



## Celebrating LGBT History Month 2014 at the University of Westminster and across London

We're excited to announce a series of events run jointly by the University of Westminster Staff LGBT network, the Student LGBT Society, and the Queer London Research Forum, as part of the LGBT History Month celebrations.

**MONDAY 10<sup>th</sup> February: How Faith and Sexuality can go Hand in Hand**  
5.30-7.30pm, Fyvie Hall, 309 Regent Street, London W1B 2HW. [Directions](#)

FREE. Organised by the UWSU LGBT Student Society and chaired by Professor Jane Lewis, UWSU Trustee. With David Cherry, a gay Anglican Minister; a representative from Stonewall; and others. Smoke Radio have agreed to broadcast this event.

**MONDAY 17<sup>th</sup> February: The Ageing Queer Populations of London**  
7pm, The Boardroom, 309 Regent Street, London W1B 2HW. [Directions](#)

FREE. This panel discussion will explore the challenges, opportunities and difficulties facing London's ageing queer populations. How do older queer populations experience London and how do they read it differently? In part, the event will also consider how soap operas offer a frame through which London's ageing queer populations might understand the city and its issues. Speakers for the event include Kate Hancock (Opening Doors London), Dr. Nicola Humberstone and others (tbc). **This event must be booked in advance: please see below.**

**TUESDAY 18<sup>th</sup> February: University of Westminster Queer Film Night** screens *Touch of Pink (2004)*, followed by a Q&A with director **Ian Iqbal Rashid**.  
7pm, New Lecture Theatre, 4-12 Little Titchfield Street London W1W 7BY  
[Directions](#)

FREE. \*Please note that the venue for this event. **This event must be booked in advance: please see below.**

**FRIDAY 21<sup>st</sup> February: London's Queer Literatures**  
7pm, Room 451, 309 Regent Street London W1B 2HW. [Directions](#)

FREE. For this event we will be joined by a number of writers whose work engages intricately with the relationships between London and queerness, all of who will be reading from their work. We're excited to welcome Jonathan Kemp (*London Triptych*, *The Penetrated Male Body*), Neil McKenna (*Fanny and Stella*, *The Secret Life of Oscar Wilde*) and others (tbc). The reading will be followed by a wine reception. **This event must be booked in advance: please see below.**

**Booking:** Places for the **Ageing Queer Populations of London event; the screening of *Touch of Pink*; and London's Queer Literatures** are free but limited. Please register by emailing [queerlondonresearchforum@gmail.com](mailto:queerlondonresearchforum@gmail.com), clearly stating which event(s) you would like to attend.

## USWU LGBT STUDENT EVENTS:

### **FRIDAY 7<sup>th</sup> February: Love Music, Hate Homophobia Gig**

Evening, Undercroft bar, Harrow.

FREE. This event will have a 'coming out of the closet photo booth' which we hope to be able to use as a legacy project to create a display of the month.

### **FRIDAY TO SUNDAY 21-23 February: National Student Pride Weekend**

Venues: P3, Marylebone Campus, 35 Marylebone Road London NW1 5LS and other venues across London. [Directions](#)

National Student Pride brings together thousands of students from across the UK and attracts several high profile corporate sponsors. This is the first time it has been held in London and the University of Westminster has been chosen to host it. Events include G-A-Y Late on Friday evening; a conference at the Marylebone Campus all day Saturday; and evening events at G-A-Y Heaven. Sunday will involve a mixture of Film screenings and other culturally relevant pride events which will take place across London. Smoke Radio hope to broadcast the conference live on air and cover the event with a live blog and interviews. For more information visit [National Student Pride](#).

## EVENTS HOSTED BY OTHER UNIVERSITY LGBT NETWORKS:

### **THURSDAY 13 February: Panel Discussion at London South Bank University: "The Relevance of Having a Pride Event in Today's Society"**

with speakers Peter Tatchell and others.

6pm to 8pm, Edric Theatre, Borough Road Building London South Bank University London SE1 0AA [Directions](#)

FREE. The Vice Chancellor and Executive of London South Bank University cordially invite you to a panel discussion for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender History Month.

### **TUESDAY 25 February: Film Screening with Queen Mary College "It Goes With the Shoes"**. In the presence of Bette Bourne and Mark Ravenhill.

6pm Arts Two Lecture Theatre, Queen Mary College, Mile End Road London E1 4NS [Directions](#)

FREE. *It Goes With the Shoes*, tells the story of gay rights icon, Bette Bourne who played a vital role in the early days of gay rights campaigning. With camp-wit and outrageous humour the film sheds light on a hidden part of gay history: from the early meetings of the Gay Liberation Front, to the first mass gay protests in Europe, to life in a gay drag commune and a European road trip with drag superstars, The Bloodlips, a real-life Priscilla Queen of the Desert. The film paints an uproarious and moving portrait of an engaging and charismatic gay icon.

To reserve a seat please email Dion Engel-Gough, Events Coordinator at QM Out Dion [d.n.engel-gough@qmul.ac.uk](mailto:d.n.engel-gough@qmul.ac.uk)

### **WEDNESDAY 26<sup>th</sup> February: Film Screening with Birkbeck College**

7.15pm [Directions](#)

FREE. Filmmaker Adrian Goycoolea introduces his short film about his Great Uncle Denis – better known as Quentin Crisp. The screening will be followed by a panel discussion with Matt Cook (History, Birkbeck), Daniel Monk (Law, Birkbeck) and Andrew Gorman Murray (University of Western Sydney and visiting fellow of the

Birkbeck Institute for the Humanities). In partnership with Birkbeck Institute of Gender and Sexuality and the Raphael Samuel History Centre.

To book a place for this film screening, please sign up here:

<http://www.bishopsgate.org.uk/event/402/Uncle-Denis??&Keyword=&TypeID=>

## **OTHER EVENTS ACROSS LONDON AND THE UK**

Lesbian Gay Bisexual Trans History Month takes place every year in February. It celebrates the lives and achievements of the LGBT community. We are committed to celebrate its diversity and that of the society as a whole. We encourage everyone to see diversity and cultural pluralism as the positive forces that they are and endeavour to reflect this in all we do.

2013 was dedicated to maths, science and engineering and 2014 will be dedicated to music.

For further information and updates about the range of events taking place, please visit the LGBT History Event website at: <http://lgbthistorymonth.org.uk/>