



Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Trans

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LGBTQ+ HISTORY MONTH

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Beautiful Thing + Talk: LGBTQ+ Notts in the '90s

Saturday 8th February, 2pm, Broadway cinema
Hettie MacDonald's (co-director of TV's Normal People) romantic comedy tells the story of two classmates and neighbours who fall in love over one summer in South East London. When Ste sleeps over one night at Jamie's after getting beaten up by his brother, the two share a bed, and a complicated, heartwarming relationship ensues in this funny and touching comedy. –BFI

[Beautiful Thing + Talk: LGBTQ+ Notts in the '90s | Broadway](#)
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More information from The Broadway: [LGBT+ History Month 2025 | Broadway](#)

Punching Above its Weight - Nottingham in the Context of Britain's Queer History

Tuesday 18th February, 11am-1pm

Trent Building B46, University Park Campus

This public lecture, delivered by guest speaker David Edgley from Nottinghamshire's Rainbow Heritage, will offer a brief survey of the UK's queer history, heritage and activism, with a focus on those relevant to Nottingham and Nottinghamshire. It will start with the 1885 Labouchere amendment and include the imprisonment of Oscar Wilde, banning of *The Well of Loneliness*, the 1948 Kinsey report, the arrest of Alan Turing, the outing of April Ashley and the 1967 Sexual Offences Act and its deficiencies leading up to Section 28. It will then move on to the positive legislation from 2000 onwards. This workshop type of public lecture may include interactive 'thought exercises' about what constitutes homophobia, biphobia and transphobia and how to deal with them.

[Register for Punching above its weight](#)

Out and about with Linden: Nottingham book launch

Thursday 6th February, 6.30 – 9.00pm, Nottingham Central Library

An evening with photographer Stuart Linden Rhodes showing a collection of photographs from the Linden Archives telling stories behind the photographs.

Linden will be in discussion with CJ De Barra from the Notts Queer History Archive to talk about the 90's queer scene. The show will include photographs from Nottingham and the midlands from the era.

[Book tickets on Eventbrite](#)

The Lovers Exhibition & Season Launch: Sunil Gupta and Charan Singh

Friday 21st February, 6pm – 11pm, New Art Exchange

Join us to celebrate the launch of Sunil Gupta and Charan Singh's new show, *The Lovers*, an exhibition of photographic portraits that celebrate LGBTQIA+ relationships and the changing visibility of LGBTQIA+ communities today.

[Book tickets on Eventbrite](#)

Transgender history (and why it matters to you!)

Tuesday 25th February, 11am – 12 noon
Online

[Join a virtual session](#) which will explore trans histories – and the importance of including these histories in conversations around the health, welfare, and rights of trans people today.

You will meet individuals from across time and cultures who are arguably best understood through the lens and language of transness. The session will explore the challenges of relating historical frameworks of sex and gender to our own modern systems, and discuss how histories must help shape the making of future policies.

The webinar will be delivered by James Davison, the co-founder of the annual TransHistorical conference.



The Prohibition Roast: Battle Of The Bellas

Thursday 6th February, 8.00pm

The Lord Roberts, Nottingham

The Lord Roberts' Queen in residence, Liv, presents a night of live singing, lip-syncing and comedy that will get at least one of us cancelled as some of Nottingham's finest drag artists step up to the podium

[Tickets available from Outsavvy.com](#)

Visit to Southwell Workhouse

Friday 28th February, 9.30am – 12.30, Southwell

As part of LGBT+ History Month 2025 the LGBTQ+ Staff Network have organised a visit to The Workhouse and Infirmary at Southwell for members of the network and Proud Allies.

For 2025 the theme for LGBT+ History Month is activism and social change. Octavia Hill was a housing reformer and co-founder of the National Trust. Octavia had a number of passionate intimacies with women, including Sophia Jex-Blake, one of the first female doctors. She is buried with her partner of 30 years, Harriet Yorke, in Kent. We will be posting more about Octavia and some other historical figures during LGBT+ History Month.

Due to the link with Octavia Hill and indeed to Nottinghamshire County Council (find out more on the visit!) we have decided to visit The Workhouse and Infirmary on Friday 28 February from 9.30am to 12.30pm. The visit will include a guided tour of The Workhouse and Infirmary and a special peek at some of the collections. There will also be the option to wander and explore on your own if you prefer not to join the group.

To book a free place please complete [the booking form](#)

Details on how to get to The Workhouse and Infirmary can be found in the [“Getting here” section of their website](#). When you book there is the option to indicate you wish to car share, if you select this option we will try and match you with people coming from the same location as you, however this cannot be guaranteed.

Ageing in the LGBTQIA+ population

Thursday 6th February, 11.30am – 12.30pm,
Online

[Join a webinar](#) which delves into the lives and experiences of middle-aged LGBTQ+ individuals – a pioneering generation that has lived openly and proudly. As this demographic approaches their senior years, it's imperative that the NHS recognises and prepares for their specific healthcare needs.

The session will explore this community's distinct needs and the urgency of implementing changes within the NHS to accommodate and support them as they age.

The webinar will be delivered by Dr Paul Taylor Pitt: a facilitator, mentor, coach and practice supervisor.

Nowhere

Tuesday 18th February, 8.30pm, Broadway cinema



[Nowhere - Presented by Queer Notts | Broadway](#)

Gregg Araki's Teen Apocalypse Trilogy, featuring needle-drops from Nine Inch Nails, Slowdive and Sonic Youth, and the early on-screen appearances of Ryan Phillippe, Christina Applegate, Heather Graham and Shannon Doherty. Beautiful, angst-ridden teenagers run amok across LA heading for the biggest party of the night in what Araki describes as 'Beverly Hills, 90210 on acid'.

(Book seats near D5 to sit with us)

LGBTQIA+ Self Harm & Suicide Prevention

Monday 21st April, 12.30pm–3.30pm, Online

Tuesday 15th July, 9.30am–12:30pm, Online

Harmless have delivered training to the Council for many years now and have just released their upcoming dates for their wave 4 training sessions over the next quarter including LGBTQIA+ self harm & suicide prevention. The training is CPD-accredited and you will be given a certificate of attendance. The training will be held remotely via Microsoft Teams unless otherwise stated. Aimed at those who work alongside or support the LGBTQIA+ Communities or individuals within those communities across Nottingham and Nottinghamshire, this training aims to :

- Improve awareness of self harm and suicide in the LGBTQIA+ community
- Understand the unique risk factors that impact this community
- Reduce stigma and discrimination associated with self harm and suicide in the LGBTQIA+ community
- Develop skills to create an inclusive environment and support someone affected by self harm and/or suicide
- Improve confidence and competence to understand and manage self harm and suicide
- Increasing engagement from the community with our services
- Consider signposting to appropriate services locally and nationally

[April-September-2025-Notts-Training-Brochure.pdf](#)

Links to previous webinars and events you may have missed:

- **'Asexuality: a minority within a minority'** by Yasmin Benoit. (Hosted by Nottinghamshire Healthcare) <https://youtu.be/WruRIOfHYKO> (49 minutes long)
- **'Behind the Lens'** by Adam Zmith. (Hosted by Nottingham University Hospitals) <https://youtu.be/R8OVaOvmcJE> (54 minutes & 30 seconds long)

New Members Welcome

New members are encouraged and will always be welcomed by the network. There is no obligation to “out” yourself or to contribute.

The network’s e-mail account is LGBT@nottsc.gov.uk. It is secure and is only accessed by committee members. All correspondence is treated in the strictest confidence.

Future Network Meetings

- **Thursday 13th February 2025**, 2:30pm-4:30pm on Teams.
- **Thursday 13th March 2025**, 2:30pm-4:30pm on Teams.
- **Thursday 10th April 2024**, 2:30pm-4:30pm in person at County Hall. Followed by social meet up.

Network members are entitled to this time as paid work time.

Forthcoming dates for your diary

1 – 7th March - LGBT fostering week

LGBT+ Fostering & Adoption Week is run by New Family Social, to encourage people from the LGBT+ community to consider fostering or adoption, as unfortunately, many people still believe that they, as an LGBTQ+ person or couple, are not able to foster or adopt.

31st March – Trans Day of Visibility (TDoV)

26th April – Lesbian Day of Visibility ([LDoV](#))

17th May – IDAHOT Day

26th July – Nottingham Pride

Contact Us

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