

Camden & Islington LGBT History Month February 2025

ACTIVISM AND SOCIAL CHANGE



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

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Camden & Islington LGBT History Month 2025

Welcome to Camden & Islington LGBT History Month 2025! forum+ is very proud to present a fantastic programme of activities and events celebrating the history and achievements of the LGBT community. We invite everyone to join the festivities and explore LGBT history through art workshops, exhibitions, guided walks, history talks and more!

The theme for LGBT History Month 2025 is *Activism and Social Change*. This February we'll reflect on the achievements of the past and pay tribute to the amazing activists who have campaigned for equality. Let's learn together about the inspirational Camden and Islington individuals, campaigners and community groups, who achieved so much positive social change.

This year's LGBT History Month programme is a true community effort, creating an exciting line up of activities and events celebrating our culture and heritage. Camden and Islington's rich LGBT history is brought to life in this collection of over 40 diverse engagements, designed to educate, entertain and inspire.

Thank you for joining in Camden and Islington LGBT History Month 2025. We are extremely grateful for the support of our funders, Camden Council and Islington Council and our wonderful community for their generous donation of time and effort. We hope you enjoy the programme and wish you a Happy LGBT History Month!

Tessa Havers-Strong
forum+ Director



Sunday 2nd February

5.30 pm

Sufferjitsu and LGBTQ+ History Classes

On Sundays and Thursdays during February join a series of engaging classes that combine self-defence, fitness and martial arts training with discussions on LGBTQ+ history and activism. Camden Kempo's LGBTQ+ martial arts classes are way more than just workouts. It's a vibrant community where you can be yourself, build confidence, and learn practical self-defence skills. Participants will learn valuable self-defence techniques while exploring the contributions of LGBTQ+ activists and the importance of resilience in our community. Classes are led by amazing instructors who champion inclusivity and all levels are welcome.

Booking at <https://www.outsavvy.com/event/10156/learn-martial-art-in-camden-town>

**Holborn House Community Centre 35 Emerald Street,
WC1N 3QW**

TRANSPACE

WHAT:
A FACILITATED
SOCIAL SPACE TO
CONNECT WITH
TRANS*
COMMUNITY WITH
A FOCUS ON
TRANS+ HISTORY.

WHO:
TRANS,
NONBINARY AND
GENDER
NONCONFORMING
PEOPLE (18+)

WHEN:
3RD FEBRUARY

WHERE:
SWISS COTTAGE
(FULL ADDRESS
PROVIDED VIA
EMAIL)

HOW:
PLEASE GET IN TOUCH TO REGISTER YOUR
INTEREST
lgbtqspaces@likewise.org.uk
020 7278 4437

Reach Out Camden
Wellbeing Alliance

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Monday 3rd February

5.30 pm - 7 pm

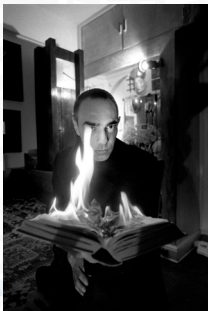
LGBTQ+ History themed Transpace

Transpace is a social support space for any trans, nonbinary or gender nonconforming people (18+). It is a laid back, facilitated space where the group chats and spends time together. The session on Monday 3rd of February will be LGBTQ+ history themed, giving attendees a space to discuss their feelings on the month and, if they'd like, to share moments, movements and people from LGBTQ+ history that hold importance for them. Transpace is an open and facilitated Trans social support space where attendees join (semi-)guided peer discussions on a range of topics, with an overall focus on wellbeing/ mental health

<https://likewise.org.uk/our-community/transpace/>

For registration please email:

lgbtqspaces@likewise.org.uk



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Tuesday 4th February

6 pm – 8 pm

Derek Jarman - From Phoenix House to Prospect Cottage

In July 1979, Derek Jarman, film maker, renowned LGBTQ+ activist and a key figure in the campaign against Section 28, moved to a tiny flat in Phoenix House, Charing Cross Road. This illustrated talk explores Jarman's life and work there, his little-known 'city garden,' and the life-changing events of 1986 that led to his relocation to Prospect Cottage, Dungeness. Artist, curator, and historian Jane Palm-Gold will explore how Jarman found peace and purpose in his iconic garden project.

No Booking Required <https://www.lovecamden.org/whats-on/derek-jarman-from-phoenix-house-to-prospect-cottage>

**Camden Local Studies & Archives Centre 2nd Floor,
Holborn Library, 32-38 Theobalds Road, WC1X 8PA**

Cooking With **Pride!**

LGBT Cookery Class & Social

Tuesday 4th February

6 pm - 9 pm

St Luke's Community Centre



Tuesday 4th February

6 pm – 9 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! The cookery class and social first took place during LGBT History Month 2020 and has been held at St Luke's regularly since Pride Month 2022. *Cooking With Pride* is a warm, welcoming and inclusive social group where we join together to learn recipes and enjoy a delicious meal. On Tuesday 4th February we will be guided through the steps to prepare and cook a warming winter menu. Celebrate LGBT History Month, wear the rainbow and show your pride in the kitchen at St Luke's! The event is for the LGBT community and pre booking is essential. For more information email info@forumplus.org.uk

Booking at www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/cooking-with-pride-tickets-1217708752659

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



Wednesday 5th February

6.45 pm – 7.45 pm

BOYS! BOYS! BOYS! MEETS ... WILLIAM BAKER

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Booking at BOYS! BOYS! BOYS! MEETS ... WILLIAM BAKER

BOYS! BOYS! BOYS! Gallery Café, 30C Warren Street, Fitzrovia, W1T 5NF



Wednesday 5th February

6.15 pm & 7.15 pm

Guided Tour - We Are LGBTQIA+ ESEA

This LGBTQ+ Month visit Queer Britain and celebrate the Lunar New Year (year of the snake!) and the Lantern Festival. Get immersed in a special guided tour by the “Rabbit God” in English or Mandarin of the ESEA residency programme, where you will have the chance to hear about the artworks on display and the residency programme.

These very special tours are organised by Queer China UK, a community organisation dedicated to bringing together, supporting, and advocating for Chinese LGBTQ+ diaspora. Tour in English from 6.15 pm – 7 pm and Tour in Mandarin from 7.15 pm – 8 pm.

Booking at <https://www.outsavvy.com/event/24154/we-are-lgbtqia-easea-tours>

Queer Britain, 2 Granary Square Kings Cross, N1C 4BH



LESBIAN DISCUSSION GROUP

Wednesday 5th February

8.00 pm

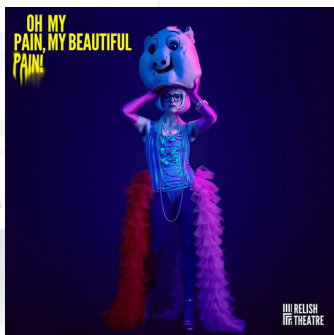
Lesbian Discussion Group

Join the legendary LDG in February for a discussion and debate at Gay's The Word. LDG now in its 44th year aims 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. The group meet every Wednesday and no registration is necessary. Spaces are limited and allocated on a first-come-first-served basis. The Older Lesbian Discussion Group meet at Gay's The Word on the last Wednesday of every month.

For more information visit:

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

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



Thursday 6th February

7 pm – 9 pm

Oh My Pain, My Beautiful Pain!

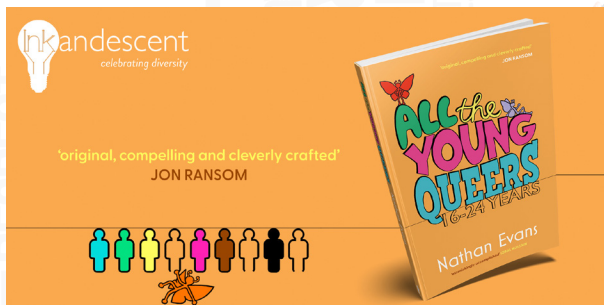
The Pleasance Theatre in Islington is one of London's most exciting Off-West End theatres, running since 1995.

A wide range of Queer comedy, plays and musicals are staged at the venue. This LGBT History Month watch *Oh My Pain, My Beautiful Pain!* - a brand new play from the whirlwind featuring drag, cabaret and clowning (and pigs!)

This fast-paced satirical play uses drag to explore the cultural impetus on artists to exploit deeply personal stories in their work, and exposes the personal cost of working in an industry that wants more pain, more truth, more trauma. This is a play you won't want to miss!

Booking at <https://www.pleasance.co.uk/event/oh-my-pain-my-beautiful-pain>

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



Thursday 6th February

7 pm – 9 pm

Book Launch: All the Young Queers

Join Inkandescent at Gay's The Word for the launch of *All the Young Queers*, the debut collection of short fiction by Nathan Evans. Inkandescent celebrate LGBTQ+ History Month with the publication of the debut collection of short fiction from the author of Polari Prize longlisted novella *One Last Song*. With wine, reading and book signing. *All the Young Queers: 16—24 Years* features nine stories and nine characters—one for each youthful year. Spanning metrosexual metropolises and unknown universes, from end-of-the-twentieth-century to end-of-the-world-as-we-know-it, these tender tales are told with humour and inventiveness. Booking is essential and at the event there will be wine, reading and book signing.

Booking at www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/book-launch-all-the-young-queers-tickets-1131096793959

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



Friday 7th February

6 pm – 8.30 pm

Launch of Loudest Whispers Exhibition 2025

Join the launch of Loudest Whispers and be the first to view the exhibition featuring over 40 LGBT artists! Celebrate 15 years of Loudest Whispers and view both established and new artists exhibiting a range of multi media artwork linked to LGBT History Month. Hear from keynote speakers and very special guests including The Mayor of Camden, Peter Herbert and Tessa Havers-Strong with MC Herr Boli presiding. Enjoy entertainment including poetry, drag king/queens, singer musician Sarah Vista and our legendary cat walk fashion show choreographed by artiste Madame Crumpet. For information please email theartsproject1@gmail.com

Booking at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/loudest-whispers-2025-opening-night-tickets-1203903611109>

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



Gay's The Word

During LGBT History Month why not pay a visit to Gay's The Word? Bookshop The iconic Camden bookshop has been at the heart of the capital's LGBTQ+ rights movement since opening on 17th January 1979. Gay's The Word has served as the meeting place of pioneering activist collectives like The Gay Black Group and Lesbians and Gays Support The Miners. The bookshop continues to host events and is a home for LGBT community groups such as the Lesbian Discussion Group, London Ace Book Club and the Black Lesbian Discussion Group.

For up to date information on Gay's The Word please visit: www.gaystheword.co.uk

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

ISLINGTON 'S

Pride



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.

[Heritage Map – Islington's Pride \(islingtonspride.com\)](http://islingtonspride.com)



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. <https://www.britishmuseum.org/visit/object-trails/desire-love-identity-lgbtq-histories> The trail is free with general museum entry.

Booking <https://www.britishmuseum.org/visit>

The British Museum, Great Russell St, WC1B 3DG



Saturday 8th February

1.30 pm- 4.30 pm

Discovering South-Asian LGBTQ History – 30 years of Club Kali Activism

Visit Islington Museum for an exciting LGBT+ History Month event, exploring the rich history of *South-Asian LGBTQ activism through the lens of Club Kali*. Participate in an immersive Living Library experience, in which Kali members will tell you about partying away at the Dome in Islington, and what it was like to be part of the UK's first ever safe space welcoming LGBTQ+ South Asian people to celebrate their diverse heritage. Club Kali: "Where East Meets West" and Islington's Pride are heritage projects funded by The National Lottery Heritage Fund, made possible by National Lottery Players.

Booking at www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/lgbt-history-month-2025-discovering-30-years-of-club-kali-activism-tickets-1142935323319

Islington Museum, 245 St John St, London EC1V 4NB



Saturday 8th February

2 pm

ESEA Queer Lunar New Year and Lantern Festival Workshop

This LGBTQ+ Month visit Queer Britain and celebrate the Lunar New Year (year of the snake!) and the Lantern Festival. Be part of a workshop where you can get a chance to try your hands at calligraphy, couplets writing, paper lantern decorating, and riddle writing to accompany the lanterns! Facilitator Jiaxi is a creative producer with a background in theatre and fine art, currently working in higher education. All materials for the workshop will be provided, though you are welcome to bring your own decorations to add to your paper lantern.

Booking at <https://www.outsavvy.com/event/24155/esea-queer-lunar-new-year-and-lantern-festival-workshop>

Queer Britain, 2 Granary Square Kings Cross, N1C 4BH



Saturday 8th February – Friday 28th February

Various times

Celebrate LGBT History Month at The Garden Cinema

From 8th – 28th February, the gorgeous Garden Cinema is celebrating LGBT History Month. Visit the cinema and enjoy a selection of contemporary and classic queer titles (some of which have been chosen by members), alongside exciting partnership events. Hear expert introductions, join panel discussions and meet up with old friends and new in the beautiful cinema bar.

The full line up of films for LGBT History Month can be found on the Garden Cinema website

More information and booking at <https://www.thegardencinema.co.uk/season/lgbt-history-month-2025/>

The Garden Cinema, 39-41 Parker Street, WC2B 5PQ



Sunday 9th February

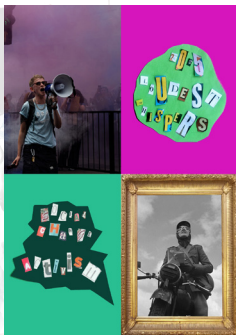
2 pm – 3.30 pm

50+ Years of Islington LGBT History Guided Walk

Join with forum+ on a guided walk commemorating 50+ years of Islington LGBT History! Celebrate LGBT History Month by learning about Islington's significant LGBT "firsts"! Hear about the UK's first gay mayor, LGBT rights demonstration and MP. Explore the local area that was home to legendary Derek Jarman and the extraordinary Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence! There are so many points of interest on this fascinating walk from Angel Tube Station to Highbury Fields. *Booking is essential and please note that this walk is for ages 18 and over.

Booking at www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/50-years-of-islington-lgbt-history-guided-walk-tickets-1217830396499

From Angel Tube Station, N1 9LQ



Monday 10th February – Friday 16th May

9 am – 5 pm excluding Public Holidays

Loudest Whispers Exhibition

Visit the Loudest Whispers Exhibition and view artwork from a wide range of professional and self-taught artists. Celebrate LGBT History Month and 15 years of Loudest Whispers, London's ground breaking LGBT art exhibition. Enjoy exploring the work of diverse, professional and self-taught outsider artists, drawn from the local and wider LGBT community and exhibited in a unique health care location. forum+ is proud to support Loudest Whispers and looks forward to events linked to the exhibition including the third LGBT Shorts Film Festival on 5th April. For more information on Loudest Whispers 2025 email

Theartsproject1@gmail.com

**Loudest Whispers Exhibition, The Conference Centre
Gallery, St Pancras Hospital, 4 St Pancras Way, NW1
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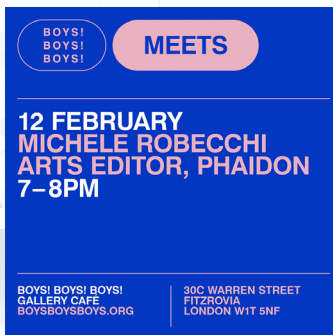
Tuesday 11th February

7 pm – 8 pm

forum+ In Conversation with Lisa Power on Activism and Social Change

Join with forum+ for a conversation with legendary Lisa Power. Explore the LGBT History Month theme of *Activism & Social Change* with Lisa, as she speaks about her life of campaigning and memories of activism in Camden and Islington. Lisa Power has been an LGBT campaigner for over four decades and in the 1980s she lived in Camden and Islington, playing a key role in the area as it became an important battleground for LGBT rights. During that time she co-founded the Pink Paper and Stonewall, as well being a volunteer for the Lesbian & Gay Switchboard which was based at Housmans Bookshop in Kings Cross. This very special event for LGBT History Month will take place at the Hemingford Arms in Islington, is free to join and for ages 18 and over.

**Booking at [Lisa Power on Activism and Social Change](#)
The Hemingford Arms, 158 Hemingford Road, N1 1DF**



Wednesday 12th February

6.45 pm – 7.45 pm

BOYS! BOYS! BOYS! MEETS ... MICHELE ROBECCHI

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Booking at BOYS! BOYS! BOYS! MEETS ... MICHELE ROBECCHI

BOYS! BOYS! BOYS! Gallery Café, 30C Warren Street, Fitzrovia, W1T 5NF



Thursday 13th February

6 pm

Jubilee

The Garden Cinema is proud to present three screenings of Jubilee. In Jubilee, legendary British filmmaker Derek Jarman channelled political dissent and artistic daring into a revolutionary blend of history and fantasy, musical and cinematic experimentation, satire and anger, fashion and philosophy. Ahead of its time and often frighteningly accurate in its predictions, the film is a fascinating historical document and a gorgeous work of film art. The screening on 13th February is introduced by BFI artist's moving image Curator William Fowler, and will be followed by a post-film discussion group in the cinema bar. There are also screenings taking place on Friday 21st and Sunday 23rd February.

Booking at <https://www.thegardencinema.co.uk/film/jubilee/>

The Garden Cinema, 39-41 Parker Street, WC2B 5PQ



Friday 14th February

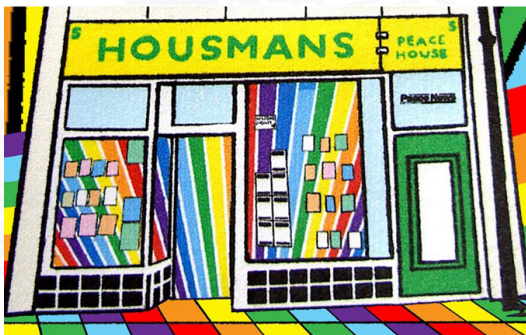
7.30 pm – 11 pm

Central Station Karaoke Night

Central Station is Islington's oldest LGBT Bar and has been a friend and safe welcoming space to London's LGBT community for many years, helping raise thousands for HIV/AIDS charities and has played host to LGBT theatre and numerous community groups from footballers to faith groups, as well as funeral services. For over 10 incredible years DJ Chris has hosted Karaoke at Central Station. Sing your heart out and be part of this warm, welcoming and very special karaoke community. Pre booking isn't necessary.

More information <https://centralstation.co.uk/whats-on/>

Central Station, 37 Wharfdale Road, N1 9SD



Housmans Bookshop

On Caledonian Road, Islington visit iconic radical bookshop Housmans. In the 1970s and 1980s it became a hive of LGBT+ activism. The Gay Liberation Front had offices there and the London Lesbian & Gay Switchboard also operated an information and support helpline for five hours every evening from above the shop. Housmans continues to be a home for London's LGBT community and each month hosts *Housmans Queer Book Club*, *The Melanated Queers Reading Collective* and *The Queer Girls' Book Club*.

More information and booking at

<https://housmans.com/book-groups/>

Housmans Bookshop 5 Caledonian Road, N1 9DX



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Saturday 15th February

11 am – 4.30 pm

LGBTQ+ History Month Community Event

On Saturday 15th February join forum⁺ and the Community Partnerships Team at the British Museum for a day long, community focused event marking LGBT History Month. There is going to be so much to enjoy as we explore the theme of *Activism and Social Change*. Choose from a number of creative and wellbeing activities including talks, tours, film screenings and more!

Drop-in All Day (11 am – 4 pm)

Zine-Making with Sophie-Kathleen

Object Handling with the Community Partnerships Team

Conversation Corner with forum⁺

Documentary Screening of *Discovering Kali – 25 Years of the Legendary Club*

Timed talks and activities

11.15 am - 12.00 pm

**Making the LGBTQ Badge display & Show and Tell:
Bring your own badges!**

12.30 pm - 1.15 pm and 1.45 pm - 2.30 pm

Meditation with Club Kali

Limited spaces available and sign up required.

12.30 pm -12.50 pm and 2 pm -2.20 pm

Pop-up talks at the LGBTQ+ badge display

1 pm - 1.30 pm and 3 pm - 3.30 pm

British Museum Pop up LGBTQ+ tours

Limited spaces available and sign up required.

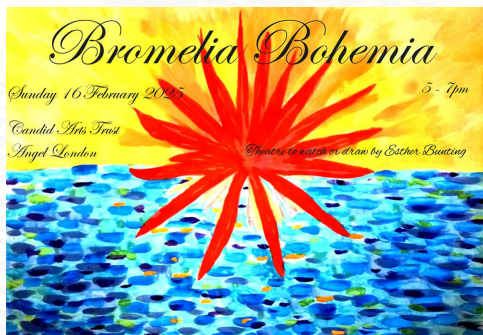
2.30 pm - 4.30 pm

Film Screening: *Pride*

The *LGBTQ+ History Month Community Event* is free to join, for ages 18+ and pre booking is essential. Certain activities will have limited spaces that are allocated on a first come first serve basis. We encourage early arrival to avoid disappointment.

Full event information and booking at [LGBTQ+ History Month Community Event](#)

The British Museum, Great Russell Street, WC1B 3DG



Sunday 16th February

5 pm – 7 pm

Bromelia Bohemia

Bromelia Bohemia is a one woman play written and performed by artist, playwright and creative facilitator Esther Bunting. Join in the joy and exhilaration of the narrative with lots of music, sound effects, and some costumes as well as nudity. Immerse yourself in this theatre performance you can watch or draw, about a woman doctor in Victorian London coming of age, and her house plant. Follow the gripping story of this lesbian doctors' life and work based in Somers Town, close to Euston.

More information and booking at www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/bromelia-bohemia-tickets-1118185566129

Candid Arts Trust. Basement Studio, 3 Torrens Street, EC1V 1NQ



Sunday 16th February

7 pm – 8.30 pm

Sunday Night Salon: Queer Renaissance

Following the sell-out success of 'Socrate' this summer, CN Lester & Leo Doulton return to Gay's the Word for another queer salon. Join an interactive salon, hosted by the legendary Gay's the Word, inspired by our queer Renaissance forebears. 500 years ago Michelangelo wrote his exquisite sonnets of longing and desire to Roman nobleman Tommaso dei Cavalieri: 400 years ago Strozzi composed and sang of queer love and betrayal to the intelligentsia of Venice. We invite you to celebrate their poetry and music, and the ideas they provoke, with friends old and new in the intimate space of the UK's oldest queer bookshop.

Booking at www.eventbrite.com/e/sunday-night-salon-queer-renaissance-tickets-1042840773827

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



**Sunday 16th February, Saturday 22nd February and
Friday 28th February**

2.30 pm, 12 pm & 6.15 pm

**Desire, love, identity – an LGBTQ tour of the British
Museum**

Explore objects in the collection linked to the themes of desire, love and identity. Join a volunteer-led tour and discover a fascinating selection of objects with LGBTQ+ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer) connections. The tour ranges from the ancient world to the present day, and includes some of the most famous artworks on display. The tour will last for 70 minutes and advance booking is essential.

Booking at www.britishmuseum.org/events/desire-love-identity-lgbtq-tour-british-museum

The British Museum, Great Russell Street, WC1B 3DG



Monday 17th February

5.30 pm – 7 pm

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<https://likewise.org.uk/our-community/queerspace/>

To register (and receive the address) please email lgbtqspaces@likewise.org.uk



Wednesday 19th February

6.45 pm – 7.45 pm

BOYS! BOYS! BOYS! MEETS ... STUART LINDEN RHODES

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Booking at BOYS! BOYS! BOYS! MEETS ... STUART LINDEN RHODES

BOYS! BOYS! BOYS! Gallery Café, 30C Warren Street, Fitzrovia, W1T 5NF



The Rainbow Room

Thursday 20th February

6.30 – 9.30 pm

LGBTQ+ History Month x Special Collection

The Rainbow Room invites all the community to an evening in celebration of LGBTQIA+ history at London Met University. The Special Collections team will introduce the evening by exploring selected records from the University Archive at London Met, alongside a living wall display highlighting historical documents, photographs and ephemera collected. This will be followed by a chance to meet other people and share your stories. The evening is free to join and refreshments will be provided.

Booking at www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/lgbtq-history-month-x-special-collections-tickets-1115571166389

Room BPLG-03a, London Metropolitan University, 166-220 Holloway Road, N7 8DB

50 YEARS OF LGBTQ+ SUPPORT LONDON FRIEND

London Friend

Islington based charity London Friend is the oldest LGBT charity in the UK. Since its establishment in 1972 the charity has been dedicated to the health and mental wellbeing of the LGBT community. London Friend remains committed to supporting LGBT people in all aspects of their lives, providing training and consultancy on LGBT health and wellbeing issues as well as running support groups. London Friend is the home of Antidote (the UK's only alcohol and drug support group for LGBTQ+ individuals) and hosts regular social support groups, workshops and events.

For up to date information on London Friend visit
<https://londonfriend.org.uk/>

London Friend, 86 Caledonian Road, N1 9DN



Gay Gooners

Gay Gooners is Arsenal Football Club's official supporters' group for LGBT+ fans. Established in February 2013, they are the first and largest LGBT+ fans group in England, with over a thousand of members in the UK and overseas. Gay Gooners exists to provide a social group for LGBT Arsenal fans, allies and their friends to meet up, provide a safe and welcoming space, and campaign to kick homophobia, biphobia and transphobia out of football. Gay Gooners holds meet-ups near Emirates Stadium before home fixtures, group trips to away games and organises regular social events. Members receive regular newsletters about forthcoming events and LGBT football news.

For more information on Gay Gooners visit:

<https://www.arsenal.com/fanzone/gay-gooners>



Saturday 22nd February

2.15 pm – 4.45 pm

Loudest Whispers: Activism & Social Change with Un Chant D'Amour

Join an afternoon exploring the LGBT History Month 2025 theme of Activism & Social Change. Enjoy a screening of *Un chant d'amour*, Jean Genet's "most famous gay short in European History" as described by Tony Rayns. Once banned 1950 film has evolved into a potent metaphor about wider issues relating to the clash between desire and institutional authority. The event includes a gallery talk by Peter Herbert with artists linked to selected artwork on display in Loudest Whispers and a panel discussion led by Professor Pippa Catterall with experts linked to Genet and the theme of activism and social change. This event is free to join, for ages 18 and over.

Booking at www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/activism-social-change-with-un-chant-damour-tickets-1119720777989

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



Sunday 23rd February

5 pm

MEGA Karaoke Sunday at Zodiac

At Zodiac whether you're LGBT or Q there a place for you! Since opening in Hampstead Road, Camden in November 2021 Zodiac has become a favourite local LGBTQ+ space. An all singing and all dancing venue hosting a diverse variety of events including karaoke, open mic, club nights, comedy, cabaret and much more! Every Sunday release your inner Diva at MEGA Karaoke! Choose from an extensive catalogue of songs and performance with amazing sound and lights that every star deserves! Come sing your heart out and experience karaoke like never before! Entry for MEGA Karaoke Sunday is free and for ticket holders only.

Booking at www.outsavvy.com/event/24360/mega-karaoke-sunday

Zodiac Bar, 119 Hampstead Road, NW1 3EE



Monday 24th February

6.30 pm – 8 pm

Queer Art Club - Life Drawing Session

Islington South Library presents a special life drawing session unveiling Emily Dickinson's quite queer rebellion. Beyond her verses, which we will read throughout the evening, Dickinson's life hints at a narrative intertwined with the complexities of LGBTQ+ identity. Our model will be dressed up as Emily Dickinson and will do a variety of poses for you to draw. We will provide basic materials but feel free to bring your own if you wish. The session is free to join, for ages 18+ and pre booking isn't necessary.

More information at south.library@islington.gov.uk

Islington South Library, 115-117 Essex Road, N1 2SL



Tuesday 25th February

6 pm – 8 pm

Queer Anatomies with Michael Sappol

In Celebration of LGBT+ History Month, the Royal College of Physicians (RCP) Museum will host American historian of the visual culture of medicine and science, Michael Sappol, to discuss his new book *Queer Anatomies*. Sexual body-parts and same-sex desire were unrepresentable in 18th- and 19th-century print culture. Yet one science – anatomy – had license to picture intimate details of the naked human body, rectum and genitalia included. Join this illustrated talk in person or online to explore this often-overlooked archive of closeted queer expression given appreciative consideration in *Queer Anatomies*. The in-person evening will include a drinks reception and chance to explore a display of some of the original source materials held in the RCP archive and heritage library.

Booking at *Queer Anatomies* with Michael Sappol

Royal College of Physicians Museum, 11 St Andrews Place, Regent's Park, NW1 4LE



Tuesday 25th February

7 pm

Stalled

Olivier, Tony, and Drama Desk Awards nominee Lauren Ward (Stranger Things: The First Shadow, Dear Evan Hansen) leads the cast in the World Premiere of STALLED, a new musical about mothers, daughters and moving on. Lost-but-searching Maggie meets a frazzled mother, a neurodivergent daughter, a fierce 16-year-old poet and a queer computer scientist as they navigate the ups and downs of modern life with heart and courage. With soul-stirring melodies and a rare authenticity, their inspiring stories make for an unforgettable celebration of women, motherhood, and the power of unexpected friendship. The performance on Tuesday 25th February is pay what you can.

Booking at <https://kingsheadtheatre.com/whats-on/stalled-a-new-musical>

King's Head Theatre, 115 Upper Street, N1 1QN



Wednesday 26th February

5 pm – 8 pm

Rainbow Reels: Unicorns

Visit the Rainbow Room at London Met and join a vibrant event celebrating the magic of LGBTQ+ cinema. February's Rainbow Reels selection is *Unicorns*, the drama film celebrating queer south Asian club culture with added superstar drag queens! Rainbow Reels takes place at the Rainbow Room on the last Thursday of each month. Don't miss this opportunity to connect with fellow film lovers and celebrate the power of storytelling, all accompanied by light refreshments. For anything else, BYOD! Tickets are free and booking is advised.

Booking at www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/rainbow-reels-unicorns-tickets-1206768660549

London Metropolitan University, 166-220 Holloway Road, Rainbow Room, BPLG-03



Wednesday 26th February

6.45 pm – 7.45 pm

BOYS! BOYS! BOYS! MEETS ... Stéphane Gizard

Boys! Boys! Boys! Gallery Café is a new a new cultural hub to promote queer and gay fine art photography. Every Wednesday evening the gallery café hosts *Boys! Boys! Boys! MEETS* where a leading member of the community shares their story. There are four fantastic events to join during LGBT History Month. On Wednesday 26th February meet Stéphane Gizard, a French photographer whose fine art photography work is synonymous with 'boys'. His unique and distinct style is classic and distinctly 'French'. He has published many best selling books included *Modern Lovers*, *Irréversible* and *New Faces*. His new BOYS! BOYS! BOYS! Zine is published to coincide with this event.

Booking at BOYS! BOYS! BOYS! MEETS ... Stéphane Gizard

BOYS! BOYS! BOYS! Gallery Café, 30C Warren Street, Fitzrovia, W1T 5NF



Wednesday 26th February

7 pm – 8 pm

From Protests to Progress: LGBTQ+ Activism in Camden

Join a thought-provoking discussion exploring Camden's rich history of LGBTQ+ activism, culture, and community over the past 60 years. As part of 2025's LGBTQ+ History Month theme, "Activism and Social Change," we'll reflect on key moments of resistance, joy, and progress that have shaped the borough's identity. Together, we'll celebrate Camden's vibrant LGBTQ+ community and look ahead to the future of equality and inclusion. This event is pay what you can with all proceeds donated to charity [forum](#)[±].

Booking at <https://www.lovecamden.org/whats-on/protests-to-progress>

Claudia Jones Room, Camden Town Hall, Judd Street, Kings Cross, WC1H 9JE



London Lesbian Kickabout

Helping Lesbians to Score Since 1999

Thursday 27th February

6.30 pm

London Lesbian Kickabout

For over 25 years London Lesbian Kickabout has been organising friendly football meet ups for lesbians. On a fresh September morning in 1999, a bunch of lost London Lesbians who love football started to kick a ball in Regent's Park. "Helping Lesbians To Score Since 1999" LLKA holds friendly football kickabouts every other Sunday on the grass pitch at Regent's Park and the club also hosts at Thursday Football Kickabout in Camden. The club is based on the goals of social, open access to all lesbians who want

to play football and have a good time while doing it! Find more information on LLKA at [https://www.facebook.com/](https://www.facebook.com/LondonLezbianKickabout)

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Booking at <https://www.meetup.com/llka-london-lesbian-kickabout/>

Cantelowes Park Astro Pitch 212 Camden Road, NW1 9HG



Thursday 27th February

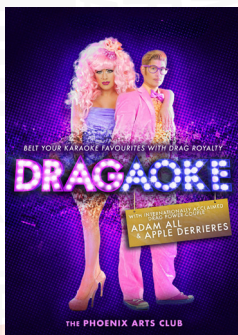
7 pm

Adapted Relaxed Beginners Bollyqueer

Bollyqueer is a Bollywood dance class made for and by queer people. It aims to encourage empowerment by breaking down gender and sexuality norms and recognising those who exist beyond the gender binary. The adapted beginners class is the perfect introduction to the bollyqueer community and is for anyone regardless of dance ability or experience. This adapted session will have a relaxed approach to noise and movement, sensory adaptations, and a limited capacity to ensure the space doesn't feel too overwhelming. Please email vinay@bollyqueer.com to discuss your access needs and for more information about Bollyqueer.

Booking at <https://bollyqueer.com/classes/ola/services/adapted-relaxed-beginners-bollyqueer-london-2>

**Old Diorama Arts Centre, Regents Place, 201
Drummond Street, NW1 3FE**



Thursday 27th February
11 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 Thursday from 11 pm 'til late! Belt out your favourite tunes, from musical theatre, to pop medleys and more! For over 35 years The Phoenix Arts Club has been dazzling crowds, and now welcomes 100,000 cabaret lovers a year to its nightly cabaret shows, featuring the best in cabaret and variety from drag to musical theatre, burlesque to aerial, comedy and so much more!

Booking at: <https://phoenixartsclub.com/events/dragaoke-the-karaoke-night-hosted-by-drag-royalty/>
Phoenix Arts Club, 1 Phoenix St, London WC2H 8BU



Friday 28th February

5.30 pm – 8 pm

forum+ at Rainbow Paddlers

Join forum+ at Rainbow Paddlers – the paddlesport session at the Pirate Castle, hosted by and for the LGBTQ+ community. Exercising near water and greenery has been shown to reduce anxiety, improve mental health and wellbeing. We love our sessions on the beautiful stretch of Regent's Canal in the heart of Camden and enjoying a friendly social together afterwards. The forum+ visit to Rainbow Paddlers is for ages 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 paddlesport sessions run by and for the LGBTQ+ community.

Booking at www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/forum-at-rainbow-paddlers-lgbtq-kayaking-tickets-1217677148129

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

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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.

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