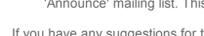




# LGBTQ+ STAFF NETWORK



## Newsletter

June 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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### PRIDE Month

Pride Month stemmed from the US, which has been adopted more widely across the world, but in reality, there are many Pride months across the globe. For instance, Sydney Mardi Gras, Australia's biggest pride takes place in February (although they do have a Pride festival in June) and here in the UK, there isn't such thing as one month for Pride.

In the US most prides happen in the month of June to coincide with the anniversary of the 1969 [Stonewall Riots](#), in the UK however things are a little more spread out with more and more county, city and town prides becoming available.

[There are over 150 pride events in the UK alone](#) and they start in Feb with the last (outside Winter Pride) in September. So Pride month in the UK is better described as Pride Half Year!

Extract from <https://www.thegayuk.com/when-is-pride-month-in-the-uk-in-2021/>



### Trans Joy: In Conversation with Sabah Choudrey

Trans Liberation and Trans Joy: What does it look like, and how do we get there?

For IDAHOBIT 2021, the Colleges of Social Sciences and International Studies and Humanities at the University of Exeter welcomed intersectional trans activist, speaker and educator Sabah Choudrey. Watch Sabah in this talk and Q+A, discussing trans joy and liberation.

With a mind to the pursuit of trans euphoria, of acceptance as well as awareness, and envisioning – and encouraging us to move to – trans liberation, this talk moves us past stale, unhelpful arguments over trans existence and the idea of a 'trans debate'. Instead, the talk focuses on trans people and moves us into a space that asks us what trans joy looks like and can be pursued here and now, and how we might work towards a world that facilitates more of it.

To watch the recording, please click on the YouTube video above or click [HERE](#)



### The Rainbow Lottery

The Rainbow Lottery was created in 2021 by RAINBOW CENTRAL CIC.

Set up to support community projects in the local area, The Rainbow Lottery operates on the principle of raising money within the community for the community. We empower local good causes to raise money in a fun and effective way.

In a time of shrinking budgets and increased community need, The Rainbow Lottery enables people to support the causes they care most about, helping good causes to connect with their supporters. You can support local organisation such as the [Intercom Trust](#) in their fundraising through the lottery.

**A ticket for The Rainbow Lottery costs £1 a week and 60p will go directly to good causes!**

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



### Original rainbow Pride flag returns to its San Francisco home after 43 years

The long-lost piece of queer history, with two extra stripes, was designed to represent 'the full spectrum of the LGBTQ community'

After 43 years, a long-lost piece of San Francisco's queer history is coming home.

The rainbow Pride flag, now a ubiquitous symbol around the world each June, was created in 1978 by the artist and queer activist Gilbert Baker. That year at San Francisco Pride – then known as "Gay Freedom Day" – Baker and a cohort of LGBTQ+ rights advocates stitched together and hoisted two giant versions above the city's UN Plaza, near city hall.

Read the full article [HERE](#)

# LGBTQ+ STAFF NETWORK on

### 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



# NASA PRIDE MONTH: THE POWER OF ACTIVE ALLYSHIP

### The Power of Allyship @ NASA

**TODAY Thursday 17 June 2021 (19:00 onwards BST)**

Join us on June 17, 2021 at 2 p.m. EDT for a conversation in honor of National LGBTQ+ Pride Month about what it means to be an ally, understanding some of the barriers faced by the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer community, and what you as an active ally can do to help break down those barriers. The panel discussion will be moderated by Charles Cockrell, associate director for strategy at NASA's Glenn Research Center, and will feature:

- Melanie Saunders, NASA deputy associate administrator
- Sarah J. Phillips, visual information specialist for the Image Technology Center at NASA's Glenn Research Center
- Ron Brade, retired associate center director at NASA's Ames Research Center
- Donna Shafer, associate center director at NASA's Johnson Space Center

To join/find out more about this event click on the video above or [HERE](#)



### Inspiring Women Network - HerStory: Maya Price, Proud2Be Co-Founder

**Saturday 19 June 2021 (20:00 – 21:00 BST)**

Inspiring Women Network's HerStory: Conversations with women who inspire us all Join IWN and Proud2BE co-founder Maya Price. To celebrate Pride Month 2021 IWN is delighted to welcome the lovely Maya Price for our June HerStory talk. Maya will share her own journey with us, take questions and talk to us about issues facing Trans people in our community.

Event open to ALL

Join us on [Zoom](#)  
Meeting ID: **912 6021 3481**  
Password: **459092**

To join/find out more about this event click on the image above or click [HERE](#)



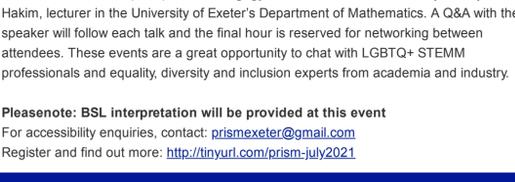
### Fortnightly Social

**Wednesday 30 June 2021 (12:00 – 13:00 BST)**

We are now running our virtual socials more regularly (fortnightly). These will be held every other Wednesday 12:00 - 13:00. 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 HERE](#)



**Virtual Event: Maths and stats through a diverse lens**  
BSL interpretation provided  
Monday 5th July 2021 Register for free: [tinyurl.com/prism-july2021](https://tinyurl.com/prism-july2021)  
7 - 9:30 pm BST Accessibility enquiries: [prismexeter@gmail.com](mailto:prismexeter@gmail.com)

### PRISM - Maths and stats through a diverse lens

**Monday 05 July 2021 (19:00 – 21:30 BST)**

**Abstract:** Join PRISM Exeter for the latest in their Speakers events series. Featuring talks on "LGBTQ+ representation in the latest UK Census" by Alexis Hoyland from the Office for National Statistics (ONS), and "Pedagogy for neurodiverse learners" by Dr Layal Hakim, lecturer in the University of Exeter's Department of Mathematics. A Q&A with the speaker will follow each talk and the final hour is reserved for networking between attendees. These events are a great opportunity to chat with LGBTQ+ STEM professionals and equality, diversity and inclusion experts from academia and industry.

**Please note: BSL interpretation will be provided at this event**

For accessibility enquiries, contact: [prismexeter@gmail.com](mailto:prismexeter@gmail.com)

Register and find out more: <http://tinyurl.com/prism-july2021>

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