



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

LGBT History Month February 2012 Programme of Events for Bristol and Bath

LGBT Book Promotion

LGBT Book Promotion at Bristol Central Library, College Green BS1 5TL throughout the month.

OutStories Bristol “people and places” Display

The display documents some people and places significant to Bristol's LGBT heritage and will be on show from 6th to 24th February at Bristol Central Library BS1 5TL and at the Sing Out Bristol event on 4th February.

INVOLVE Display

INVOLVE supports active public involvement in health and social care research and is keen to ensure good representation of marginalised groups. The display will be available to see from 24th February to 2nd March at Bristol Central Library, College Green BS1 5TL and at the Sing Out Bristol event on 4th February. Web. <http://www.invo.org.uk>

The programme

The programme compiled by OutStories Bristol with Bristol City Council, Bristol Lesbian & Gay Switchboard, CycleOut Bristol, M-Shed, Gay West and Hydra Books.

Bookings

If you need to book your place or just want let us know that you're coming, you can do this on-line at [Eventbrite](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk) (www.eventbrite.co.uk), where OutStories Bristol events are listed. OutStories Bristol is a voluntary, history group gathering the stories of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people living in or associated with Bristol and its surrounds.

Web-site: <http://outstoriesbristol.org.uk/>

E-mail: contact@outstoriesbristol.org.uk

Post: OSB, c/o LGBT Bristol, Create Centre, Smeaton Road, Bristol BS1 6XN

Thursday, 2nd February 2012

Changing images of trans people in speculative literature

7pm - 9pm, Hydra Books, 34 Old Market Street, Bristol BS2 0EZ Free event

The availability of magic and advanced science has allowed writers of fantasy and science fiction literature to explore issues of gender in their work. Hugo Award winning critic, Cheryl Morgan, explores how the way in which trans characters have been portrayed in speculative literature has changed as real trans people have become better known to the general public.

Cheryl Morgan is, to her knowledge, the only out trans person ever to have won science fiction's highest honour, the Hugo Award. Born in Somerset, she has lived in Australia and California and now resides near Bath where she runs a small ebook publishing company and bookstore. She blogs regularly at www.cheryl-morgan.com. This is a free event, but a donation to OSB would be welcome.

Saturday, 4th February 2012

One in Ten: Sing Out Bristol

7.30 pm, Victoria Rooms, Queen's Road, Clifton, BS8 1SA. Ticket required.

Bristol's own LGBT choir is now at four years old a well-established part of our scene. This year, their regular Winter Concert takes a look at some elements of LGBT history in the second half of the 20th century through an exciting and insightful performance. Sing Out Bristol is already recognised for its accomplished singing and humorous, unstuffy delivery. Come along and join in the fun.

Tickets: £10, (£5 concessions). You can purchase tickets here:

<http://www.singoutbristol.com/future-events.php?1324480534247>

Sunday, 5th February 2012

LGBT History Walk around Bath

2pm to 3:30. Meet by the War Memorial in Queen's Parade, Bath Free event

A walk around the centre of Bath, pointing out the buildings and monuments which have LGBT associations, either as places where people socialised or as meeting places for the LGBT movement over the last forty years. The walk should last about an hour and a half and finish back by the War Memorial, with the option of warming up in a local, tea-shop. Led by Robert Howes of Gay West. For details phone 0870 811 1990. Free event, but a donation to OSB would be welcome.

Tuesday, 7th February 2012

A Celebration of Lesbian and Gay Literature for LGBT History Month

7pm to 9pm, Hydra Books, 34 Old Market Street, Bristol BS2 0EZ Free event

From love poems to sci-fi and satire - come and join us in an evening of readings from literature with LGBT themes. Bring your favourite poem or excerpt and share it with the audience. Tell us what it means to you and where we can find more like it. Help us raise the profile of this new bookshop in the heart of Bristol's Gay Village. This is a free event, but a donation to OSB would be welcome.

Thursday, 9th February 2012

Transgender before transgender: cross-dressers and the establishment in Victorian England

7pm to 9pm, Hydra Books, 34 Old Market Street, Bristol BS2 0EZ Free event

The emergence of public cross-dressing in the 19th century industrial city caused great anxiety to the Victorian legal establishment and England's new police forces alike. In this talk, Guardian and New Statesman writer Juliet Jacques (long-listed for the Orwell Prize in 2011) explores how those who cross-dressed were criminalised, most famously in the scandalous trial of Ernest 'Stella' Boulton and Frederick 'Fanny' Park in 1871, and how contemporary transgender identities began to evolve in response.

Juliet Jacques is a journalist and author, best known for writing "A Transgender Journey" for The Guardian - the first time that the gender reassignment process has been serialised for a mainstream British publication. She has also written for the New Statesman and TimeOut, and was longlisted for the Orwell Prize in 2011. This is a free event, but a donation to OSB would be welcome.

Thursday, 16th February 2012

Celebrating Trans Lives: Trans People's Contributions to Modern Medicine and Culture

7pm - 9pm, Hydra Books, 34 Old Market Street, Bristol BS2 0EZ Free event

Far from being passive and unwitting subjects of medical experimentation, trans people are here shown to be active agents of change - within the NHS, social justice, and British society as a whole. This talk demonstrates the ways in which trans people have contributed to the development of modern-day healthcare, and

how the trans community continues to shape medical understandings of, and social responses to, gender variability.

Dr Louis Bailey is the Co-Founder of TREC - the Trans Resource and Empowerment Centre (www.transcentre.org.uk) - and represents TREC as a Strategic Executive Partner of the National LGBT Partnership (Department of Health). Dr Bailey's research concerns the medical history of gender variability, and issues of trans life course and ageing. This is a free event, but a donation to OSB would be welcome.

Sunday, 19th February 2012

Cycle tour of locations linked to critic and historian John Addington Symonds 11am - 1pm, Starting and finishing in Queen Square, Bristol Free event

Born in Clifton in 1840, Symonds was an early advocate for the legitimacy of same-sex love. This is a CycleOut Bristol event, which will be led at a relaxed pace by Gemma Tiley. Meet at the King William Statue at the centre of the square. Novice cyclists are especially welcome on this ride. Indeed, if need be, we'll pump up your tyres. This is a free event, but a donation to OSB would be welcome.

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Mystery History Tour

2.30pm. Starting in Corn Street, BS1 1JG Booking required

Bristol historian and author Andrew Foyle leads an easy stroll through the city, lifting the curtain on our own peculiar and sometimes outrageous histories. Find out where men met for sex in the 18th century, and how they were punished; Bristol's pre-war gay pub; sites of protest by lesbian Suffragettes; what window shopping in Park Street used to mean; and a remarkably early moment in the history of transgender surgery. This event has been oversubscribed on three previous occasions.

Meet outside the Register Office (Old Council House), Corn Street; nearly opposite the Exchange and the Nails. Limited places, pre-booking essential :

andrewfoyle1@gmail.com or 0117 907 0784. £3, to go to OutStories Bristol funds.

Monday, 20th February 2012

OSB Trustees - 7pm-9pm, E-mail contact@outstoriesbristol.org.uk for information and venue.

Tuesday, 21st February 2012

Gay West: Civil Society, Community and LGBT History in Bristol and Bath 1970 to 2010

7:30pm-9pm, Central Library, Deanery Road, Bristol Free event

Robert Howes talks about the background to his recently-published book "Gay West: Civil Society, Community and LGBT History in Bristol and Bath 1970 to 2010." Gay West is one of the longest-lasting LGBT organisations in the country, tracing its roots back to the Campaign for Homosexual Equality Bristol Group and Bath Gay Awareness Group. The book covers both the history of the group and the wider context of the local and national LGBT movement, as well as the development of the area's commercial scene. Robert will reflect on his experience in researching the book and suggest some questions about civil society and community which it raises. This is a free event, but a donation to OSB would be welcome. Please visit or phone your local Bristol library to book a place.

Friday, 24th February 2012

Beacons, Icons and Dykons "The Killing of Sister George"

7:30pm, The Cube Cinema, 4 Princess Row, BS2 8NQ Tickets on the door, £5

Beacons, Icons and Dykons presents, "The Killing of Sister George", hosted by Tom Marshman. The "killing" refers to the metaphorical death of "Sister George," a smarmy apple-cheeked do-gooder who stars in a sentimental BBC series about village life. (Beryl Reid) a brassy, bitchy, hard-drinking bull dyke who's the antithesis of the sickeningly sweet character she plays. The ageing actress is a lesbian living with a childish, middle-aged woman named Childie (Susannah York). The films will be accompanied by a heady mix of performances inspired by the film.

Beacons Icons and Dykons is a regular night which has queer leanings, showing films and creating performances inspired by them all hosted by Tom Marshman. Especially for LGBT History month we will be recreate a 60's lesbian speakeasy vibe. With the secret code "Hello I'm a friend of Beryl". Trashy, moving, hit and run performances that make going to the movies feel weirdly hedonistic. Doors open 7.30 Performance from 8pm

Saturday, 25th February 2012

Oral History Workshop

2pm to 4pm, M-Shed, Princes Wharf, Wapping Road, Bristol BS1 4RN

All welcome Free event but booking required

OutStories Bristol is looking for volunteers to gather the stories of lesbian, gay, bisexual and trans people living in or associated with Bristol and the surrounding area. This is a voluntary, oral-history project. If you're interested, please come to this workshop arranged in conjunction with M-Shed. At the workshop you'll learn about OutStories Bristol, why oral history is important, how it's done and how you can get involved. Book a place on-line with [Eventbrite](#) but, if you can't, phone or text **07802 422091**. This is a free event, but a donation to OSB would be welcome.

Sunday, 26th February 2012

Gay and Lesbian Marriage in Georgian England

2.30pm, M-Shed, Princes Wharf, BS1 4RN Ticket required

As the finale to this year's History Month celebration, we are fortunate to present a talk by Rictor Norton, hosted by Bristol's major new museum, M Shed. Rictor will explore the rich and unexpected history of gay and lesbian marriage in the 18th century. He is an internationally respected social and literary historian specialising in LGBT history. He has a doctorate from Florida State University on homosexuality in Renaissance literature and has published widely. Rictor has lived in London since 1973. You can book your place on-line with [Eventbrite](#) but, if you can't, phone or text **07802 422091**. Donation £3.50 (£ 2.50 concessions) <http://rictornorton.eventbrite.co.uk>

Celebrating thirty-seven years of Bristol Lesbian and Gay Switchboard

7pm to 10:30 Old Market Tavern, 30 Old Market Street, Bristol BS2 0HB Free event

This is a party for volunteers, friends and supporters of the Bristol Lesbian and Gay Switchboard over the last thirty-seven years. All welcome. Free event, but donation to BLAGS welcome.