



LGBTQ+ STAFF NETWORK



Newsletter

July 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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Stonewall riots that sparked Pride Month still matter to the people of Devon

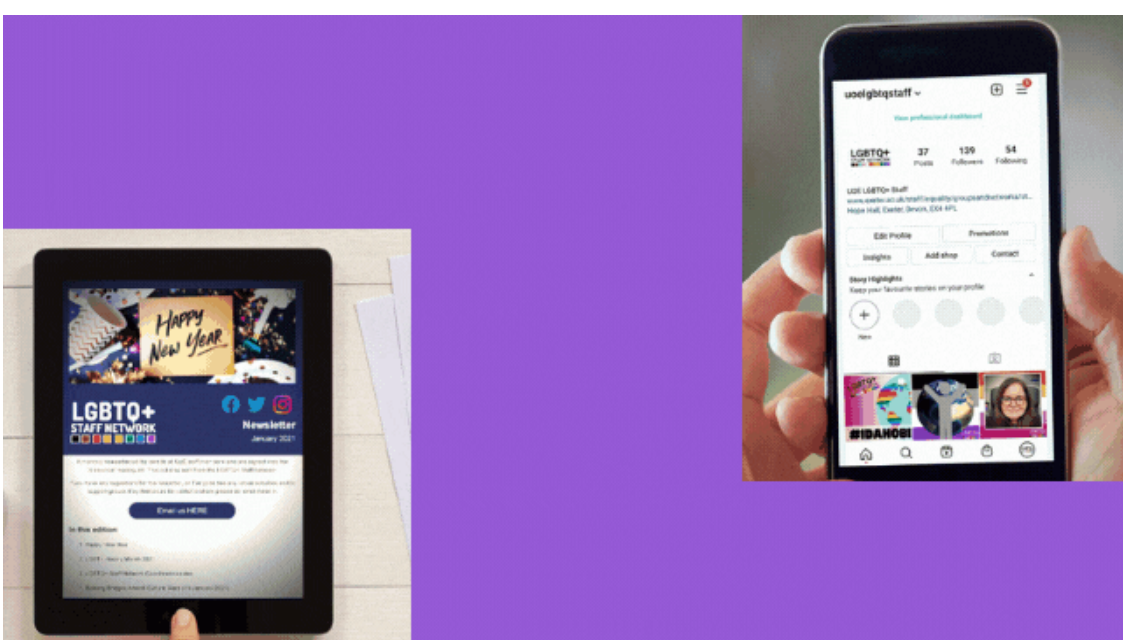
June sees people from LGBTQ+ communities come together to mark the continuous fight for equality. We asked local people why the landmark events of the 1960s still matter today

On June 28, 1969, a violent riot broke out in New York that was to change the lives of millions of people around the world forever.

The Stonewall Inn in New York was frequented by people from the LGBTQ+ community [lesbian, gay, bi, trans, queer and those with other sexualities and gender identities.]

They faced widespread persecution throughout much of America and were attacked, blackmailed and even imprisoned for being themselves.

The police could also make arrests based on whether they deemed people's clothing to be 'gender appropriate', and they regularly raided.... [continue reading the full article HERE](#)



What do you want to see in these Newsletters and what Social Media works for you?

Does this newsletter give you items that you are interested in? Are there pieces you want to see included, but are not present. Do you use social media, and are you using a site you wished the LGBTQ+ Staff Network had a presence on, but we are just not there. Well, this is your chance to let us know.

This is an anonymous pulse check survey and should take no longer than 2 minutes to fill in. Let us know what you like, dislike and what more we can do to help you.

Please fill in the survey [HERE](#) or on the image above.



Everyone is Awesome LEGO® set

For Pride month, LEGO's Matthew Ashton, Vice President of Design at the LEGO Group (and head judge on LEGO Masters UK), who himself is LGBTQ+, has designed the above playset. If you have attended conferences/meetings in the last month, you may have spotted this on the shelves, mantle or bookcase behind speakers, and yes, this is the commercialisation of PRIDE, but LEGO® not only developed this piece designed by an LGBTQ+ designer, they did it with support from their partners Workplace Pride, Stonewall and Open for Business.

To read more about the set, its design and more click [HERE](#)

You can purchase the LEGO® set [HERE](#)



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



International Non-Binary People's Day

Wednesday 14 July 2021

The 14 July is International Non-Binary People's Day, which aims to celebrate the wide range of people worldwide who identify as non-binary. But do you know what it means to be non-binary? And do you know how you can better support non-binary people?

Stonewall have put together 10 ways to step up as an ally to non-binary people.

Read more about it [HERE](#)



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Out and About: Exploring the Life and Work of Judith Ackland and Mary Stella Edwards

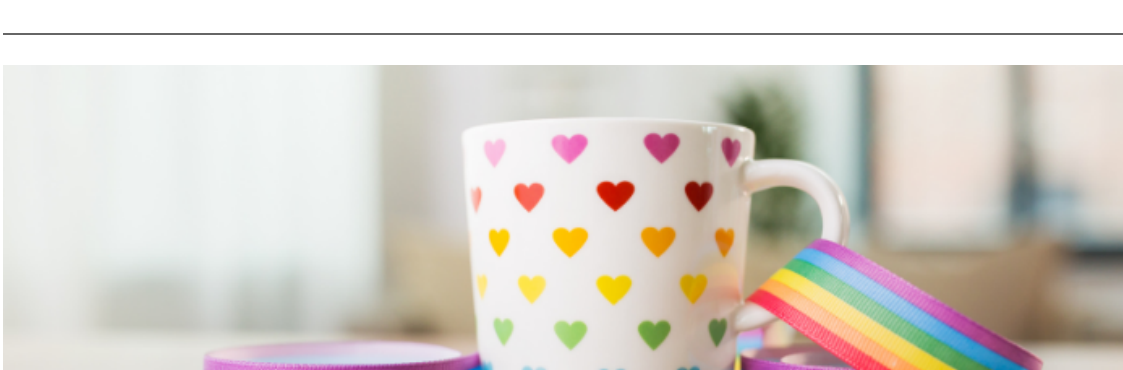
Thursday 15 July 2021 (18:00 - 19:30 BST)

Judith Ackland (1892-1971) and Mary Stella Edwards (1893-1989) were two English artists and painters. Edwards was also a poet. The two women first met while studying in London and became life partners, spending decades of their lives together in North Devon. Some of their art works, including a series of landscape paintings, are now part of RAMM's collections.

This event will examine different aspects of their life and work. Why were Ackland and Edwards so drawn to the rural landscapes and seascapes of Devon? How did they relate to other artists and writers of their time? What can we know about Ackland's and Edwards' relationship based on their writings and archive? What are their cultural legacies, and how have their lives been understood and framed so far?

The event will be hosted by the Out and About: Queering the Museum team. Writer in Residence at RAMM and project co-director Natalie McGrath will present a creative response. Co-Director Professor Jana Funke and other researchers involved in the project will present their insights on Ackland's and Edwards' life and work. The event will conclude with a Q&A session.

To find out more about this event and to book your FREE place please click [HERE](#) or on the image above.



Fortnightly Social

Wednesday 14 July 2021 (12:00 - 12:55 BST)

Wednesday 28 July 2021 (12:00 - 12:55 BST)

We are now running our virtual socials more regularly (fortnightly). These will be held every other Wednesday 12:00 - 12:55. 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