



# LGBTQ+ STAFF NETWORK



Newsletter  
December 2020

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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## Star-gay-zing Zoom socials

Join your PRISM coordinators on Zoom for a bit of star-gay-zing (excuse the pun!) and a festive catch up on clear evenings between Dec 18th and 23rd.

These dates have been chosen to coincide with the live feed of The Great Conjunction being run by the University of Exeter's Astrophysics Group (see [jupitersaturn2020.org](http://jupitersaturn2020.org)). The Solar System's two biggest planets - Jupiter and Saturn - will be throwing aside all social distancing regulations as they get closer to one another in the sky than they have since 1623! They'll be close enough to be seen through a telescope together at the same time.

Exeter-based LGBTQ+ astrophysicist Dr Claire Davies will be on hand to explain where to look and to answer your space-related questions.

To find out more and join the event, click [HERE](https://www.facebook.com/events/1107042639741957) (https://www.facebook.com/events/1107042639741957) If you're not on Facebook, sign up to PRISM's mailing list at <http://eepurl.com/gnCODb> to receive the Zoom meeting link.

**PRISM Exeter**  
**Star-gay-zing**

Festive Zoom social

4:30 - 6pm on clear evenings, December 18<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup>

## LGBTQ+ Staff Network Coordinators Role

So we are currently looking for a secretary to join the LGBTQ+ Staff Network Coordinators roles.

Duties to include:

- Organising monthly coordinator meetings
- Supporting the LGBTQ+ mailbox
- Minuting the coordinator meetings

If you are interested in the role, please send a short piece of text telling us about you and why you would like to take on this role to [lgbtplusstaff@exeter.ac.uk](mailto:lgbtplusstaff@exeter.ac.uk)



## 2020 Colourful Wrap-up

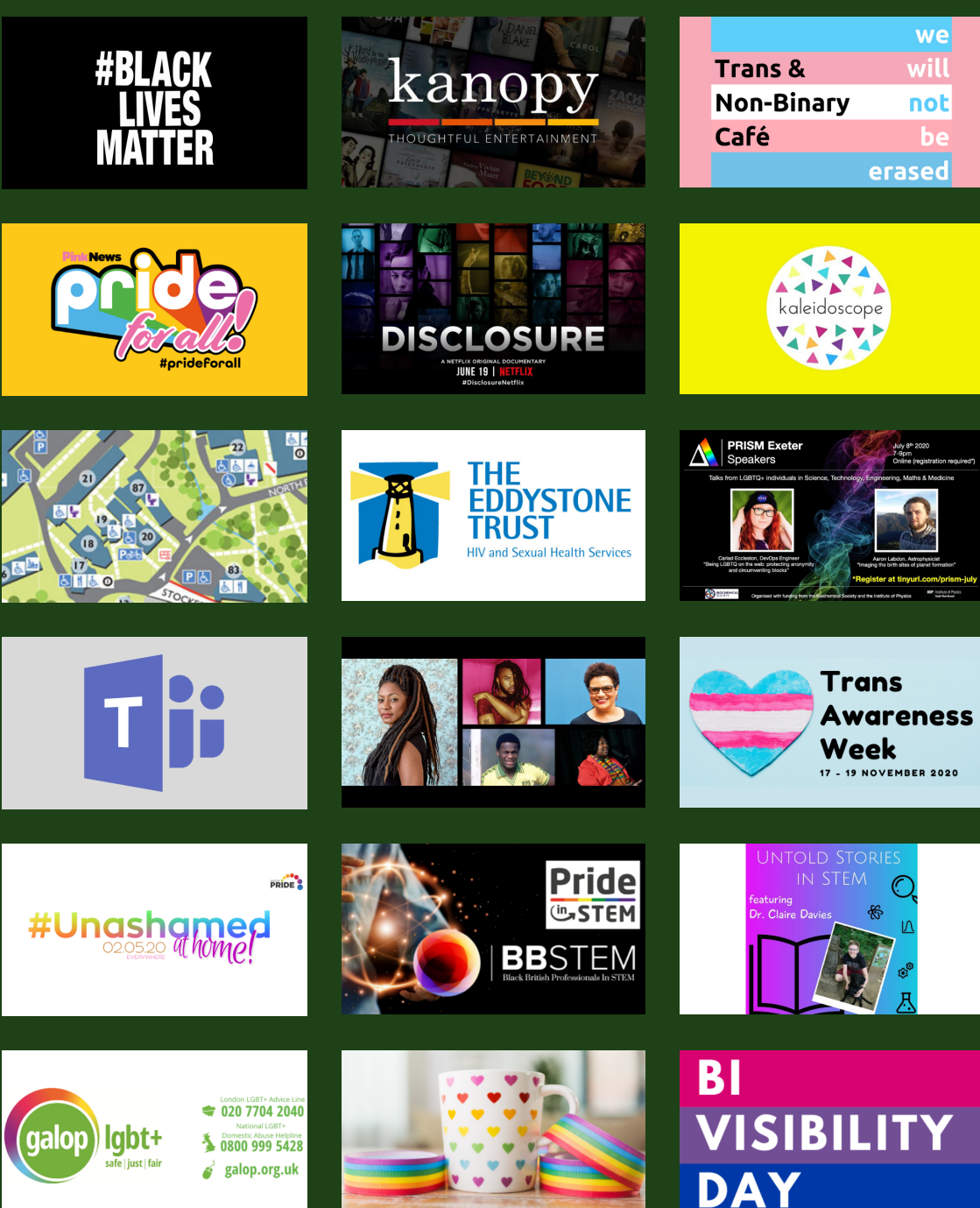
Where to start. So much has happened this year that all of our lives have changed significantly. I think for us that is key. We have all had so many changes this year, and with that challenges have followed.

There has been a complete compounding of issues and for the LGBTQ+ community, there have been multiple occasions where our corner has been attacked. As a community, we have developed, grown and supported each other. Changes to the world order have affected us all, and the UK government has been on a seesaw with their support of our community this year. Colleagues have become friends. Friendships have grown and with that support and love.

**Our message to you all this time of year is that 2020 has been awful, but we are here. We are an ever-growing community, and we will continue to support each other into 2021 and beyond.**

**Happy festive returns to you all xxx**

If you have missed any of our newsletters this year, below is a brief round-up of some of the events/activities to reflect on. Click on the images to be taken to their sites/pages



## Fortnightly Social

We have paused the online social over the festive break, to encourage less screen time and to move people away from their work computers. They will be starting again in the new year!



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