



# LGBTQ+ STAFF NETWORK



## Newsletter

Friday 07 August 2020

A maximum of once a week, a newsletter email will be sent to all UoE staff members who are signed onto the 'Announce' mailing list. This is being sent from the LGBTQ+ Staff Network.

If you have any suggestions for this email, or if anyone has any virtual activities and support groups they feel would be useful to share please do send these in

[Email us HERE](#)

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### Summer Break

So this month is traditionally the University's Summer Month, with most of the meetings postponed for the month to ensure all get a break. It is in this month that we would like to wish all LGBTQ+ employees and allies a lovely break, if you are lucky enough, especially with the heatwave forecast for this weekend.



### PRISM's July event speakers - Now on YouTube

PRISM's second event of 2020 took place on July 8th. Due to restrictions on the size of in-person gatherings during the COVID-19 pandemic, the event was moved online.

Talks from University of Exeter PhD student, Aaron Labdon, and local freelance DevOps Engineer, Cariad Eccleston.

Aaron spoke about his astrophysics research, explaining how he uses high angular resolution astronomical techniques to study the birth sites of planets. Cariad spoke about reading and publishing on the web safely and explained how onion routing can help to keep you safe and secure when accessing LGBTQ+ content online in countries or communities which may try to limit access to said content. Recordings of the talks are available to watch below click on either the link or the picture.

Please access it here: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCsAdrE3sgZriEOI1EUgjlJw>

**PRISM Exeter Speakers**  
July 8th 2020  
7-9pm  
Online (registration required\*)

Talks from LGBTQ+ individuals in Science, Technology, Engineering, Maths & Medicine

Cariad Eccleston, DevOps Engineer  
"LGBTQ+ support on the unfriendly Internet"

Aaron Labdon, Astrophysicist  
"Imaging the birth sites of planet formation"

**\*Register at [tinyurl.com/prism-july](https://tinyurl.com/prism-july)**

Organised with funding from the Biochemical Society and the Institute of Physics

### Intercom Trust Coronavirus LGBT+ Impact Survey results

In April this year, Intercom Trust launched a regional survey to explore the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the LGBT+ community. After receiving over 400 responses from across the South West, they have produced a report using the findings of the survey, existing research on LGBT+ health inequalities, and their own service user data.

Please click here or on the image below to go to the report: <https://www.intercomtrust.org.uk/item/221-survey-results>

**Intercom Trust**

**LGBT+ SOUTH WEST VOICES**

The Impact of the Covid-19 Pandemic on our Communities

### Homo Humour Films

Given the surge in the last five years of LGBTQ+ film festivals, there is clearly a desire for queer folk to get their voices out there and let their stories be heard. The concept of how humour is used to help people sort through issues attached to the LGBTQ+ community is an interesting (and vital) thesis and world to explore, not just for those in film school but those interested in storytelling in general. Lee's curatorial project Homo Humour Films (HHF) is the first of its kind on contemporary queer male film and moving image practices that explore the relationship between humour and LGBTQ+ storytelling.

Recently, Lee curated an event screening with discussion (about 90 mins) of Homo Humour Films and was very successful.

You can find details of the event and information about the project here:

<https://leecampbellartist.blogspot.com/p/homo-humour-films.htm>



### Fortnightly Social

We are now running our virtual socials more regularly (fortnightly). These will be held every other Wednesday 12:00-13:00. Feel free to drop in/out at any point during this time.

Next meeting is **Wednesday 12 August 2020**

Click on the button below between 12:00 and 13:00 when it is time for the event.



[Join Teams Meeting HERE](#)

### Microsoft Teams LGBTQ+ Staff Site

- Click on the link [HERE](#) and fill in the form
- Once received you will be added to Teams

