

Stonewall Season Bristol Launch

What is the Stonewall Season?

[Stonewall Season](#) is a week of events right across Britain, run by you.

Whatever you want to do, the Season is a time to get people together and hold your own event for equality this October.

During the last Stonewall Season, thousands of LGBT people came together, alongside our allies, and made a big noise for equality. More than 80 different events took place across 22 different towns and cities to celebrate LGBT life and culture: and in 2017 together we will make it bigger than ever.

What your support will do

By hosting your own Stonewall Season event, you can campaign for equality, increase awareness and change hearts and minds in your community. These aren't just words – the impact you have will be crucial.

You can also have a big impact by raising vital funds for Stonewall as part of your event. Even if it's a small contribution, you can still make a big difference.

What is the Stonewall Season launch event?

Schedule for the day

Sunday October 1st

13:00-13:30 Set up of facilitators

13:30-14:00 Welcome and registration

14:00-15:45 Conversation Carrousel: Supporting LGBT people in your community (concurrent to activities)

14:00-15:45 Activities and networking

15:45-16:15 Speakers and performances

16:15-17:00 Activities and networking

Workshop: Supporting LGBT people in your community

In this workshop co facilitated by **SARI, BSWN and Freedom Youth** with Stonewall, we will explore what kind of community we want to live in and how we can achieve it. How do our communities celebrate difference? How can they be better and more proactive? What are practical things we can do to guide difficult conversations, call people in and protect people.

The workshop will be led by two main facilitators, and will have facilitating 'reps' at each conversation table. Attendees will 'carrousel' themselves to different tables with themes, conversation prompts. The lead facilitators will keep time, trigger the carrousel rotations, welcome new comers to take part and summarize the ideas brought together at the end of the session. The table reps will guide the conversations, include people as they drop in and out and record compelling points and questions. At the end of the exercise, the facilitators will highlight the emerging ideas and next steps.

People will leave this workshop with ideas, networks and outline of next steps to create change in and provide support in their community.

Activities

Concurrent to the conversation carrousel activity, tables and stall will be lightly facilitated by community groups and volunteers. The activities we're suggesting range from a rainbow bake off, a food bank and toiletry collection/pick up point, equality placard making, badge making and LGBT-inclusive clothes swap and LGBT Historical paper dolls and colouring book pages. However, we want to hear from you!

Activities so far:

SARI-Information table

Bristol Mind-Trans Line-TBD

BANES Off the Record Space-LGBT Icons Art Project

University of Bristol LGBT Soc-Imagining an LGBT venue activity

University of Bristol Intersectional Feminist Society-TBD

University of Bath Kaleidoscope-Rainbow Lanyards

Midsomer Norton Pride-Bake Off

Speeches and Performances

Keynote speakers

We are still confirming speakers but would ideally have a total of five, one from Stonewall and the other four from groups in the area.

Speakers so far: Alex Raikes, SARI

We'll get speakers fired up to share their experience and knowledge about showing support for LGBT people in their communities and how people in the area can get involved and play their part.

Performances

Travis Alabanza [Spoken word and performance] **(To be confirmed!)**

Shon Faye [Trans Engagement Officer with Stonewall Cymru, Youtuber, Stand up comic]

Midsomer Norton Pride-How Midsomer Norton Pride came to be

Activities and Networking

Finish off the afternoon by speaking to new people and engaging with the activity tables.

Intended Audiences

LGBT people and allies in Bristol and the surrounding area who want to do more to make a difference.

Existing Stonewall supporters, school champions, education champions, diversity champions, pride attendees.

Local businesses.

Activists and campaigners in non-LGBT specific causes (i.e. racial justice, the environment, disability rights etc.)

Families.

Access

The event will be held in an accessible venue and a palantypist will be present.

We will secure a quiet space.

Attendees will be asked to provide access needs in the event registration and requests will be accommodated.

Gender Neutral Toilets

There will be gender neutral toilets.

Donation opportunities

While the event is free, we will be encouraging people to give donations that will be evenly distributed across the event partners.

Groups considered partners will have taken on a role as workshop or activity facilitator and will have their logos displayed on invitations and publicity materials.

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LGBT EQUALITY, RUN BY YOU**

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Donors have the right to choose to donate directly to one of the charities or groups involved. We therefore need to agree how we will allow that to happen – e.g. everyone sign posts those people to their website to keep it consistent and so pots of separate money aren't being held on the day.

Reasonable expenses for facilitators, such as travel and materials for activities, will be covered by Stonewall.

We really hope you get involved! Thank you for your support.