 2018, 6.30PM
VARIOUS LOCATIONS AROUND OXFORD

Cheap Eats

Cheap Eats is the third Sunday evening of each month. The organisation rotates among members and the event is normally well-attended in various economical restaurants in Oxford.

MONDAY 26 FEBRUARY 2018, 5.30PM
GEORGE & DANVER (G&DS)
94 ST ALDATE'S, OXFORD OX1 1BT

LGBTea

LGBTea is a relaxed tea/coffee gathering in Oxford on the fourth Monday of each month around 5.30pm.

ABOUT THE GROUP

This network is intended for all lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender (LGBT) staff at Oxford Brookes University, University of Oxford, Oxford University Press and Ruskin College. This includes post-docs, research fellows, academic and non-academic staff.

Staff at other universities and research institutes etc. in the region are also welcome to join. Similarly, while the group is primarily intended for staff, post-graduate students are welcome to join the list and attend events if they wish.

www.ox-lgbt-acad.org.uk



ABOUT THE ORGANISER

We are a locally owned independent cinema just off East Oxford's Cowley Road with a single screen in a cosy auditorium. We show an eclectic mix of independent, mainstream, foreign language, and classic films.

Our beautiful historic art deco building dates from 1911 and still has the original box office window that opens onto the street.

Helping owner Becky run the cinema is a small but passionate team of staff and volunteers.

Inside the auditorium we have a small bar that serves a range of drinks and snacks before the film.

www.uppcinema.com

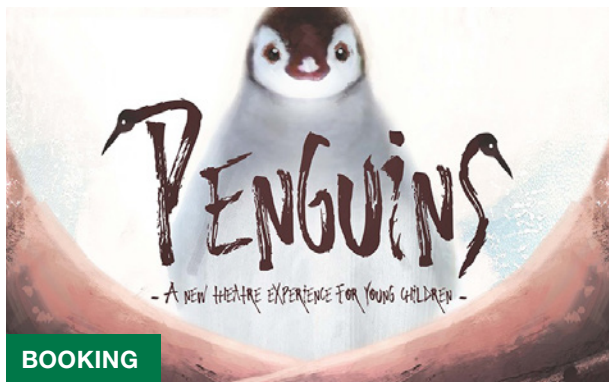
TUESDAY 13 FEBRUARY 2018, 6PM
THE ULTIMATE PICTURE PALACE
JEUNE STREET, OXFORD OX4 1BN

Pride

Introduced by Nicola Field

It's the summer of 1984 and the National Union of Mineworkers is on strike, prompting a London-based group of gay and lesbian activists to raise money to support the strikers' families. Initially rebuffed by the Union, the group identifies a tiny mining village in Wales and sets off to make their donation in person. As the strike drags on, the two groups discover that standing together makes for the strongest union of all.

The screening will be introduced by **Nicola Field**, author and original member of Lesbians and Gays Support the Miners, whose story is told in the film.



**WED 21 - FRI 23 FEBRUARY 2018,
10AM & 1.45PM; 4PM (23 February only)
PEGASUS, MAGDALEN ROAD, OXFORD OX4 1RE**

Penguins

When being different brings the most wonderful of surprises.

Birmingham Repertory Theatre, Prime Theatre and Cahoots NI present PENGUINS.

Roy and Silo are two male Chinstrap penguins. Just like the other penguin pairs at Central Park Zoo, they walk, play, swim and dance together. When the duo decides to try and hatch a rock in place of an egg, they find themselves on an adventure that could mean raising a chick for real!

Penguins is a unique and engaging show for children about friendship, fun, identity and the ever-changing meaning of family.

For family and schools audiences 3+
50 minutes – no interval
Tickets £8/6 (conc.)

Book Online or call **01865 812150**

ABOUT THE ORGANISER

Young people are the life force of Pegasus. From our theatre in the heart of East Oxford, we provide the inspiration for journeys filled with creative opportunity, aspiration and imagination.

We believe passionately that young people are the change makers of the future and our planning process places their voice and decision making at the heart of the organisation. Pegasus has an excellent track-record of creating inspiring and high quality projects which engage children and young people from a diverse range of ethnic, social and economic backgrounds from across Oxfordshire. We actively reach out, especially through our inclusion programme, to those who are most excluded and vulnerable within society. The depth of our approach means the impact of what we achieve through our work is far-reaching and long-lasting.

pegasustheatre.org.uk



FRIDAY 9 FEBRUARY 2018, 7PM
GEORGE ST SOCIAL
NEW INN HALL STREET, OXFORD OX1 2DH

Molly's FriYAY!

Come make new friends and catch up with old ones.

Molly is a monthly social for queers in Oxford. We provide a welcoming space to come along and meet new people and make new friends. Let us know if you're coming along solo / for the first time and we're happy to introduce you to other people!

ABOUT THE ORGANISER

Molly aims to be an inclusive space for Oxford's queer community. We plan to put on regular nights for our city. Join us!

www.facebook.com/ohhellomolly

We'll be upstairs at the George Street Social 7pm-11pm, then we'll head on to the Jolly Farmers.

(No tickets needed, but grateful for £1 in the pot on the night to cover running costs)

www.facebook.com/events/157570124864244/

FRIDAY 23 FEBRUARY 2018, 7.30PM
SLUG & LETTUCE FUNCTION ROOM, 1 OXFORD
CASTLE, NEW ROAD, OXFORD OX1 1AY

The Molly House: A Queer History Night

Think you know your GLF from your LGSM?
Your Stonewall Inn from the Royal Vauxhall Tavern?
We'll be crowning the Kings and Queens of LGBTQ
History this February.

Walk back in time and come visit the Molly House (in the Slug and Lettuce Side Bar) for some quizzes and gaymes galore as Molly celebrates LGBT History Month in style!

£1 on the door

www.facebook.com/events/2105132066381295/

FEBRUARY 2018 – DATE TBC
VARIOUS PUBS/RESTAURANTS IN OXFORD

Oxford UNISON
LGBT Self Organised Group
Oxford-wide LGBT Self Organised Group!

For LGBT members of UNISON, the public services trade union, to support each other in achieving full equality at work and in society.

We organise social meetings throughout the year and will be organising one in February. Check with the branch officers for further details.

Join the Facebook group for more information
www.facebook.com/groups/148855718937082/

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WEDNESDAY 14 AND WEDNESDAY
28 FEBRUARY 2018, 6.30PM
THE PUNTER, 7 SOUTH STREET,
OSNEY ISLAND, OXFORD, OX2 0BE

Oxford Board Gaymers

A pub based board game evening where everyone is encouraged to bring their games along to be played. The games played can include include:

Alhambra, Battlesheep, Bausack, Bohanza, Cards against Humanity, Catan, Citadels, Cluedo, Dominion, King of Tokyo, Machi Koro, Masquerade, Monopoly Deal, Pandemic, Saboteur, Scotland Yard, Set, Stratego, Survive, Ticket to Ride, Village

Refer to our **Facebook page** for venue details.

ABOUT UNISON

UNISON fights discrimination and prejudice in the workplace on behalf of its lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) members. We work together in local and national groups of LGBT members to campaign and provide support for our members.

www.unison.org.uk/about/what-we-do/fairness-equality/lgbt/



ABOUT THE GROUP

This is a group for those of you in and around the Oxford area who love the idea of playing card and board games while making new gay friends in a relaxed social setting. The plan is to book a couple of tables at one of Oxford's cosy little pubs and play fortnightly on Wednesdays. All ages and skill levels welcome.

www.facebook.com/groups/1352918908060769/

ABOUT THE GROUP

An Oxford-based book group for LGBT people, friends and the sympathetic! We do have a special interest in LGBT (and related) books, but we often read non-LGBT books too.

If you would like to join the mailing list which will keep you up to date with all our meetings, and any other social events, please email oxlgbtbooks@gmail.com

Facebook group

Goodreads | Google+

ABOUT THE EVENT

Red Box is a friendly women-only event, held on the second Tuesday of every month from 8pm.

We also host occasional cabaret, music, film and comedy events.

www.redboxoxford.co.uk

Facebook | Twitter

ABOUT THE GROUP

This is a small, friendly and informal women's group, with an interest in all aspects of lesbian history and culture. Meetings usually take the form of a talk given by one of the members, but there are also sometimes discussions and social activities.

For more information see our Facebook page.

www.facebook.com/

Oxford-Lesbian-History-Group-207330545978893

MONDAY 12 FEBRUARY 2018, 7PM

THE JOLLY FARMERS

20 PARADISE ST, OXFORD OX1 1LD

The Oxford LGBT Book Club

Meetings are held on the second Monday of each month and all are welcome.

February's theme is Mental Health.

TUESDAY 13 FEBRUARY 2018, 7PM

ANGEL & GREYHOUND

30 ST CLEMENTS, OXFORD OX4 1AB

Red Box

A friendly, welcoming bar night for women (cis and trans) of all sexual orientations and backgrounds to meet for entertainment and conversation.

Red Box is a women-only event.

TUESDAY 27 FEBRUARY 2018, 8PM

SEE FACEBOOK PAGE FOR DETAILS

Oxford Lesbian History Group

Virginia Woolf's Sapphist gossip - share in the gossipy world of Virginia Woolf's letters and hear what she said about women and their same-sex relationships.



Faith events in Oxford

SUNDAY 4 FEBRUARY 2018, 7.30PM
ST COLUMBA'S UNITED REFORMED CHURCH,
ALFRED STREET, OXFORD

First Sunday

Our Sunday evening meetings take their theme from the Bible readings for the week. We start with some time to catch up over coffee, pizza and cake. Then we think and talk about the ideas in the readings and finish the evening with a simple communion.

First Sunday is fellowship for people who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, or questioning their sexuality (LGBTQ). We meet at St Columba's United Reformed Church in Oxford on the first Sunday of the month. You don't have to be LGBTQ or a Christian to come along.

Thanks to our collaborators and supporters in the production of this programme:

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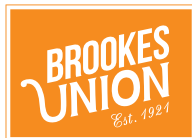
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