

# LGBTQ+ history month 2021

## Voices and visibility

### Uncovering hidden histories

#### Sexual identity

People who do not identify as heterosexual (only) have used a number of terms to describe themselves including

homosexual, lesbian, gay, bisexual, queer, pansexual, asexual

#### Gender identity

People who do not identify with their assigned gender (only) have used a number of terms to describe themselves including

trans, transgender, transman, transwoman, man, woman, transsexual, crossdresser, transvestite, androgynous, genderqueer

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#### Legal timeline

##### Death penalty for buggery abolished

1861 England and Wales  
1889 Scotland

##### Offence of 'gross indecency' created

1885 across the UK



**Radclyffe Hall**  
Poet and author

**1928**  
Publishes  
'The Well of Loneliness'

##### Decriminalisation of homosexual acts by two men over the age of 21 'in private'

1967 England and Wales  
1980 Scotland  
1982 Northern Ireland  
1992 Isle of Man



##### 1981 Dudgeon v the United Kingdom

**Jeffrey Dudgeon**  
Shipping Clerk and gay activist  
Belfast

**Labi Siffre**  
Poet, singer and songwriter

**1987**  
(Something Inside)  
So Strong

**Lisa Power**

**1989**  
Founder member  
Stonewall



##### Section 28 and 2A Prohibits 'promotion' of homosexuality

1988 England, Wales and Scotland

##### Employment rights

1999 Transgender across UK

##### Repeal Section 28 and 2A

2000 Scotland  
2003 England and Wales  
2006 Isle of Man

##### Duty to promote equality

2000 Northern Ireland

##### Equal age of consent

2001 England, Wales, Scotland (16yrs)  
Northern Ireland (17yrs)

##### Employment rights

2003 Sexual orientation across UK

##### Gender recognition

2004 across the UK

##### Civil Partnerships

2005 across the UK

##### Offence of hate crime

2005 Sexual orientation across UK  
2009 Transgender: Scotland  
2012 Transgender: England, Wales, Northern Ireland

##### Equality Act

2010 England, Wales and Scotland

##### Marriage (same sex couples)

2014 England, Wales and Scotland



**Uranians**  
**Inverts**  
**Homosexuals**

**Ted Brown**  
LGBT activist and trade unionist

**1970**  
Member of Gay  
Liberation Front



**Jan Morris**  
Historian, author and travel writer  
**1972**  
Travels abroad for gender  
reassignment surgery

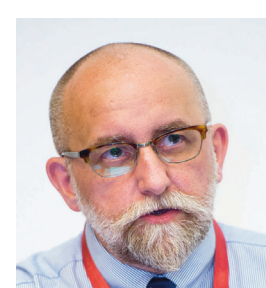


**Jimmy Somerville**  
Singer

**1984**  
'Pits and Perverts'  
benefit concert



**Kath Gillespie-Sells**  
**1989**  
Founder  
Regard



**Stephen Whittle**  
**1992**  
Co-founder  
Press for Change



**Jackie Kay**  
Poet, novelist and  
academic

**1998**  
Publishes 'Trumpet'



**Barbara Burford**  
Writer and medical researcher

**1999**  
Director of Equality  
Department of Health



**Russell T Davies**  
Television producer  
and screen writer

**1999**  
Queer as folk  
broadcast



**Fanny and Stella**  
Frederick Park and Ernest Boulton  
Law student, bank clerk,  
theatrical performers

**1871**  
Criminal prosecution



**Edward Carpenter**  
Socialist, poet, philosopher and  
anthropologist

**1906**  
Publishes  
'Love's Coming of Age'



**Ethel Smyth**  
Composer and member of  
the suffrage movement

**1911**  
Composed  
'The March of Women'

1958 Homosexual Law Reform Society

1969 Campaign for Homosexual Equality  
1969 Scottish Minorities Group



**Alan Turing**  
Mathematician and  
computer scientist

**1952**  
Chemically  
castrated



**Lionel Blue**  
Reform rabbi, journalist and broadcaster

**1960s**  
First British rabbi publicly to  
'affirm his homosexual orientation'



**Peter Tatchell**  
LGBT activist

**1983**  
Fights Bermondsey  
By-election



**Chris Smith**  
Politician  
**1984**  
First out gay and  
HIV positive MP

**Linda Bellos**  
Businesswoman and LGBT activist

**1986**  
Leader of Lambeth Council



**Christine Burns**  
Trans activist  
**1995**  
Parliamentary Forum  
on Transsexualism

**Angela Eagle**  
Politician

**1997**  
First elected  
out lesbian MP



**Waheed Alli**  
Media entrepreneur  
and politician  
**1998**  
Youngest and  
first out gay peer

**Sue Sanders**  
Educator, activist and  
Founder of LGBTHM

**2005**  
First LGBT History Month



**Phyllis Opoku-Gyimah**  
Trade Unionist  
Founder of Black Pride

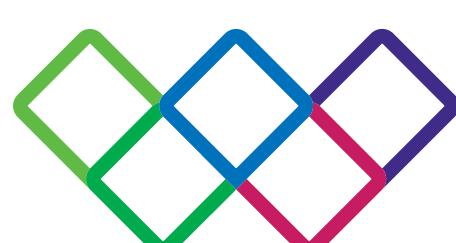
**2006**  
First UK Black Pride



**Nicola Adams**  
Sportswoman  
**2012**  
First woman to win Olympic  
boxing title

**Tom Daley**  
Sportsman

**2013**  
Announces relationship  
with a man



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