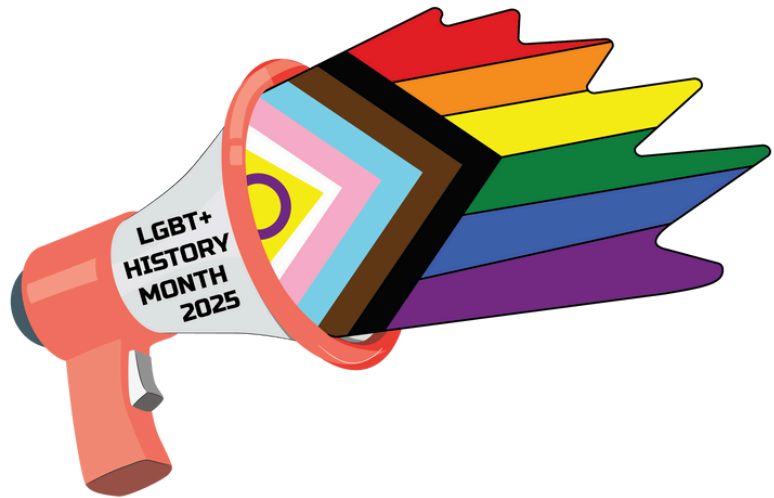


LGBT+ History Month

Annual Newsletter

February 2025



Welcome to our new LGBT+ History Month annual newsletter, created to support and inform SWFT and GEH staff and keep you up to date with available resources. This year's theme is **Activism and Social Change - #SocialActivism.** It's a time to celebrate our rich and diverse history, herstory, theirstory. Throughout history LGBT+ people have been activists, helping to change and create social change, advancing society for everyone.

LGBT+ Activism, Making History, and the Continuing Struggle

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Events and Training

Join our **Gender and Trans Awareness Training** to deepen your understanding, foster inclusivity and celebrate diversity. The interactive session will empower you and challenge misconceptions, enabling you to be a better LGBT+ ally. Sessions are: 5th February and 25th February. For more information and your Teams invite, contact Jjeoma.Korie@swft.nhs.uk

The Alliance Network Midlands LGBTQ+ History Month Games Night. Prizes, fun, and a chance to network. Come alone or as a team. Wednesday 26th February, 5-8pm. Theatrix Birmingham, 130 Colmore Row, Birmingham. For details see: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-alliance-network-midlands-lgbtq-history-month-event-tickets-1214858678009>

Inverts is a semi-staged play about the lives of LGBT+ people 100+ years ago. 28th February, 7-9pm at Grapevine Wellbeing Centre, Buxton. Presented with an introduction and a Q&A, see https://www.grapevinebuxton.com/for_details

The Fight for Liberation - How it all started. Learn about the key people in the Stonewall Riots, and how Black and Brown people have always been at the forefront. 6th February 1 - 2pm. For more information, see: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-fight-for-liberation-how-it-all-started-tickets-1116382954469?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>

LGBTQ+ History Month Public Lecture: Bowie Love. This lecture looks at the Greco-Christian idea of love as love for humanity and will argue this love is shown in David Bowie's work. 12th February, 7-8.30pm at The Exchange, Newhall Street, Birmingham. For tickets and information, see: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/lgbtq-history-month-public-lecture-bowie-love-tickets-1153777843589>

Our History is Your History. Join the Pride UK Team of older LGBTQ+ people and learn about our shared history and experiences. 19th February, 1pm. More information at: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/our-history-is-your-history-tickets-1150866886839?aff=ebdssbdestsearch&keep_tld=1

Royal College of Physicians (2025) **Queer Anatomies: aesthetics and desire in the anatomical image 1700-1900 with Michael Sappol.** 25th February, 6pm. Join this illustrated talk exploring the overlooked archive of closeted queer expression. For information see: <https://history.rcp.ac.uk/event/queer-anatomies-michael-sappol>

Come to the inaugural **Warwickshire Pride Movie Club** at Temperance, Bath Street, Leamington Spa. 23rd January. For more details see: <https://warwickshirepride.co.uk/>



Reading Lists

Epic Reads: **25 New LGBTQ+ Books We Can't Wait to Read in 2025** from <https://www.epicreads.com/blog/ya-books-to-read-lgbtq/>

Gay Pride Shop: **LGBTQ+ History & Education Books**
<https://gayprideshop.co.uk/collections/lgbtq-history-books>

Love Reading 4 Kids: **Children's and YA Books for LGBT+ History Month 2025**
<https://www.lovereadings4kids.co.uk/school-blog/childrens-and-ya-books-for-lgbt-history-month-2025-6101>

Queer Lit: **New Books Released in 2025**
<https://www.queerlit.co.uk/collections/lgbtq-books-coming-in-2025>

Want to know more?

Why not search the [library catalogue](#) to have a look at what SWFT & GEH libraries have for you - or reserve books from other health libraries to collect from your Trust.

Take a look at some of the books you can borrow from our libraries:



..and there's more available in the NHS England's Diversity ebook collection at <https://library.hee.nhs.uk/learning-academy/equality%2C-diversity-and-inclusion/diversity-ebook-collection>



How to be an ally

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Nichols, B. (2023) '**Five ways to be a good LGBTQ+ ally.**' *RCN Magazine.* (25 April) Available at: <https://www.rcn.org.uk/magazines/Advice/2023/April/Five-ways-to-be-a-good-LGBTQ-ally>





Support



Coventry and Warwickshire Mind's **LGBTQIA+ Wellbeing Support Group**. Access 1 to 1 support, socialise in groups and peer support sessions. Next dates: 15th February and 15th March, 10.30 - 12.30pm. Contact wbhub@cwmind.org.uk or call 024 7622 4417.

GLADD - The Association of LGBTQ+ Doctors and Dentists (2024). Available at: <https://gladd.co.uk/>

LGBT Foundation - National charity focusing on LGBTQ+ health at wellbeing. Available at: <https://lgbt.foundation/>

Stonewall - the National LGBT charity. Provides information and resources for individuals and families. Available at: <https://www.stonewall.org.uk/>

Warwickshire Pride offers monthly groups such as **Proud Parents, Proud Youth, Socials, Support, and Counselling**. See their webpage for details of what is available: <https://warwickshirepride.co.uk/>

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Staff Network

The **LGBTQIA+ staff network** meets via MS Teams at 2pm on the 3rd Friday of each month

Contact Temitope.George@swft.nhs.uk for more information

Trust Support for you

For more information about support within the Trusts, please contact the Staff Health and Wellbeing Team.

Email: hwb@swft.nhs.uk Twitter/X: [@GEH_SWFT_HWB](https://twitter.com/GEH_SWFT_HWB)

This newsletter has been produced by Librarians from GEH and SWFT Libraries.

Many thanks to colleagues who have shared links to useful resources.

For more information about accessing quality information resources, or if you are interested in a resources newsletter for your awareness event, please get in touch with

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