




Trans Awareness Week

17 - 19 NOVEMBER 2020

LGBTQ+ STAFF NETWORK

Newsletter
November 2020 (Part 2)

A monthly newsletter 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 newsletter, or if anyone has any virtual activities and/or support groups they feel would be useful to share please do send these in

[Email us HERE](#)

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Trans Awareness Week 13 - 19 November

Trans Awareness Week 2020 runs from Friday 13 to Thursday 19 November and ends with Trans Day of Remembrance on Friday 20 November.

Transgender Awareness Week is a week when transgender people and their allies take action to bring attention to the community by educating the public about who transgender people are, sharing stories and experiences, and advancing advocacy around the issues of prejudice, discrimination, and violence that affect the transgender community.

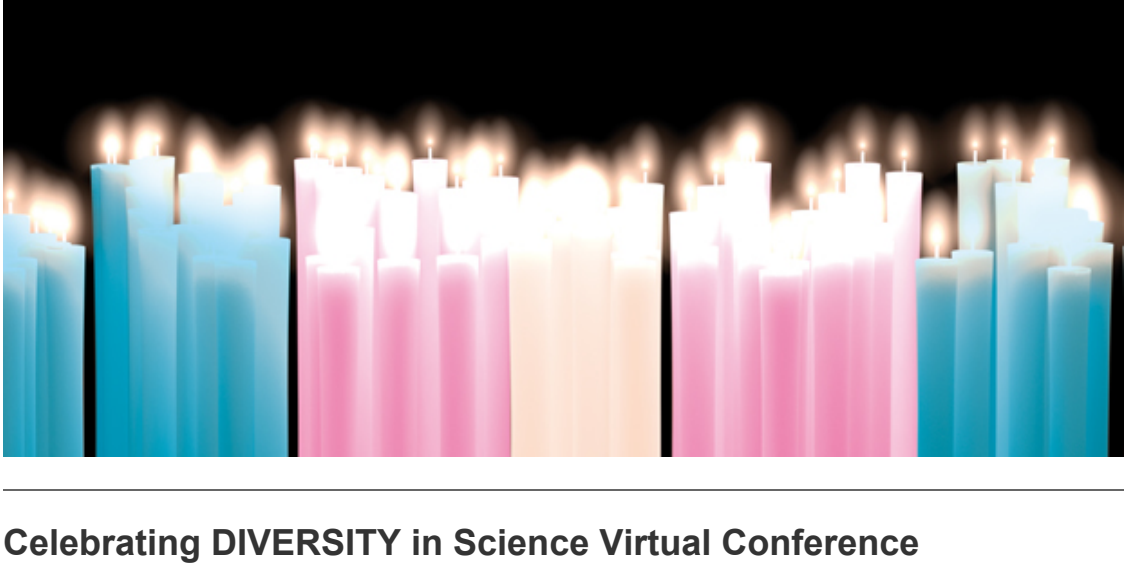
This year GLAAD are encouraging everyone to watch the documentary DISCLOSURE on Netflix. The feature from director Sam Feder and executive producer Laverne Cox explores the history of trans representation in TV and film in unprecedented form, revealing how Hollywood simultaneously reflects and manufactures people's deepest anxieties about gender. Find out more [HERE](https://www.netflix.com/gb/title/81284247) (<https://www.netflix.com/gb/title/81284247>)



TDOR - Trans Day Of Remembrance (Evening Vigil)

The student LGBTQ+ society runs an annual vigil for trans day of remembrance and this year this will be done on Zoom on **Friday 20 November, 7 pm to 8:30 pm**. It will commemorate trans people who have been killed this year and allow us to reflect on the ways in which this unique year has impacted the trans community.

All are welcome and if you would like to attend please email transsafe@exeter.ac.uk for a link



Celebrating DIVERSITY in Science Virtual Conference

The aim of this conference is to celebrate the fantastic scientific research from staff and students at University of Exeter in groups that are underrepresented in science, for example women, BME, LGBTQIA+ and people with disabilities. We would like to provide a platform for individuals in underrepresented groups to showcase their research, meet other researchers and form collaborations.

Undergraduates - Inspirational Scientist Poster Competition
Undergraduate science students from groups under-represented in science are encouraged to submit a poster about a scientist who has inspired them. The scientist can be anyone from a friend or family members to a noble prize winner. Posters will be displayed online for the duration of the conference. [Click here to apply now](#) - the deadline for applications is **Friday 27th November**. The winner will receive a £40 In Exeter gift card and first runner up will receive a £30 In Exeter gift card.

Research posters
Staff and students in under-represented groups are invited to submit an abstract for a research poster presentation. Posters will be displayed on our virtual poster gallery from the 8th - 10th December. Authors may also submit a 2/3 min video that will be upload alongside their poster to encourage discussion. [Click here to apply now](#) - the deadline for applications is **Friday 20th November**. The author of the best research poster will receive a £40 In Exeter gift card and first runner up will receive a £30 In Exeter gift card. Winner of the Peoples' Choice prize, which is voted for by attendees will receive a £340 In Exeter gift card (PGLSS members only - join now).

Oral presentations
Post-docs and PhD students in under-represented groups are invited to submit an abstract for an oral presentation. PhD students are invited to give a 10 min presentation with 5 min questions and post-docs are invited to give a 20 min presentation with 10 min questions. [Click here to apply now](#) - the deadline for applications is **Friday 13th November**. Successful (and unsuccessful applicants will be notified by Friday 13th November. Best oral presentation: PhD student will receive a £50 In Exeter gift card and best oral presentation: Post-doc will receive a £50 In Exeter gift card.

Academic volunteer presentations
We would like to invite academics who are passionate about promoting equality, diversity, and inclusion in science to give a 40 min presentation about their research followed by 20 min discussion. Volunteers **do not** need to submit an abstract, just their name, email address and department by [clicking here](#). Presenters will be chosen at random after the deadline on **Friday 13th November** and selected speakers will be notified by Friday 20th November.

Session chairs
We are also looking for staff and students who are passionate about equality, diversity and inclusion in science to chair our virtual speaker sessions. Successful applicants will be chosen at random and will be allocated a 1 hr session based on their availability. Apply by [clicking here](#) by **Friday 20th November**.



CELEBRATING DIVERSITY IN SCIENCE
Virtual Conference
8th - 10th December 2020

Call for academic volunteers to present their research!

We would like to invite academics who are passionate about promoting equality, diversity and inclusion in science to present their research at the Celebrating Diversity in Science virtual conference from 8th- 10th December 2020.

The aim of this conference is to celebrate the fantastic research from scientists at the University of Exeter in underrepresented groups such as women, BAME, LGBTQIA+ and people with disabilities.

Oral presentations
Volunteers are invited to give a 40 min presentation about their research via Zoom with 20 min allocated for questions. All applicants will be sorted based on department, then selected at random to present. To apply simply fill in a form with your name, email address and department by www.pglss.co.uk by **Friday 13th November**. Chosen presenters will be notified by Friday 20th November.

Participant requirements
Volunteers are required from **all life science academic positions** (CLES - Biosciences, Psychology and Sport and Health Science, and CMH - Institute of Biomedical and Clinical Research, and Health Research) **who belong to a group under-represented in science.**

Session Chairs
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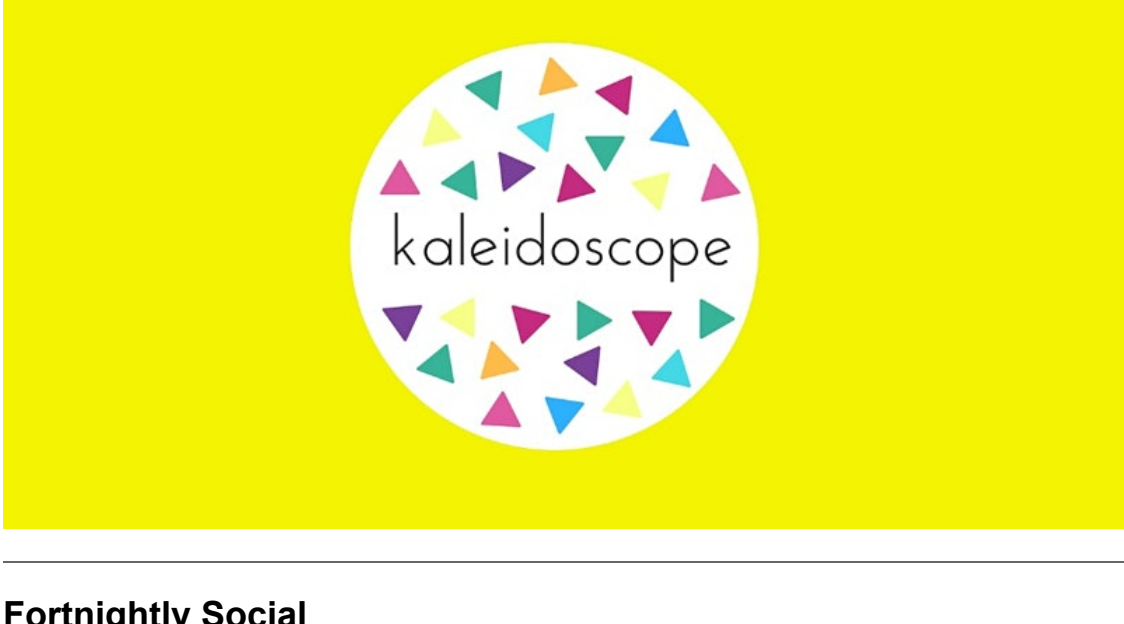


Kaleidoscope Networking Discussion Event (18 November 2020)

Join LGBTQ+ staff and post-graduate students from the University of Bath, the University of Bristol, Cardiff University, and University of Exeter for an online networking event to mark LGBTQ+ STEM day 2020. The session will take place on Zoom and will be moderated by Thomas Williams, co-chair of [Kaleidoscope](#). The session will feature a series of small breakout rooms for informal discussions on topical subjects, followed by high-level synthesis by participants and the moderator in the main session. Some of the themes we hope to cover are listed below. Our aim is to provide an opportunity for you to meet and build your network of LGBTQ+ colleagues in STEM across institutions.

- Discussion topics:**
- Why is LGBTQ+ visibility in STEM important to you?
 - How has the visibility (or lack thereof) of other people who are LGBTQ+ in STEM affected your career / path?
 - How important are LGBTQ+ STEM role models for you?
 - What does your institution do to help support LGBT+ inclusivity in STEM?

To sign up click [HERE](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/lgbtq-stem-day-2020-networking-discussion-tickets-128536826107) (<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/lgbtq-stem-day-2020-networking-discussion-tickets-128536826107>)



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 18 November 2020**

Just click on the button below when it is time for the event.



[Join Teams Meeting HERE](#)

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