

# LGBT+ NEWS

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## New Officers

We recently elected four new officers to support and run the staff group. Richie Emerson-Wood and Borja Garcia-Garcia are our new events officers. Fliss Healey-Lyman and Kerry Rosenthal are our new LGBT+ History Month Officers.

## VC Newsletter

We were delighted to see that LGBT+ issues were mentioned in the recent Vice Chancellor's Newsletter. It highlighted the LGBT+ Research Event and also published links to both the staff and student LGBT+ web sites, so we are pleased our new web site was in place.

## New website

We have launched the new LGBT+ Staff web site. It has contact information, event news and a gallery. Why not visit it at:

<http://lgbt.lboro.ac.uk>



## Welcome from Chair

Welcome to our first edition of the LGBT+ newsletter. The purpose of this publication is to keep everyone informed of the activities on campus and in the wider community, to build our community across the University and to share our ideas and events for the future with the + community. My definition of our + community are all the people that support, get actively involved with the LGBT+ group. I thought it was a good opportunity to thank the community that enabled us to organise events. This year we have had a great working relationship with the Loughborough Students' Union LGBT+ Association, led by Chris McLeod. This has given our group the opportunity to be actively involved in student events. Naming just two, the LGBT+ History Month and the recent Pride March. These have been great activities where we can support each other and show a united LGBT+ community.





## Chaplaincy Events

We recently met with Jan Sutton and Chris Taylor, to plan how we can work together on a service for World AIDS Day, Holocaust Memorial Day and the Transgender Service in 2019. We will update you with the dates, times and how to get involved with the services. Jan and Chris have sent an open invite to all members of the LGBT+ community to pop in to the Chaplaincy for support, help or to get involved with the spiritual faith community.

## Gallery of events

Our new web site has a photo gallery! We have published some great pictures from the LGBT+ Research Event and the LGBT+ Pride March which can be viewed at the following link :

<http://lgbt.lboro.ac.uk/gallery/>

If you have any LGBT+ related events you would like to share on the web site, contact, Phil Wilkinson-Blake, tel: 223134.

I also want to mention the Doctoral College, which with the great support of Katryna Kalawsky, organised the LGBT+ Research Event. And finally, our colleagues in the Chaplaincy, Deacon Jan Sutton and the Reverend Chris Taylor, who are always there to support us. They both have a huge amount of enthusiasm for our events and we look forward to working with them both on events later this year. Thank to everyone who supports our group and makes our community stronger. The (+) is so important to us to build an inclusive and diverse campus for our staff, students and visitors to be safe, supported and part of a diverse community without experiencing any prejudice.

**Phil Wilkinson-Blake, Chair of the Staff LGBT+ Group**

## Milestone event shines light on LGBT+ research conducted at Loughborough University

The important LGBT+ research being conducted at Loughborough University was highlighted at a momentous event earlier this month.

The University's [Doctoral College](#) hosted 'LGBT+ Research at Loughborough' on Wednesday 2nd May and the showcase





## Congratulations

We would like to send congratulations to Chris McLeod for winning a highly commended award at the LSU Welfare and Diversity Awards on the 15th June. The LSU LGBTA+ received highly commended for Association of the year. Vice Chair of the LSU LGBTA+ Ruqayyah Hashmi won the outstanding contribution to Welfare & Diversity 2017-2018!

Congratulations to them both from the LGBT+ Staff Group.

## How to join the group

To become a member of the LGBT+ Staff Group:

Email: [lgbtstaff@lboro.ac.uk](mailto:lgbtstaff@lboro.ac.uk)

Call: Phil Wilkinson-Blake on tel: 223134.

Or join via the web site: [LGBT+ Staff Group](#)

## East Midlands LGBT+ Network

Phil Wilkinson-Blake is working with DeMontfort University, University of Leicester, Derby University, Nottingham University and Nottingham Trent University to establish an East Midlands LGBT+ Network.

has been hailed a huge success.

The three-hour-long event highlighted the work being carried out by a range of researchers and academics and featured a series of presentations.

The talks explored topics such as transgender in sport, mental health in transgender and non-binary people and the experiences of LGBT+ asylum seekers and refugees in the UK.

It also gave attendees the chance to ask questions, network with others and learn about the University's [LGBT+ Staff Group](#) and Loughborough Students' Union's [LGBT+ Association](#).

It showcased some of the inspiring work conducted by a wide range of our researchers and academics, whilst also celebrating diversity and promoting equality and inclusion.

Attendance and engagement from staff and students across the University was staggering and there was certainly a real buzz of interest and engagement during and following the event. Some stand-out comments include:

"After attending this event I will get more involved in further LGBT events as I think it is important to engage in a topic that has a big impact on other people who work/study at Loughborough. I think it is important everyone feels supported, comfortable and safe in being themselves."

"I am now actively considering undertaking further research on LGBT+ issues in the future, especially with the introduction of the PhDs Loughborough is offering."

Commenting on the day, Professor Tracy Bhamra (Pro Vice-Chancellor of Enterprise) said: "The LGBT+ Research Event enabled colleagues to share their research and ideas to a wide audience.

The event also enabled people to think about the broader LGBT+ issues, to understand that everyone feels supported, comfortable and safe in being themselves.

I am sure our Staff and Student groups across the University will continue to build connections so that LGBT+ people are able to share and be part of a diverse and positive community."



### **Lunchtime Social Events**

Do you find yourself always making up reasons for not taking your lunch? Always follow the same dull routine? Well why not come along to the next LGBT+ Staff Group lunchtime social. We meet on a regular basis in the Edward Herbert Building and anyone is welcome to join the group. Because the event is open to everyone on campus, it offers members the opportunity to network and share ideas about everything and anything, including LGBT+ issues of course. It is also a wonderful way to meet colleagues socially and just step away from your work.

Please bring your own refreshments and lunch.

#### **Dates for your diary:**

19th June 12.30 -1.30

18th July 12.30 -1.30

22nd August 12.30 -1.30

17th September 12.30 -1.30

16th October 12.30 – 1.30

To find out more about what your LGBT+ Staff Group are up to, events to come, or how to contact us, check out the website for more information

[www.lboro.ac.uk/orgs/lgbt](http://www.lboro.ac.uk/orgs/lgbt)