

UNIVERSITY OF READING: WOLFENDEN LECTURE, 16 MAY 2019

We are delighted to invite you to the University of Reading Wolfenden Lecture which will take place on **Thursday 16 May 2019 from 6.30pm** in the G11 Lecture Theatre in the Henley Business School on the University's Whiteknights campus. This will be followed by an invitation-only dinner to which you are warmly invited.

This special event is part of an annual University lecture series given by high profile members of the LGBT community in the UK. It is named in honour of the 1957 report written by the Wolfenden Committee, which was chaired by Lord Wolfenden, the University's Vice Chancellor between 1950 and 1964. The report became a key milestone in LGBT history in the UK when it recommended that, '... homosexual behaviour between consenting adults in private should no longer be a criminal offence.'

We are delighted that the 2019 Wolfenden Lecture will be delivered by Captain Hannah Graf and Mr Jake Graf. Hannah came out as a transgender woman and became the highest-ranking transgender soldier within the British Army. As part of the Army LGBT Forum, she became the Army's Transgender Representative where she has responsibility to advise Senior Army commanders on transgender policy, educate the wider Defence and most importantly, mentoring and supporting the Army's many transgender soldiers. Jake is an international multi award winning director, writer and actor based in London known for his roles in 'The Danish Girl' and 'Colette', and for viral hit 'Headspace'. Using his platform to give a voice to the trans male community, Jake is now considered to be the most visible trans male in the UK.

This lecture and dinner will be hosted jointly by the four of us on behalf of the University and its LGBT Plus Staff Network. Invitees will include representatives of the staff and student LGBT+ community, as well as friends from local organisations with whom we work. The evening will finish by 9.30pm.

Please find enclosed some additional information about the event. We would be extremely grateful if you could RSVP by Friday 3 May. If you have any dietary or access requirements, please do inform us of these when you RSVP.

In the meantime, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Jenny Beelders, Events Officer at events@reading.ac.uk or call 0118 378 8028.

Best wishes,



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