

Events Calendar

February 2024

LGBTQIA+ History Month



**University of
Reading**





Recommended Reading

Library

To celebrate this year's History Month theme, we invite you to visit our library and check out our display of Recommended Reading. The display highlights the historical contributions made by LGBTQIA+ individuals to the field of medicine. The display is diverse and explores the lives and achievements of these remarkable individuals. We hope that the display will encourage visitors to appreciate the invaluable role that LGBTQIA+ people have played in shaping the medical field.

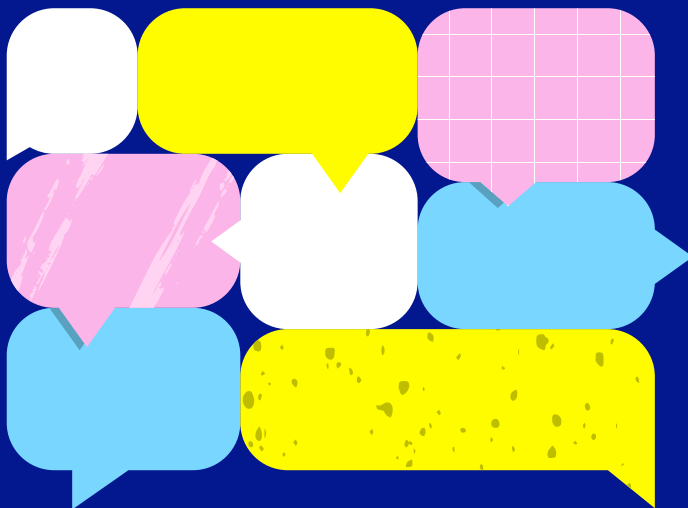
Crochet and Knitting Sessions

13:00 –14:00, New Art Building

Come join us at the weekly crochet and knitting session, with this month's theme being LGBTQIA+! Learn a new skill or improve your craft by creating an LGBTQIA+ flag of your choice!

Free session, all materials provided.





LGBTQIA+
staff network

Network Drop-in Sessions

12:30 –13:30, Henley Business School Café

The LGBTQIA+ Staff Network are pleased to announce that we will be holding drop-in sessions for LGBTQIA+ Colleagues and Allies to meet our network representatives, and have the opportunity to meet other members of the LGBTQIA+ Staff Network. This is also a forum for suggestions and comments for how the LGBTQIA+ Staff Network can improve campus experiences for colleagues. We look forward to seeing you.

LGBTQIA+ Research Showcase

12:00 – 13:00,
Chancellors G04

From psychology to film and theatre, we take a look at the work of researchers from the University of Reading that centre the experiences of the LGBTQIA+ community this LGBT+ History Month.

Ellie Benford will present the project "From labelling LGBT+ a 'mental disorder' to supporting the community: The changing attitudes of Psychology" and Gabbi Wallace's research examines trans representation in testimonial performance and digital film.

The session will be Chaired by LGBTQIA+ Staff Network Co-Chair, Tahlia-Rose Virdee.

To register for this event, please fill in the **Microsoft Form**.

This is open to staff and students.



Gabbi Wallace
PhD Research Student
in Film & Theatre



Eleanor Benford
Masters Student in
Cellular & Molecular
Neuroscience

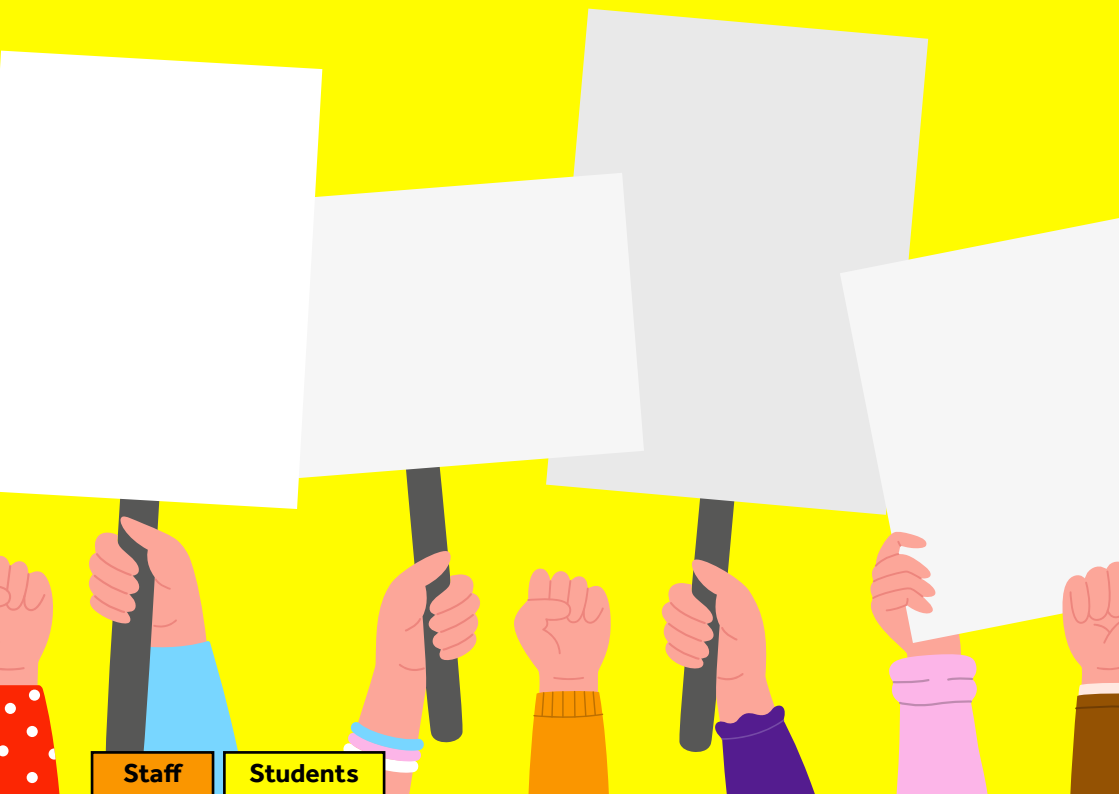
Film Screening **Pride (2014)**

18:00 – 20:00, Minghella

Join us in Minghella for a free film screening of 'Pride' (2014) starring Bill Nighy, Imelda Staunton, Dominic West, Andrew Scott and may more.

Pride tells the true story of Mark Ashton and his group, LGSM (Lesbian and Gay men Support the Miners), an organisation that formed in Thatchers Britain to support the miners on strike.

To register for this event, please fill in the **Microsoft Form**.



Staff

Students



LGBTQIA+ Allyship Training

13:00 – 13:50, Online

This live training session focuses on exploring what allyship is within an LGBTQIA+ context and what it means to enact allyship. Participants enrol on **UoRLearn**. Available to staff only.

The training covers:

- What is allyship?
- The case for LGBTQIA+ allyship at the University of Reading
- How you can be an effective LGBTQIA+ ally in the workplace
- How to get involved in events, activities and projects

Bi Inclusion Training

14:00 – 15:00, Online

Professor Al Laville, Dean for Diversity and Inclusion, and Gabe James, RSU Inclusion and Communities Officer, will be delivering this session that embeds lived experience to support the development of understanding of Bi* identities. This session will also include content on biphobia, bi-erasure, mental health for the Bi* community, and how to be an active Bi* ally.

To secure your place for this event, please sign up via **UoRLearn**.



Trans Awareness Training with Christian Owens

13:00–15:00, Chancellors G03

Christian Owens, from GenderSpace, is a motivational transgender speaker who uses his own personal journey of discovery to inspire. This session is designed for anyone who wants to understand, empathise and gain a greater understanding of the journey of transition of transgender people.

Students can sign up via the **Microsoft Form**
and staff can sign up via **UoRLearn**.



Christian Owens
Professional Speaker
GenderSpace



Bowie Love

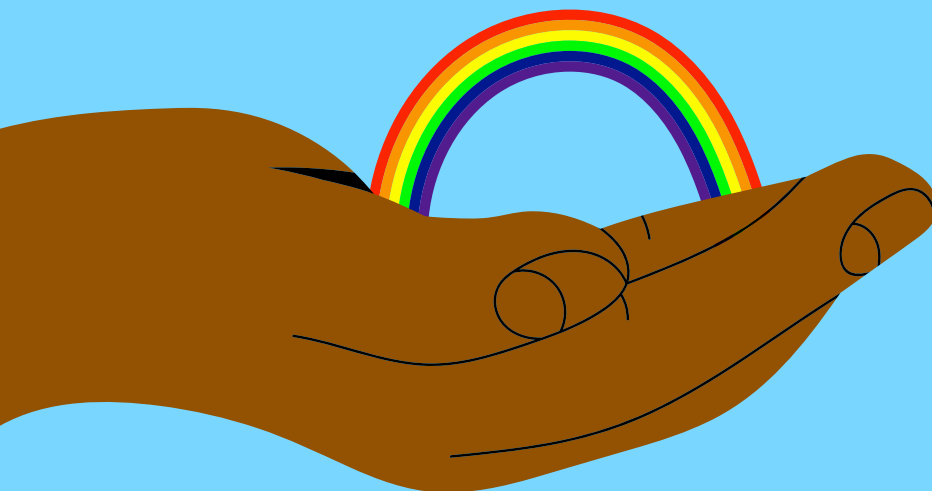
18:00 –19:00, Edith Morley, Van Emden LT

Professor Alex Sharpe, School of Law, Warwick, will discuss love as agape, a love for humanity that can combat aversion to difference. It will explore how Bowie's work embodies this love, drawing on the philosophies of Scheler, Badiou, and Nietzsche. The lecture will cover three love lessons from Bowie's work: letting go, humility, and posthuman/queer love. It will also explain how Bowie subverted social norms and how his love is linked to freedom. Expect an audio-visual experience with Bowie's music, images, and text.

This lecture is open to everyone. To register for this event, please fill in the **Microsoft Form**.



Professor Alex Sharpe
School of Law
Warwick



Micro Rainbow with Moud Goba

13:00–14:00, Online

The LGBTQIA+ Network in collaboration with the BAME+ Network invite staff and students to join us for an online lunchtime talk by Moud Goba, as part of LGBTQIA+ History Month events at the University of Reading. Moud Goba is an LGBTQIA+ rights activist from Zimbabwe. She is currently the National Director of the charity Micro Rainbow and the chair of the board of trustees for UK Black Pride. Micro Rainbow works with LGBTQIA asylum seeking refugees by providing safe housing across the UK, promoting social inclusion, and increasing employability.

To register for this event, please fill in the **Microsoft Form**.



Moud Goba
LGBTQIA+ Activist & National
Director of Micro Rainbow



Wolfenden Seminar



Introduction to the LGBTQ+ Travel Tool

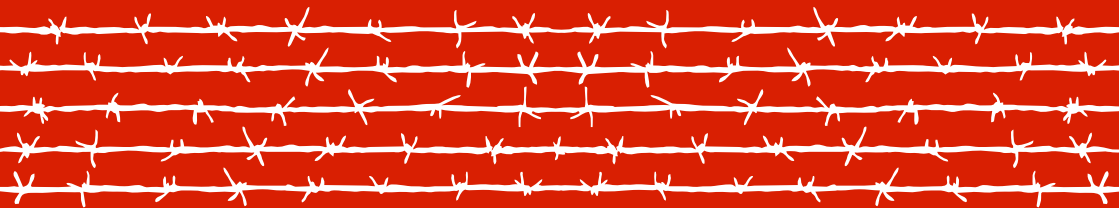
16:00–17:30, Edith Morley 301 & Online

The LGBTQ+ Travel Tool aims to provide a means for LGBTQ+ staff and students travelling internationally for work or education purposes, and their home organisations and institutions to ensure that the safeguarding of LGBTQ+ colleagues is at the forefront of any travel plans. You can access the tool via the **The LGBTQ+ Travel Tool website**.

The Wolfenden Seminar will introduce the LGBTQ+ Travel Tool developed by Dr Frances Hamilton (Associate Professor in Law, University of Reading) and Tahlia-Rose Virdee (PhD Student in Law, University of Reading), and will explore the lived experiences of LGBTQ+ academics when engaging in international travel which led to the creation of the tool, how the tool functions, and what our aims are for the tool.

The introduction to the LGBTQ+ Travel Tool shall be followed by a panel discussion with four colleagues who had contributed to the project: Seth Atkin (Equality Support Official - LGBT, University and Colleges Union), Dr James Greenwood-Reeves (Lecturer in Law, University of Leeds), Professor Richard Harris (Professor in Education Studies, University of Reading), and Dr Ruvi Ziegler (Associate Professor in International Law, University of Reading).

To secure your place, either in person or online for this event, please fill in the **Microsoft Form**.



This Is Who I Am

LGBTQIA+ Experiences of the UK Asylum Process

11:00–12:00, Room 108, Palmer Building

Read by actors and performers, *This Is Who I Am* is a piece of documentary theatre sharing first-hand accounts of LGBTQIA+ people seeking asylum, their experiences on arrival in the UK, and challenges they face in navigating the UK asylum process. Testimonies include accounts of state, sexual and homophobic violence and a suicide attempt.

Ice & fire are a theatre company dedicated to exploring human rights stories through performance, putting human rights at the core of everything they do to make accessible theatre for a wide range of audiences across the UK.

To register for this event, please fill in the **Microsoft Form**.

Wolfenden Lecture / LGBTQIA+ History Month Flagship Talk by Sophie Cook

17:30–19:00, Edith Morley G27

Join Dr Sophie Cook as she shares her remarkable life story. In 2015, Sophie transitioned and made history by becoming the first openly transgender woman to work in Premier League Football. Since then, she has been tirelessly working towards educating people about Mental Health and Diversity and inclusion, helping businesses work more effectively and cohesively through the power of shared experiences. Dr Cook believes that recognizing the things that we have in common rather than those that divide us is the key to creating a more inclusive and harmonious society.

To register for this event, please fill in the **Microsoft Form**.



Dr Sophie Cook

Writer, speaker, actor, broadcaster & photographer, LGBT & mental health campaigner, and RAF veteran — oh, and transgender.

Beyond Liberation or Assimilation

LGBTQ Rights, Health Care, and the Limits of Bodily Autonomy in the United States in the 1970s and 1980s

16:30–18:00, Room 125, Edith Morley Building

Join Professor Jonathan Bell for a lecture on the history of identity politics and the struggles for bodily autonomy in the United States. The lecture provides a thought-provoking opportunity to deepen your understanding of the revolutionary possibilities and core concerns of the rights revolutions of the 1960s and 1970s. Discover how debates over money, access to care, and consumer rights have shaped the terms of identity politics, and how the privatized healthcare system has exposed social disparities within gender rights movements.



Professor Jonathan Bell
Professor of US History
Institute of the Americas
UCL

School of Maths, Physical and Computational Sciences Seminar

14:00–16:00, Slingo Lecture Theatre, JJT Building

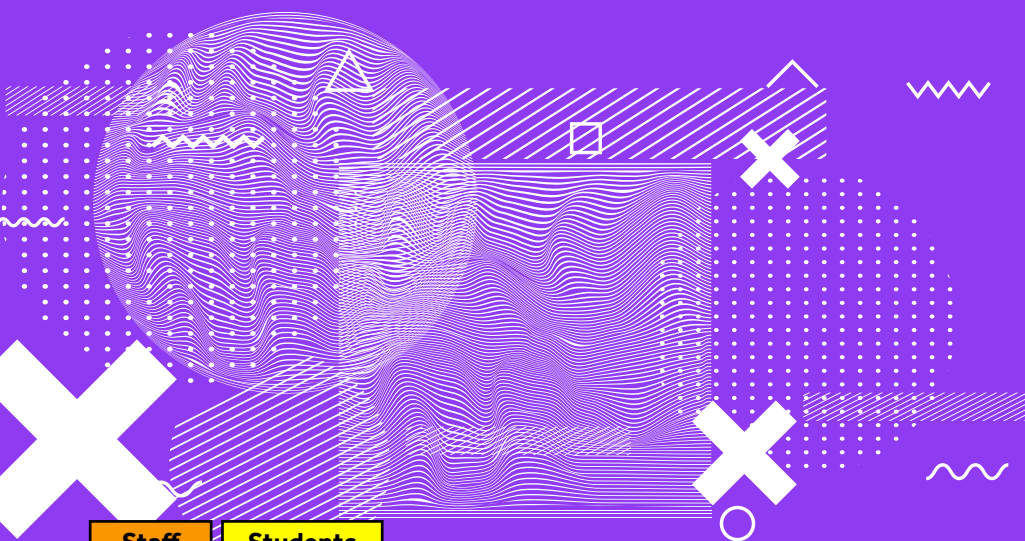
16:00–17:30, Refreshments served in Maths 113

School of Maths, Physical and Computational Sciences WIDE Committee, will hold a seminar and workshop to celebrate LGBTQIA+ people working in the sciences and wider university community to stimulate discussions about how we might nurture our LGBTQIA+ community as well as raise awareness of barriers people face due to their sexuality and gender identity.

Speakers

Dr Luciano Rila, Associate Professor, Department of Mathematics, UCL

To be announced



Staff

Students



readingsu.co.uk/events

Clothes Donations, 29 Jan–2 Feb, Student Union

Bring any clothes for the clothes swap into the SU! We're looking for clothes in good condition that can be taken by someone who needs them so bring the jacket that has been in your wardrobe since you moved but leave your trackies with the holes in at home.

Clothes Swap/Fashion Show, 5 Feb, 10:00–17:00, 3Sixty

Need some new clothes but can't afford a new wardrobe, take what you need and donate what you don't at our clothes swap and stick around for some gender-affirming fashion tips.

Gender-Affirming Make Up Workshop, 6 Feb, 15:00–18:00, 3Sixty

Don't know where to start with make-up? This session, with the help of IOTA Events, should help with the basics.

Queer Friendly Sexual Health, 7 Feb, 15:30–17:00, Mondial

This queer-centred sexual health information session will be a judgement-free zone to ask questions and get advice.

Arts and Crafts, 8 Feb, 15:30–20:00, Lounge Room 1

A variety of arts and crafts for you to try and a chance to socialise with your fellow LGBTQIA+ students, feel free to bring along your ally friends too!

Queer Academia and Community Networking, 9 Feb, 17:30–21:00, Monterey

A selection of short talks about queer aspects of academia and history presented by our students and a chance to network with the wider Reading Trans+ community.

Big Gay Games Knight, 10–11 Feb, 10:00–11:00, 3Sixty

Come along and play some ga(y)mes with LGBT+ Soc and GARPS, raising money for Mermaids.

Glitterbomb, 24 Feb, 10:00–11:00, 3Sixty

Glitterbomb are back with their LGBTQ+ club night. You can expect lip-syncs, bombshells, queer anthems & fun all night long, all in a queer friendly & inclusive space!



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