

OutStories Bristol

Recording the lives of lesbian, gay, bisexual and trans people in Bristol

Wanted - your stories!

Many of the stories of lesbians, gay men, bisexuals and trans (LGBT) people have been lost because there are no documents to preserve them. We are changing this!

Who we are

OutStories Bristol is a voluntary organisation working with Bristol City Council's Museums, Galleries and Archives to preserve the social history and recollections of LGBT people associated with Bristol and the surrounding area.

What we collect

- Oral history interviews
- Personal letters, diaries, photographs, sound and video recordings
- Objects such as badges, banners and memorabilia
- Documents, pamphlets, newspaper cuttings
- Posters, flyers and advertisements for pubs, clubs and businesses
- Newsletters, leaflets, correspondence and records of organisations created by or for LGBT people.

Where things go

Most donated items go to Bristol City Council's Museums, Galleries and Archives and become part of the permanent archive of the city to be accessed and used by future generations.

Items not appropriate for the city archive may be donated to other institutions or preserved by OutStories Bristol.

With permission OutStories Bristol may digitise some documents and make them available on their website.



Protecting your privacy

OutStories Bristol takes the question of privacy extremely seriously.

We will endeavour to fulfil any conditions specified by the donor. These might include closure to public access for a certain period of time or restricted access to correspondence and membership lists.

The Bristol City Council archives and OutStories Bristol are bound by the Data Protection Act 1998.

How to deposit

OutStories Bristol can advise on the kind of material that is likely to be of interest and arrange its transfer to the city archives or other institution for preservation.

If you wish to retain your documents for the time being we can advise on gifting collections in wills, or other arrangements.

Contacting us

If you would like to discuss a potential donation or are interested in knowing more, please contact OutStories Bristol via our website or email.

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