



**LGBTQ+**  
STAFF NETWORK



**Newsletter**  
May 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 activities, events and/or support groups they feel would be useful to share please do send these in.

[Email us HERE](#)

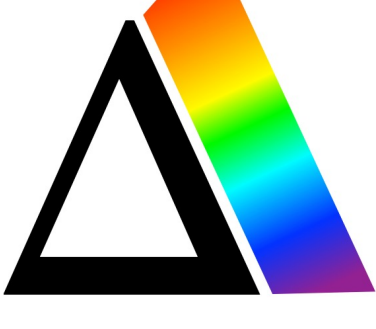
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# PRISM Exeter

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PRISM Exeter is a network for LGBTQ+ professionals and students in STEM (science, tech, engineering, mathematics and medicine). Claire Davies produces a monthly newsletters for the network. These have a "PRISM Exeter news" section; a "News from around the South West" section; and an "Elsewhere in LGBTQ+ STEM" section. Claire uses it to help share reports, events, surveys, and general updates which their coordinators are made aware of each month, so long as they broadly fit into the theme of diversity and inclusion in STEM. The latest edition is available [HERE](#)

If you are interested in subscribing to these updates, you can sign up [HERE](#)

As a network, they're in the process of automating the process of collating items to go in the newsletter but, for now, if you see something you think is worthwhile sharing, you can simply email a brief ~50-100 word summary, a small landscape image/banner, and a hyperlink or email address (that we can forward people to for more info) to [prismexeter@gmail.com](mailto:prismexeter@gmail.com)



**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



**Trans Joy: In Conversation with Sabah Choudrey**

**Monday 17 May 2021 (16:00 – 17:15 BST)**

For IDAHOBIT, the Colleges of Social Sciences and International Studies and Humanities are delighted to welcome intersectional trans activist, speaker and educator Sabah Choudrey.

Join Sabah in this free talk and Q+A, discussing trans joy and liberation. With a mind to the pursuit of trans euphoria, of acceptance as well as awareness, and envisioning – and encouraging us to move to – trans liberation, this talk moves us past stale, unhelpful arguments over trans existence and the idea of a 'trans debate'. Instead, the talk focuses on trans people and moves us into a space that asks us what trans joy looks like and can be pursued here and now, and how we might work towards a world that facilitates more of it.

The first part of the event will be a talk from Sabah, followed by a short comfort break. In the second half Sabah will be joined by another trans person who will help direct the Q+A, choosing questions from attendees to ask, and joining in the dialogue with them, to cultivate a conversational space with trans people at its centre, while still welcoming questions and comments from all.

**To register for the event click on the image above or [HERE](#)**

**International Day against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia (IDAHOBIT)**

**Monday 17 May 2021**

The International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia was created in 2004 to draw the attention to the violence and discrimination experienced by lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex people and all other people with diverse sexual orientations, gender identities or expressions, and sex characteristics.

The date of May 17th was specifically chosen to commemorate the World Health Organization's decision in 1990 to declassify homosexuality as a mental disorder.

The Day represents a major global annual landmark to draw the attention of decision makers, the media, the public, corporations, opinion leaders, local authorities, etc. to the alarming situation faced by people with diverse sexual orientations, gender identities or expressions, and sex characteristics.

(taken from <https://may17.org/about/>)

**To find out more click on the image below or [HERE](#)**



**INTERNATIONAL DAY AGAINST HOMOPHOBIA, TRANSPHOBIA & BIPHOBIA**  
**MAY 17** A Worldwide Celebration of Sexual and Gender Diversities

**Fortnightly Social**

**Wednesday 19 May 2021 (12:00 – 13:00 BST)**

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.

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



[Join Teams Meeting HERE](#)



**Out and About: Queering the Museum / Exeter Pride collaboration**

**Saturday 22 May 2021 (13:30 – 18:00 BST)**

**FREE and ONLINE**

The first major collaboration between Out and About Queering the Museum at RAMM and Exeter Pride. In order to maintain safety, the Exeter Pride Committee has decided to keep Pride online for now, and we are excited to be celebrating Exeter Pride Month with them. RAMM usually has a stall in Rougemont Gardens for Exeter Pride, so we thought that creating a programme of events would remind us all of what Pride means to us and allow us to spend some time together online!

**To see the programme of events for the day click on the image above or [HERE](#)**

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