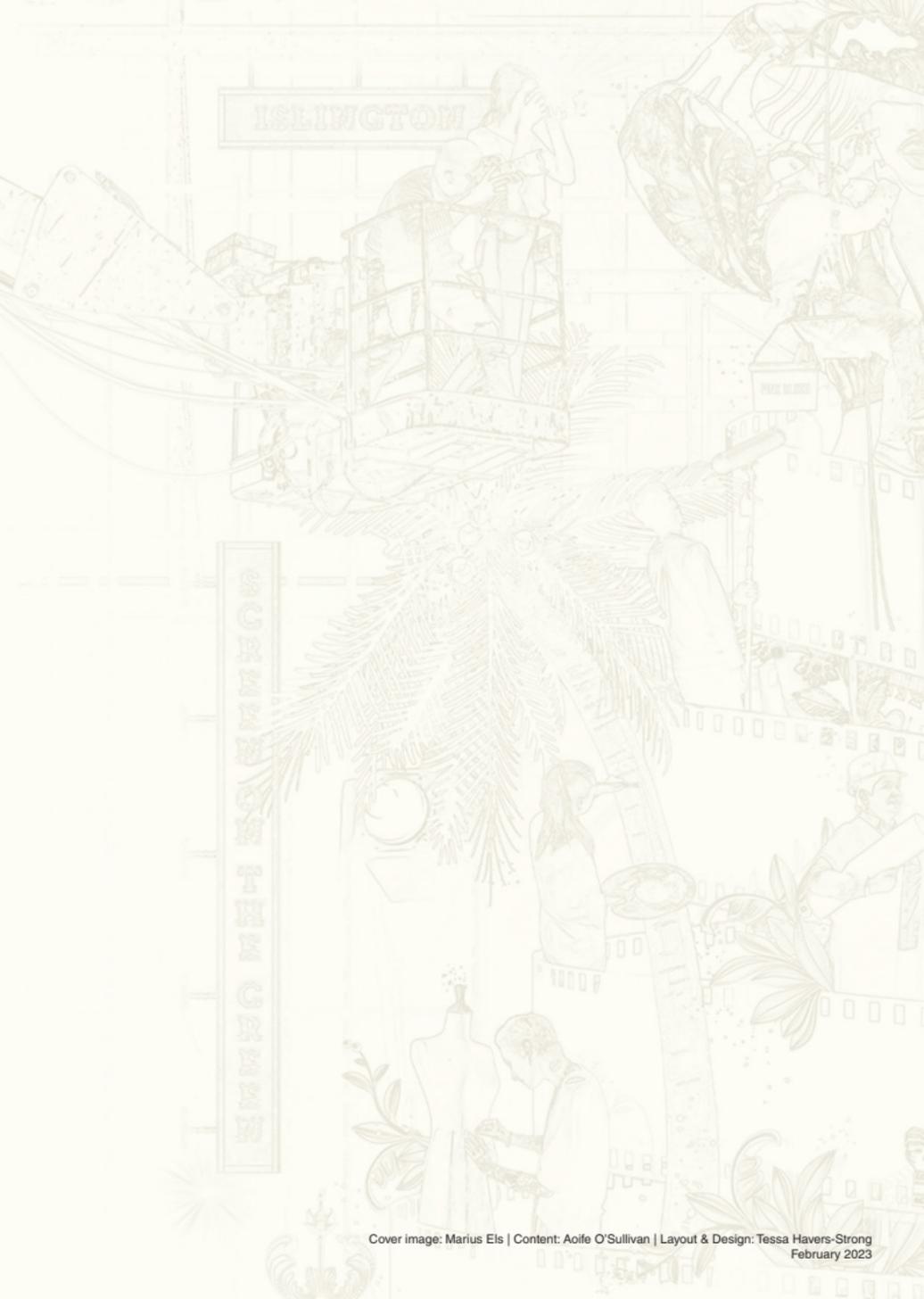


# Camden & Islington LGBT History Month February 2023

## BEHIND THE LENS



Celebrating the history and achievements of Lesbian Gay Bisexual and Trans communities



# forum<sup>+</sup>

## Welcome to Camden & Islington LGBT History Month 2023

forum<sup>+</sup> is very proud to present a fantastic programme of activities and events celebrating Camden & Islington LGBT History Month. We invite all the community to join the festivities and explore local LGBT history through exhibitions, guided walks, film screenings, spoken word, history talks and more!

The theme for LGBT History Month 2023 is *Behind The Lens*. It's a wonderful opportunity to spotlight the many achievements of the work and lives of the seldom seen LGBT people behind the stage, cinema and TV cameras. Let's pay tribute to the costume designers, directors, make-up artists, technicians and screen writers who have brought our stories to life.

Camden and Islington's rich LGBT history will be highlighted in this very special collection of activities and events which celebrate the culture, lives and experiences of the local LGBT community. From the LGBTQ Film Day at The British Museum to Incite! Spoken Word, from the Lesbian Discussion Group to the Loudest Whispers Exhibition, there is so much to enjoy across Camden and Islington!

We are very grateful to our funders Camden Council and Islington Council and to the many individuals and organisations for their generous donation of time and effort for this programme. Thank you to all involved and Happy LGBT History Month!

Tessa Havers-Strong  
forum<sup>+</sup> Director





### **Wednesday 1st February**

7 pm – 8 pm

#### **Outloud LGBTQ+ Salon**

Join OutLoud - LGBTQ+ at London Metropolitan Archives – for a look at LGBTQ+ history through the personal archive of Andrew Lumsden. Andrew Lumsden was among the infuriated queens on the original London Pride march in 1972 and invented Gay News our first national newspaper, which was taken to court on a charge of blasphemy in 1977. Outloud is a coming together of LMA's LGBTQ+, depositors, volunteers, partners, researchers and staff to create a living centre for London's LGBTQ+ history and connecting communities with their past.

**Booking at: Eventbrite <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/outloud-lgbtq-salon-tickets-172115852147>**



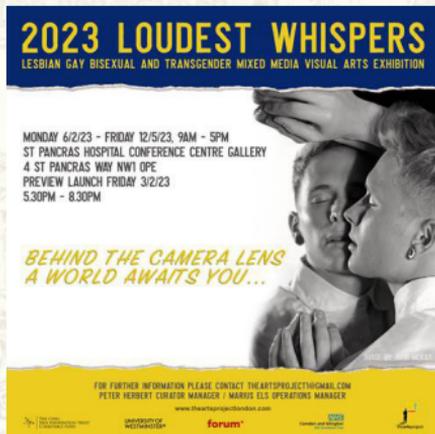
## **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023**

Monday: 10 am-6 pm; Tuesday: 10 am-6 pm; Wednesday:  
12 pm-8 pm

### **Community Creates: LGBT History Month Exhibition**

In January 2023, as part of the Community Creates programme, North Camden Zone and forum+ joined together to celebrate LGBTQ+ identity and culture in Camden and Islington. The outcome of our celebration day is this fantastic exhibition, which brings together a range of art forms created by local artists of all genders and sexualities celebrating what it means to be LGBTQ+ today. The exhibition will be open throughout LGBT History Month and until 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023.

**Belsize Community Library, Antrim Grove, Belsize Park,  
NW3 4XN**



**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February**

5.30 pm – 8.30 pm

**Launch of Loudest Whispers Exhibition**

The Arts Project presents the 14<sup>th</sup> Loudest Whispers Arts Exhibition in partnership with forum+. The launch event will be your first opportunity to explore the exhibition and enjoy cabaret performance headlined by vintage comedy music performer La Celine, hosted by MC Herr Bolly and key note speeches from some very special guests. The event is free to join and booking isn't necessary.

For information please email [theartsproject1@gmail.com](mailto:theartsproject1@gmail.com)

and visit [www.theartsprojectlondon.com/whats-on](http://www.theartsprojectlondon.com/whats-on)

**The Conference Centre, St Pancras Hospital, 4 St Pancras Way, NW1 0PE**



## Throughout February

10 am – 5 pm

### **Desire, love, identity: LGBTQ histories trail**

This LGBT History Month choose a trail looking at objects that have a connection with LGBTQ history. Fifteen-object trail – you should be able to complete this trail in 60–75 minutes. The objects have been arranged to create an efficient route. However, you don't need to follow this order.

Three-object trail – this trail is ideal if you only have 30 minutes to spare. The trail is free with general museum entry. For more information please visit

<https://www.britishmuseum.org/visit/object-trails/desire-love-identity-lgbtq-histories#find-outmore>  
**The British Museum, Great Russell St, WC1B 3DG**



### **Islington's Pride Heritage Trail**

Journey through the Islington's Pride Heritage Trail and enjoy visiting over 150 points of LGBTQ+ interest that have been found throughout the borough of Islington. Including: current and former residents, venues such as LGBTQ+ bars, community organisations and locations of celebration and infamy! Visit the website and learn the entries, incorporated images and oral histories, that are lined to the physical plaques across Islington which connect you to the rich history we celebrate today.

**<https://islingtonpride.com/humap/>**



# Arsenal

## FOR EVERYONE

EMBRACING DIVERSITY & EQUALITY

### **Arsenal in the Community**

Arsenal in the Community will be delivering LGBT+ History Month workshops and community sessions in Camden, Islington and Hackney schools throughout February. In the workshop, we will share some examples of professional athletes from the LGBTQ+ community, their successes and the challenges that they continue to face. The workshop will focus on respect and what respect looks like in reality. Arsenal in the Community is collaborating with forum+ in the planning of its LGBT+ History Month workshops. For more information please email: [jdaniel-moon@arsenal.co.uk](mailto:jdaniel-moon@arsenal.co.uk)



**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February - Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

Monday - Thursday 9.00 am to 10.00 pm & Friday -  
Saturday 9.00 am to 6.00 pm

**Loudest Whispers Art Exhibition**

The Arts Project presents the 14<sup>th</sup> Loudest Whispers Arts Exhibition in partnership with forum+. 45 artists celebrate LGBT creativity with mixed media artwork reflecting the use of the camera in film and TV with an additional open category. The exhibition displays the work of new artists and continues our support of established artists. Loudest Whispers 2023 includes a studio selfie booth and a memorial tribute to creative artists from the industry.

<http://www.theartsprojectlondon.com>

**The Conference Centre Gallery, St Pancras Hospital, 4  
St Pancras Way, NW1 OPE**





**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February – Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> February**

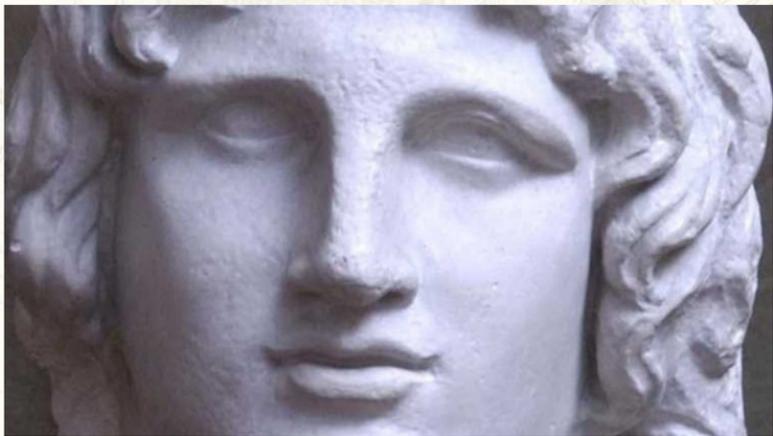
9 pm – 10.10 pm

### **Alan Turing The Musical**

This intriguing new musical, composed by Joel Goodman & Jan Osborne, is a journey through the extraordinary life of Alan Turing. It presents experiences of paramount importance such as the loss of his closest friend, Alan's role in World War II as well as his struggle with society's unjust view of homosexuality. This biographical account is narrated by Andrea, the fictitious author of Alan Turing's biography. Alan's dialogue is directly taken from historical letters that he wrote to his friends, colleagues & his mother. Tickets £18/ £14 concession.

**<https://kingsheadtheatre.com/whats-on/alan-turing-the-musical/book>**

**King's Head Theatre, 115 Upper St, Islington N1 1QN**



**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February**

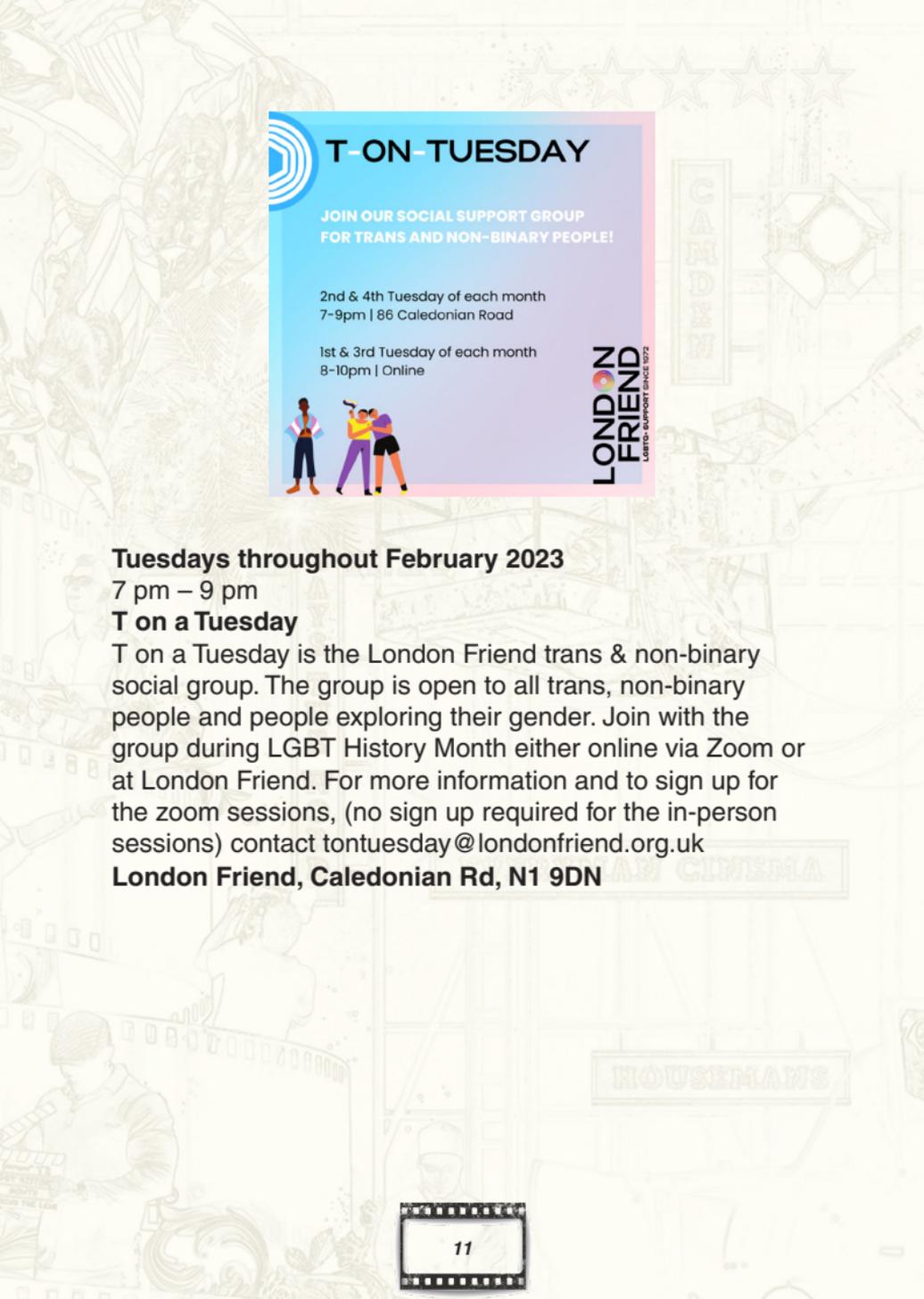
7 pm – 8.30 pm

**The Further Queer Adventures of Alexander the Great**

Explore queer identity from ancient times to the present at The British Library. This talk by Professor Lloyd Llewellyn-Jones is hosted by Huw Lemmey and Ben Miller of the *Bad Gays* podcast and book. Ever since the 20th century discovered ‘that horrid thing Freud called sex’ and began to consider sexual preferences as an integral part of sexual identity, Alexander the Great has been scrutinised for what his love life said about the man himself. The event will be simultaneously live streamed on the British Library platform.

**Book via:** <https://www.bl.uk/events/the-further-queer-adventures-of-alexander-the-great-boyfriend-activist-and-porn-star>

**Entrance Hall, The British Library, 96 Euston Road,  
NW1 2DB**



**T-ON-TUESDAY**

JOIN OUR SOCIAL SUPPORT GROUP  
FOR TRANS AND NON-BINARY PEOPLE!

2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month  
7-9pm | 86 Caledonian Road

1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month  
8-10pm | Online



**LONDON FRIEND**  
LGBTQ+ SUPPORT SINCE 1972

## **Tuesdays throughout February 2023**

7 pm – 9 pm

### **T on a Tuesday**

T on a Tuesday is the London Friend trans & non-binary social group. The group is open to all trans, non-binary people and people exploring their gender. Join with the group during LGBT History Month either online via Zoom or at London Friend. For more information and to sign up for the zoom sessions, (no sign up required for the in-person sessions) contact [tontuesday@londonfriend.org.uk](mailto:tontuesday@londonfriend.org.uk)

**London Friend, Caledonian Rd, N1 9DN**



# LESBIAN DISCUSSION GROUP

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February**

8.00 pm

## **Lesbian Discussion Group**

Join LDG in February for a discussion on *Life goals - what drives us?* LDG has been going for almost 40 years in its physical form at Gay's the Word Bookshop with the aim to provide community to women from inside and outside of London. The group continues to thrive - due to the friendly and welcoming people that join every week to discuss love, life, and current affairs. In order to attend, simply arrive early on the day. Spaces are limited and given out on a first-come-first-served basis. No registration is necessary.

**<https://www.lesbiandiscussiongroup.com/>**

**Gay's The Word, 66 Marchmont Street, WC1N 1AB**



**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February**

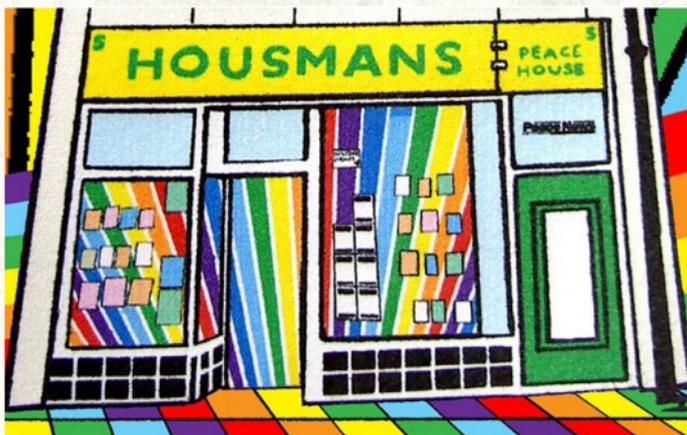
1 pm – 2 pm

**forum+ Visit to Queer Britain**

Join with forum+ for a visit to Queer Britain, the UK's first-ever LGBTQ+ history museum! The museum in an inclusive and free-entry space telling 'the stories, people and places that are intrinsic to queer community in the UK and beyond'. LGBT History Month is the perfect time to visit Queer Britain where LGBTQ+ history is "preserved, explored and celebrated". After our visit, we are going to go for coffee at the wonderful Wildcard Coffee - the perfect place to discuss our trip to Queer Britain.

**Book via: <https://bit.ly/VisitQueerBritainLGBTHM>**

**Queer Britain, 2 Granary Square, N1C 4BH**



**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February**

7 pm – 8.30 pm

**Housmans Queer Book Club**

On Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February visit the iconic radical bookshop Housmans and join a discussion on *One Last Stop* by Casey McQuiston. Housmans Queer Book Club reads a wide range of LGBTQ fiction and non-fiction. The book club meet every 2nd Thursday of the month from 7 pm – 8.30 pm. All genders are welcome, as are any snacks, drinks and book suggestions you can bring along too. You can find future book club titles in Housmans, a 20% discount can be applied to them if you mention the group. For more information please email [shop@housmans.com](mailto:shop@housmans.com) and visit <https://housmans.com/product-tag/housmans-queer-book-club/>

**Housmans Bookshop 5 Caledonian Rd, N1 9DX**



**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February**

5.30 pm – 8 pm

**forum+ at Rainbow Paddlers**

Join forum+ at Rainbow Paddlers – the LGBTQ+ event at The Pirate Castle. We love our sessions on the beautiful stretch of the Regent's Canal in the heart of Camden and enjoying a friendly social together afterwards! The forum+ visit to Rainbow Paddlers is for lgbtq people aged 18+, free to join and pre booking is essential! Rainbow Paddlers has gone from strength to strength since launching in 2021 and is a front-runner initiative - proud to be the first British Canoeing club in the UK to offer weekly adult paddle sport sessions run by and for the LGBTQ+ community.

**Book via <https://bit.ly/RainbowPaddlersLGBTHM>**

**The Pirate Castle, Oval Road, Camden NW1 7EA**



# Gay Outdoor Club

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> February**

11 am – 4 pm

**Green Carnations and Peacock Feathers – LGBT  
History Month Walk**

Celebrate LGBT History Month with a walk taking in many of Camden and Islington's famous LGBT+ landmarks, spaces and venues. The walk will start from the Paradigm Sculpture at the Francis Crick Institute. The group will visit green spaces; walk by the canal and several notable LGBT+ places will be passed on this 7-mile walk. More information will be released near the date. Booking is essential as places are limited. Email Gay Outdoor Club for more details [hertfordshiregoc@gmail.com](mailto:hertfordshiregoc@gmail.com)

**<https://www.goc.org.uk/event/lgbtq-history-month-green-carnations-and-peacock-feathers-london/>**



## **Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> February**

7.30 pm – 11 pm

### **Karaoke at Central Station with Chris Reardon**

On Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> February sing your heart out at Central's Karaoke event! Join DJ, entertainer and Queen of Karaoke Chris Reardon for a fun filled evening on Central Station's famous stage. Islington's oldest LGBTQ Bar, has been a friend and safe welcoming space to London's LGBTQ+ community for many years, helping raise thousands for HIV/ AIDS charities and has played host to LGBTQ+ theatre and numerous community groups from footballers to faith groups, as well as funeral services.

<https://www.centralstation.co.uk/events>

**Central Station, 37 Wharfdale Road, N1 9SD**

# Cooking With **Pride!**

Tuesday 14th February

6 pm - 8.00 pm

St Luke's Community Centre EC1V 8AJ

**forum+**



**Tuesday 14th February**

6 pm – 8 pm

## **Cooking With Pride**

forum+ and St Luke's Community Centre are proud to present a special session of Cooking With Pride for LGBT History Month 2023! The cookery class is a warm, welcoming and inclusive social group where we join together to learn recipes and enjoy a delicious meal. The event takes place at St Luke's Community Centre, is free to join and is for LGBTQ people and their friends. Booking is essential.

For more information email [info@forumplus.org.uk](mailto:info@forumplus.org.uk)

**Booking at:** <https://bit.ly/CookingWithPrideLGBTHM>

**St Luke's Community Centre, 90 Central Street,  
EC1V 8AJ**



**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February**

7.30 pm

**Black Lesbian Discussion Group**

Inspired by The Lesbian Discussion Group and UK Black Pride, the Black Lesbian Discussion Group was founded in 2022 by Sandra Brown-Springer. The group meet on the second Tuesday of every month at the iconic Gay's the Word Bookshop. February's discussion is focussed on: *What is dating like for LGBT+ women?* Events are free to join. However, donations are needed to keep the group going. You will be invited to donate at the end of the meeting and we don't have a card reader yet, so please bring any change you have to spare.

**Gay's The Word, 66 Marchmont Street, WC1N 1AB**

*The Lovers Lounge*

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TUESDAY 14 FEBRUARY 2022

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there's a place here for you!

**VENUS BAR (ground flr)**  
6pm-6.45 pm lesbian speed dating  
7pm-7.45pm galentines games  
8pm-10pm live love songs

**MARS BAR (basement)**  
6pm-6.45pm gay speed dating  
7-7.45pm bisexual speed dating  
8-8.45pm poly plus speed dating  
9pm-10pm Love Roulette  
10pm-1am dirty dancing in the basement

from free to £5 - build your perfect Valentines night

\* 5pm-8pm  
\*\* advanced booking only

ZODIACBAR.CO.UK 119 Hampstead Rd, London NW1 3EE

**Tuesday 14th February**

**6 pm**

### **The Lovers Lounge at Zodiac**

At Zodiac whether you're LGBT or Q there a place for you! Since opening in Hampstead Road, Camden in November 2021 independently trans-owned venue Zodiac has become a favourite London LGBTQ+ space. Zodiac's upstairs bar and downstairs host a diverse variety of events including karaoke, open mic, club nights, comedy, cabaret and much more! On Tuesday 14th February the Lovers Lounge lands at Zodiac! Advanced booking is essential if you want to be there to build your perfect Valentine's Night.

**Booking at:** <https://www.outsavvy.com/event/11792/the-lovers-lounge-zodiac>

**Zodiac Bar, 119 Hampstead Road, Camden NW1 3EE**



**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February**

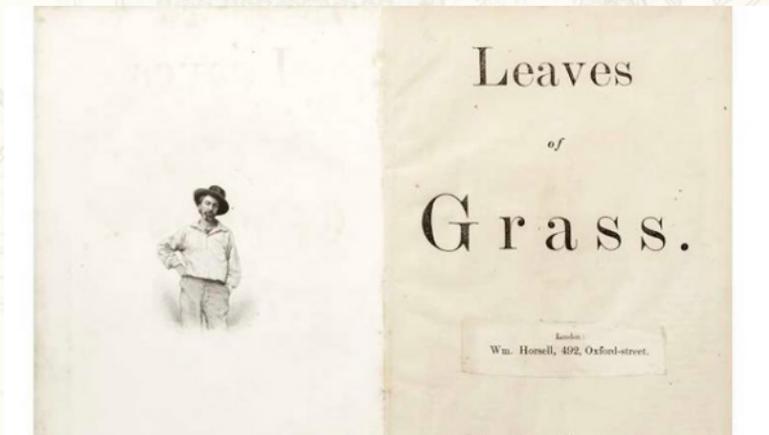
6.30 pm – 8.30 pm

**Nobody's Perfect: An Illustrated Talk on Gender Representation in Film and TV**

Our more enlightened representations of gender in film and tv have come a long way from the time of Billy Wilders *Some Like It Hot* in 1959 or Rainer Werner Fassbinder's *In The Year of 13 Moons* in 1979. Join us for an evening of stimulating visual exploration researched by students from Westminster University of Film Studies with a key note lecture talk by Professor Pippa Catterall. Light refreshments provided. No booking required. For more information, email [theartsproject1@gmail.com](mailto:theartsproject1@gmail.com)

<http://www.theartsprojectlondon.com>

**The Conference Centre Gallery, St Pancras Hospital, 4 St Pancras Way, NW1 OPE**



**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February**

7.30 pm – 8.45 pm

**Fluid Crossings: A Transatlantic Celebration of Walt Whitman's Radical Cultural Legacy**

Join an online talk by The British Library exploring Walt Whitman's *Leaves of Grass*. This talk by Karen Karbiener breathes life into *Leaves of Grass* and initiates the British Library's celebration of this enduring, extraordinary transatlantic cultural exchange during LGBTQ+ History Month. With readings by acclaimed illustrator and Whitman advocate Brian Selznick. Both Karen and Brian will take part in a live conversation and audience Q+A at the end of this online event. £2.50/£5

**Booking at: <https://www.bl.uk/events/those-blessed-gales-from-the-british-isles-walt-whitmans-leaves-of-grass-1855-2022>**



**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February**

7.30 pm

**Wild Onion**

Step into our circle and peel back the layers of this riotous, narrative cabaret. Blending theatre, dance, circus, and over 100 delightfully destroyed onions, Wild Onion brings three queer best friends together to explore and grow their chosen family. A *'highly recommended show'* (Fringe Review), described as *'a right-rollicking night out'* where the best tears are onion tears, and we guarantee not a dry eye in the house. All destroyed onions will be composted at the Sunnyside Community Garden in Islington. Tickets £14/£12

<https://www.pleasance.co.uk/event/wild-onion/performances>

**Pleasance Theatre Carpenters Mews, North Road, Islington, N7 9EF**



**Friday 17th February**

10 am – 11 am

**Under 5s Story Time – LGBT History Month Special!**

Come along and join Dani the storyteller as she explores the history of Islington's Pride movement. Play football with Stonewall FC, drive a red bus to the first ever Pride March and celebrate under a giant rainbow flag! You and your child will be invited to participate in an immersive storytelling experience which will help develop your child's communication and language, physical, social and emotional development through play and imagination. Free, though ticketed. 1 ticket per child is required to help us manage numbers.

**Booking at: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/under-5s-story-time-with-dani-lgbt-history-month-special-event-tickets-482427853697>**

**Cally Clock Tower Centre, Clock Tower View, Market Estate, Islington, N7 9HF**



**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> February**

11.30 am

**Haunting Squares: Bloomsbury LGBTQ+ History Tour**

Explore over 300 years of history around Bloomsbury - the beautiful historic hub of information and learning . We'll explore: pioneering women doctors, Victorians who crossed genders, Britain's favourite LGBTQ+ bookshop, a secret gay language, the Bloomsbury Group of free-loving intellectuals, an 18th century 'queer' space, a landmark novel, a historic queer-friendly pub, and more! The route is about 1.5 miles long, level and step-free. Your guide is Ric Morris, a professional Blue Badge Tourist Guide, with 20 years' experience guiding LGBTQ+ tours in London and Brighton

**[www.ricstours.co.uk](http://www.ricstours.co.uk) [www.onlyinbrighton.co.uk](http://www.onlyinbrighton.co.uk)**

**Book via: <https://outsavvy.com/event/11505/haunting-squares-bloomsbury-lgbtq-history-tour>**



**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> February**

2 pm – 4 pm

**Gay Holloway Walking Tour**

Gay Holloway – An X-rated walking tour up Holloway Road revealing gay clubs, shops, publications, politics, meeting places and residents. This walking tour will be led by an experienced and knowledgeable Islington Guide. The walk will take place on public streets so please take extra care. This tour contains adult themes and is not suitable for children. This tour contains adult themes and is not suitable for children. Free. Tickets must be booked online in advance: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/482376189167>

**The tour starts outside Highbury & Islington Underground station and finishes at Caledonian Park (Nearest Underground station: Caledonian Road).**



**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> February**

2 pm – 4 pm

**Gay Barnsbury Walking Tour**

Gay Barnsbury – Wend your way around the back streets of Barnsbury to discover its gay clubs, bars, politics, support and residents. Hear how even the famous had to hide their sexuality and what happened to those who didn't. This walking tour will be led by an experienced and knowledgeable Islington Guide. The walk will take place on public streets so please take extra care. This tour contains adult themes and is not suitable for children. This tour contains adult themes and is not suitable for children. Free. Tickets must be booked online in advance: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/482388345527>

**The tour starts outside Highbury & Islington Underground station and finishes at Caledonian Park (Nearest Underground station: Caledonian Road).**



**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February**

10 pm

**Dragaoke! The Karaoke Night Hosted By Drag Royalty**

Join drag royalty, Adam All & Apple Derrieres! for their weekly karaoke night at The Phoenix Arts Club, running every Monday from 10pm 'til late! Belt out your favourite tunes, from musical theatre, to pop medleys and more! The Phoenix Arts Club has been a friend and safe welcoming space to forum+ and the LGBTQ+ community over many years.

**Booking at: <https://bit.ly/PhoenixArtsClubDragaoke>  
Phoenix Arts Club, 1 Phoenix St, London WC2H 8BU**



**Wednesday 22nd February**

6.30 pm – 10 pm

**Incite!**

Join Incite! for an extra special double bill for LGBT History Month! From 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm poet Hannah Chutzpah hosts a creative writing workshop to help spark ideas and kindle some new pieces of writing about life viewed through the lens of your own unique experience. No previous experience necessary, just bring yourself and what to write with/on in the comfort of your own home. From 8:00 pm - 10:00 pm join Incite! for a spoken word gig with open mic and special guests! The forum+ spoken word event is free to join, for ages 18+ and our LGBT History Month special will take place online via Zoom. For the latest information, email [info@forumplus.org.uk](mailto:info@forumplus.org.uk)

**<https://www.facebook.com/IncitePoetry>**



**Wednesday 22nd February**

7.15 pm – 8.30 pm

**The Story of Aids: the Unheard Tapes**

The ground-breaking three part documentary series *Aids: The Unheard Tapes* was broadcast on BBC2 in June and July 2022. Discover how the amazing documentary was created using interviews archived at the British Library.

This event will bring together a roundtable to capture the perspectives of researchers who conducted the interviews, surviving interviewees, the programme-makers and British Library curatorial staff to explore the process of interviewing, the selection of testimony decades later for the programme, and the emotion and reception of this brilliant series.

**<https://www.bl.uk/events/the-story-of-aids-the-unheard-tapes>**

**Foyle Visitor and Learning Centre, The British Library,  
96 Euston Road, NW1 2DB**





**Thursday 23rd February**

1.30 pm – 3 pm

**Islington Carer's Hub Visit to Queer Britain**

Do you look after a friend, partner or relative? Islington Carers Hub provides support for Islington residents caring for a family member or friend. To mark LGBT+ History Month, we'd like to invite you to a free 40-minute guided tour of the Queer Britain Museum in Granary Square. We'll go to a local cafe afterwards – bring some cash for a coffee!

Free to book – limited places: Visit Queer Britain Museum

<https://islingtoncarershub.org/visit-queer-britain-museum/>

**Queer Britain, 2 Granary Square, London N1C 4BH**



## Saturday 25th February

11 am – 4 pm

### LGBTQ Film Day at The British Museum

forum+ is proud to present a very special LGBTQ Film Day in celebration of LGBT History Month. Join with us at The British Museum for a day of dynamic and diverse programming celebrating the LGBT History Month theme Behind The Lens.

11 am – 12.30 pm The morning session will feature three fantastic short films each with an LGBTQ team behind the lens: *Gay Black Group*, *What am I?* and *Sally Leapt Out of A Window Last Night*.

Between the morning and afternoon screenings there will be an opportunity to join a guided volunteer-led tour of some of the fascinating selection of objects at The British Museum with LGBTQ connections. Places on the tours will be on a first come basis.



2 pm – 4 pm

The afternoon screening will be a very special celebration of the legendary gay film maker Derek Jarman. Enjoy a screening of *The Tempest*, Derek Jarman's wildly imaginative version of Shakespeare's play.

After the screening of *The Tempest* we are going to be treated to a live reading by spoken word artist and poet **Simon Maddrell**, who will perform three powerful pieces of his poetry inspired by Derek Jarman.

LGBTQ+ Film Day at The British Museum is free to join, for ages 18+ and booking is essential

**Booking is essential: <https://bit.ly/LGBTQFilmDay>**



## **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February**

2 pm – 3.30 pm

### **From Mollies to Pride Fundraiser for Ukraine**

Dive into London's deep history of sexual diversity on this LGBTQ+ History Tour of Soho & Covent Garden & support The Ukrainian People. Meet the Mollies of C18th Covent Garden; take in the stories of John Wilmot, poet and libertine and Oscar Wilde. Hear the extraordinary story of a C18th soldier who challenged all the norms of gender identity. Discover how Soho became the heart of London's LGBT community. Hear about a Victorian scandal which rocked the establishment. We end at the at the Fitzroy Tavern headquarters of the Bohemian and artistic demimonde of the 1920s and 1930s. This is a fundraiser for the Disasters Emergency Committee Humanitarian Appeal for Ukraine. Please give generously. Suggested minimum £5.00 but there is no upper ceiling for your contributions.

**Booking at: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/from-mollies-to-pride-tickets-483807590527>**



**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February – Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> March**

7 pm

### **Grey Area**

Through mirrors & reflections, *Grey Area* is a semi-autobiographical play that guides the audience around the memories of the characters unveiling unspoken, difficult truths about love & morality. The play responds to two contemporary issues, homobitansphobia & ableism. By bringing its audience into a world of mirrors (designed by the winner of the Naomi Wilkinson Award for Stage Design 2019, Ioana Curelea), *Grey Area* throws away the typical chronological heteronormative narrative in favour of something fragmented, which encourages the audience to piece together the characters' memories in their own way.

Tickets £19/ £15 concession

<https://kingsheadtheatre.com/whats-on/grey-area>

**King's Head Theatre, 115 Upper St, Islington, N1 1QN**



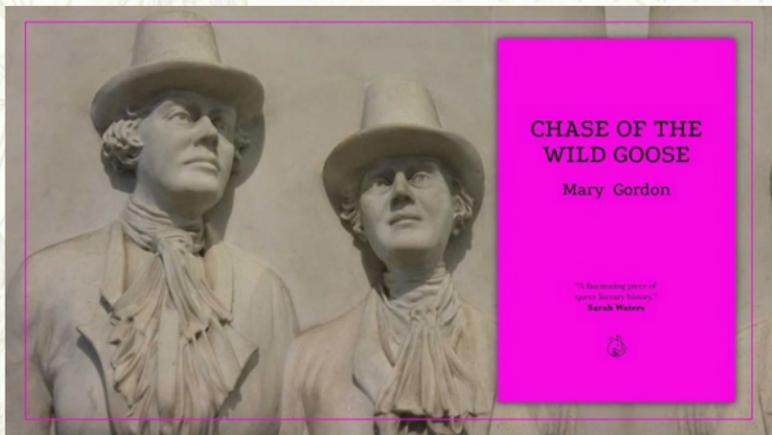
**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February**

3 pm – 5 pm

**Age UK Islington Breakfast Club - LGBT+ Quiz**

Let's close the LGBT+ History Month 2023 with a special edition of the monthly Age UK Islington Breakfast Club get together on the last Tuesday in February. The Breakfast Club team will organise an LGBT+ History Month themed quiz. Participants must be 50+ years old and need to be registered with Age UK Islington to take part - to register, contact 020 7281 6018 / [gethelp@ageukislington.org.uk](mailto:gethelp@ageukislington.org.uk).

**The Breakfast Club, 31 Camden Passage, N1 8EA**



**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February**

7.00 pm – 8.15 pm

**The Ladies of Llangollen: Mary Gordon's Chase of the Wild Goose**

Join an online talk by The British Library on *Chase of the Wild Goose*, a forgotten queer classic celebrating the Ladies of Llangollen. This event brings together publisher D-M Withers, historian Alison Oram and writer Frances Bingham in discussion of a historical novel described by Sarah Waters as a 'fascinating piece of queer literary history'. Speakers will examine the enduring significance of the Ladies as queer icons, whose imagery and energy continues to powerfully reverberate across history. £2.50/£5

**Booking at: <https://www.bl.uk/events/the-ladies-of-llangollen-mary-gordons-chase-of-the-wild-goose>**



**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February – Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April**

Tuesday - Saturday 7:30pm (matinees on select Saturdays at 3:00pm)

### **After The Act**

After The Act a new musical about pride, protest, and abseiling lesbians! Section 28: the landmark legislation that silenced a generation and offered a blueprint for LGBTQ+ oppression around the world. Twenty years after its repeal, the children of Section 28 are taking to the stage. Multi-award-winning NDT Associates Breach (*It's True, It's True, It's True*) unpack a turning point in LGBTQ+ British history, singing and dancing over the grave of this national anniversary.

**Booking at:** <https://newdiorama.com/whats-on/after-the-act>

**New Diorama Theatre, 15-16 Triton Street, NW1 3BF**

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homophobic, biphobic and transphobic hate crime  
and discrimination.**

Contact forum+ to make an appointment to discuss your options. We can support you in reporting LGBT hate crimes to the police and relevant council departments. You can also report a crime to us without the need to involve the police by using our non-police reporting scheme. We can also put you in contact with other agencies and support groups within the wider community, to receive further guidance and support.

To report a hate crime, or seek advice, please contact forum+:

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# **Connect with the LGBTQ+ community in Camden & Islington**

forum+ is an independent charity working to promote equality for LGBTQ+ people in Camden and Islington.

We host social groups and events which celebrate LGBTQ+ life and reduce social isolation & loneliness.

We provide support services to victims of homophobic, biphobic and transphobic hate crime.

forum+ offers bespoke training and consultancy on LGBTQ+ equality to local businesses, voluntary and statutory organisations.

We have a wonderful team of volunteers who are integral to us delivering our services and we welcome enquiries about volunteering with forum+.

All of our services are available to persons aged 18 or above.

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## PLEASE NOTE:

Some events may be subject to cancellation,  
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Please check with event organisers before you attend.

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