



LGBTQ+

STAFF NETWORK



Newsletter

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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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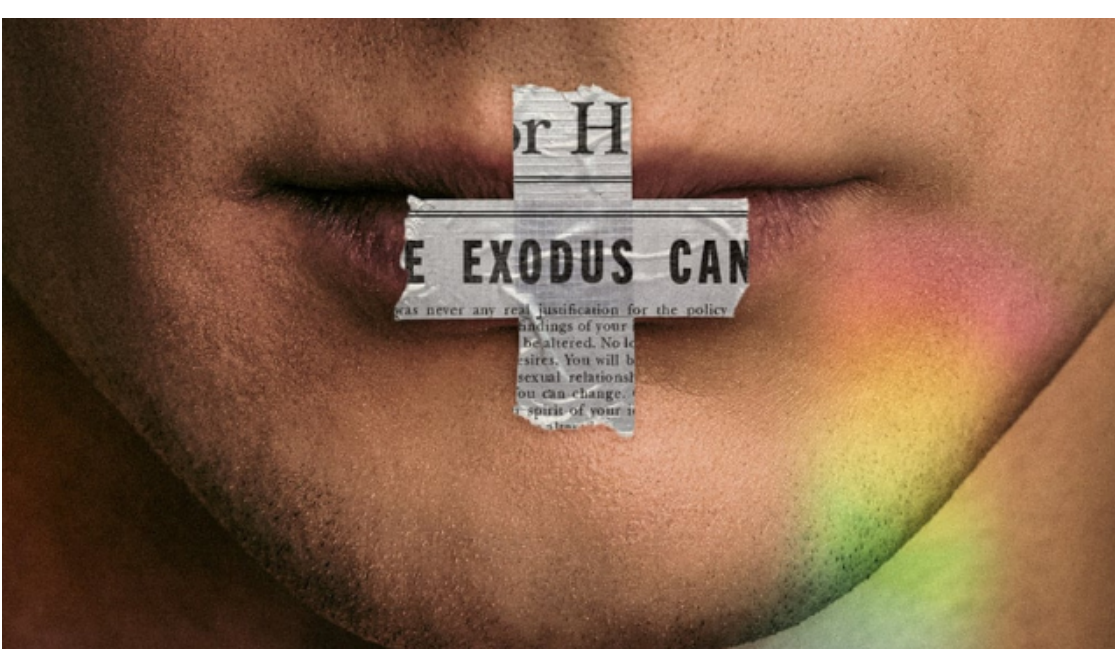


First announcement: LGBTQ+ 'STEMinar' 2022

Abstract submission is **NOW OPEN** for the LGBTQ+ STEMinar 2022, hosted by The STEM village & The STEM Equals project in Glasgow!

The LGBTQ+ STEMinar series brings together LGBTQ+ professionals and students from Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics and Medicine (STEM/STEMM) to forge new support networks and foster new collaborations.

Dates, guidelines, and more information are on the conference website. To find out more click [HERE](#) or on the image above.

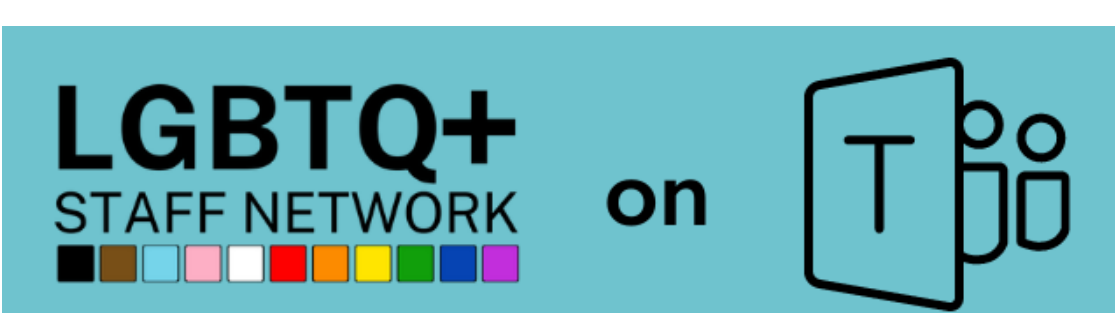


'It doesn't leave you': the toxic toll of LGBTQ+ conversion therapy

Netflix documentary Pray Away, exec-produced by Ryan Murphy, traces the history of conversion therapy with regretful leaders of the "ex-gay" movement

Julie Rodgers was 16 years old when her mother introduced her to Ricky Chelette, the "singles minister" at a Baptist church in Arlington, Texas, who coached LGBTQ+ youth on how to "change" their sexuality. The high school junior had recently come out to her parents; Chelette, a man with "same-sex attractions" married to a woman, was brought in to fix what was seen as a problem. As Rodgers [recounts](#) in Pray Away, a new Netflix documentary on the "ex-gay" movement within western Christianity, and her book [Outlove: A Queer Christian Survival Story](#), Chelette preached an enticing, insidious gospel of change: that Rodgers' attraction to women was due to an insufficient bond with her mother as a child, that such attractions could be neurologically altered by committed study, that to do otherwise would be a disappointment to God and the community that had formed the backbone of her life to date.

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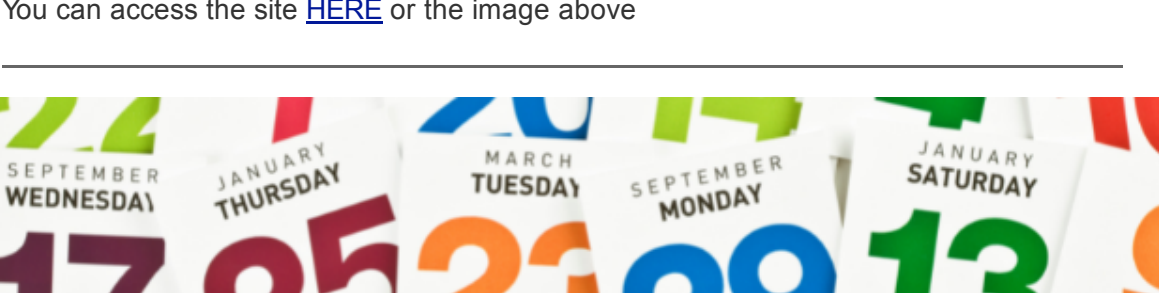


Teams Site

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



Report Launch | Hard Done Bi: An Exploration into Bi Health Inequalities

[Monday 09 August 2021 \(11:00 – 12:30 BST\)](#)

Join the National LGBT Partnership for the launch of our new report "Hard Done Bi: An Exploration into Bisexual Health Inequalities"

"With biphobia, the call often comes from within the house, within our own community. I don't think they understand. It's like missiles from both sides."

The National LGB&T Partnership are excited to launch our new report which explores biphobia and monosexism within healthcare. For this event we welcome health care providers, workers in the third sector, the LGBTQ+ community or anyone who has an interest in health inequalities.

To find out more click [HERE](#) or on the image above.



Fortnightly Social

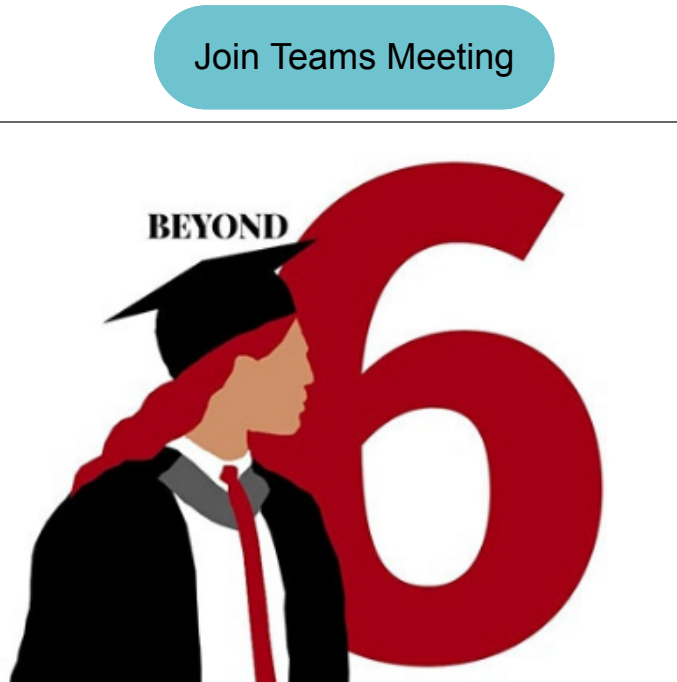
[Wednesday 11 August 2021 \(12:00 – 12:55 BST\)](#)

[Wednesday 25 August 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](#)



Beyond 6 Characteristics: EDI for the Modern University

[Thursday 16 - Saturday 18, September 2021 - \(09:00 – 17:00 BST\)](#)

A virtual conference celebrating equality, diversity, and inclusivity at universities worldwide, hosted by students at Lancaster University.

About this event

What role does equality play in academia? Why do we need diversity in our education systems? Is inclusivity the way forwards for universities?

Join us **Beyond 6 Characteristics: EDI for the Modern University**, a virtual conference and ideas around equality, diversity, and inclusivity (EDI) in the higher education sector.

With both new and established scholars, we have a jam-packed program of panels, conversation circles, keynotes, and more.

To find out more and/or to attend this FREE event click [HERE](#) or the image above