



LGBTQ+

STAFF NETWORK



Newsletter

April 2021

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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Chair and Coordinator Changes

After chairing the network for the last 2 years, **Stephen Clifford** is stepping back to take a well-deserved rest. Stephen has been instrumental in the growth and development of the network over the last 2 years, and we cannot thank him enough for the time and effort he has put into this role.

Thank you Stephen, from all of us!

Thekla Morganroth has stood down from their role as the Non-Binary coordinator so we are looking for someone to step into this role. If you are interested in filling in this role, please email us at lgbtqplusstaff@exeter.ac.uk

This week, we went out to you, the network, to ask if you would be happy to open up our network to partner organisations. With a unanimous 'YES' we will now be contacting partner organisations to the University offering their LGBTQ+ employees the chance to join.

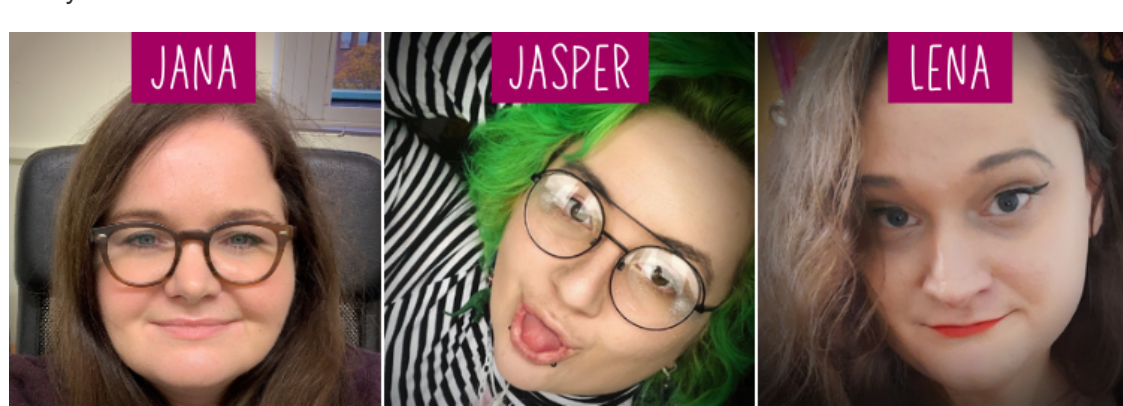
This coincides with the timely appointment of three new Co-Chairs for the network. We are pleased to announce that our new Co-Chairs are:

Jana Funke as our Academic Chair

Jasper Privett as our Professional Services Chair

Lena Worwood as our Partner Organisation Chair (Lena now works for the Guild)

They will be holding a big get together of the network soon, to both introduce themselves and to discuss their vision for the network moving forwards and giving everyone a voice.



Big Conversation - focus groups for Networks

Wednesday 21 April 2021 12:00 - 13:00

As part of the Big Conversation to engage staff and students in the development of the new university strategy 2030, members of our EDI networks are invited to participate in a focus group - this is your opportunity to ensure your voice is heard!

We have re-purposed the fortnightly drop in on Wednesday 21 April 2021 for the LGBTQ+ focus group and it would be great to see as many of you there as possible so please do join if you can. If you have any questions please email us at lgbtqplusstaff@exeter.ac.uk

Please click [HERE](#) to attend the meeting or the image below



Marriage Law Reform Research - call for LGBTQ+ participants

University of Exeter researchers are looking to interview individuals who have had a wedding ceremony in England or Wales since January 2010 which is not currently recognised by the law. This may be a religious or belief wedding ceremony such as Hindu, Sikh, Islam, Humanist, Pagan. Or a Christian blessing, or personalised celebrant-led ceremony, with or without faith, held before, after, or instead of a registrar-led ceremony. The Law Commission has recommended law reforms to make it easier to legally marry in a way which is meaningful to the couple.

The aim of the research is to explore reasons why individuals choose the ceremonies they do, experience of the current legal process of getting married and how the proposed law reforms may impact. The findings will then inform the Law Commission's proposals. The interviews last around 30 mins and are held at a time convenient to you, by zoom or telephone. A £10 shopping voucher is provided as a thank you for your time.

Please contact Sharon for more information via s.f.blake@exeter.ac.uk



Lesbian Visibility Day

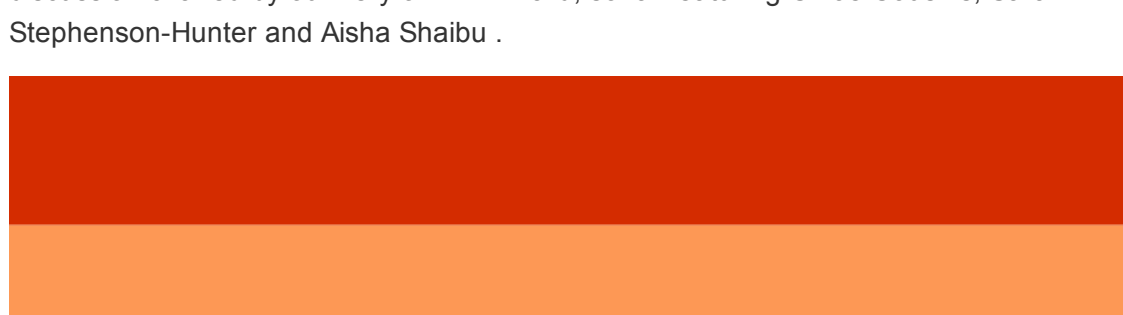
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Stonewall have partnered with DIVA to deliver a number of events for Lesbian Visibility Day, and have the following three free events:

[Lesbian Inclusion at Work: Achieving our Potential](#) - April 27 at 14:00 - an interactive workshop.

[Reimagining Lesbian Leadership](#) - April 28 at 14:00 - in conversation with Stonewall CEO Nancy Kelley.

[The Community and Me: Self and Collective Care at Work](#) - April 30 at 14:00 - a panel discussion chaired by our very own Liz Ward, so far featuring Chloe Cousins, Sarah Stephenson-Hunter and Aisha Shaibu .

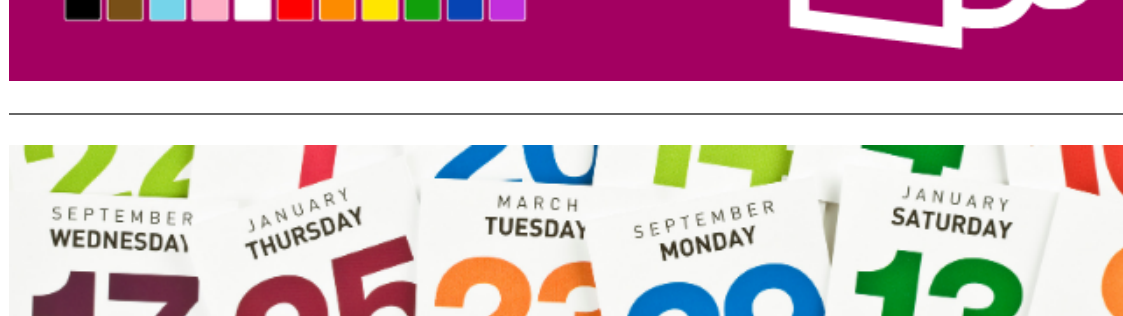


Teams Site

The network has a Teams site that many are signed up to. This is a site for you, to talk about you, your experiences and to connect with others. Feel free to post in the chat, when you are struggling, when you come across something interesting, or something funny.

It does not need to be LGBTQ+ content, it is there for you to feel a part of the community, so use and use away peeps.

You can access the site [HERE](#) or the image above



Dates / Events for your Diary

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Monday 26 April 2021 - Lesbian Visibility Day

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