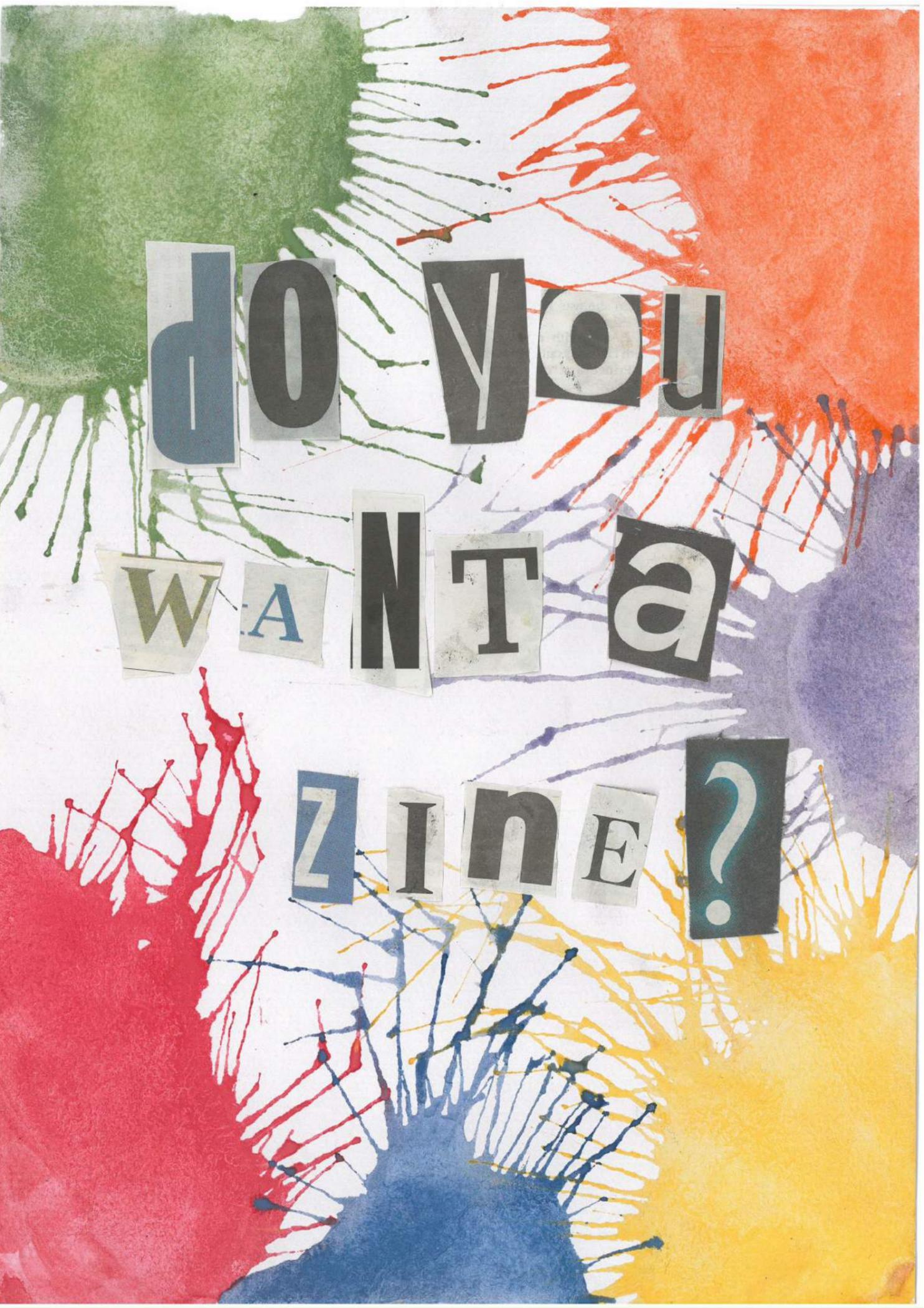


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Benfield
PRIDE
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do you
WANT a
ZINE?

Pride Society is a welcoming community that has been a huge part of Benfield for years. It's especially important for all LGBTQ+ individuals, out of the closet or not. Having a safe space in school is vital, and that's what Pride Society provides.

Over the course of the past few terms, we have been working on this zine. It includes lots of information, art, poems and even queer book and movie recommendations.

This links to our Pride Society because we always aim to educate and learn, and raise awareness about LGBTQ+ issues. We are also very focused on creativity with sessions about literature and such, as demonstrated with all the pieces in this zine.

All the work in this zine was made by all of us in Pride Society. Though not every person wanted to be named, everyone worked really hard on it.

We hope you enjoy this zine and we also hope you learn something new!

To the Lady of the Lake
I've longed to glance upon you
Since last we met
The secrets you crave I can't forget
The pearls that swim beneath
your brow
They mesmerise and hypnotise
Though I know not how
For my Aphrodite is no prize
Though her locks of lace that rest upon her face
Are of more value than gold
My lady is not to be won, yet it fools men so wise
For they only know of her stories untold
The poison of your words, they taste so sweet
Allow me to lay down my heart
And weigh down my soul
For tears of mine shan't show defeat
Your gaze pains me as it escapes from sight
Though perfection is fiction, it metamorphosised you
I dream of how we converse each night
When I tell you that you are incomparable to
beauty, know that I mean it true
Because beauty is too miniscule a word
To describe the way in which you exist
I find your being too absurd
You are epic love immortalised -
this I must insist
To the Lady of the Lake:
You liberated my soul and awakened a forgotten bliss
My promise to you, Lady of the Lake
Is that I shall forget our final kiss

The Lady of the Lake
By a Year 10 student

Sexuality Flags



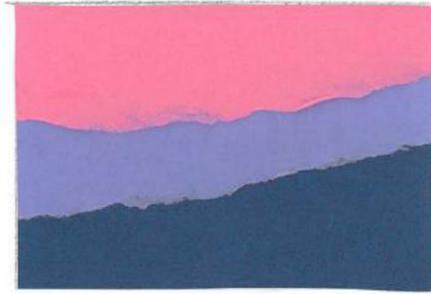
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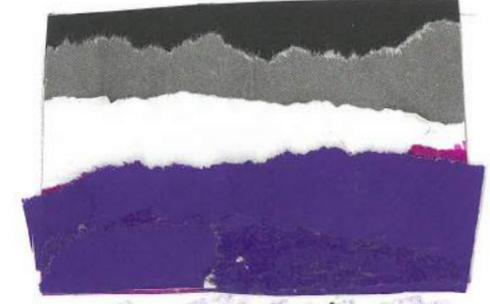
lesbian n.
a non-man attracted to non-men



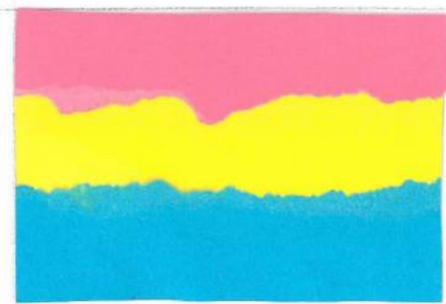
gay n.
a non-woman attracted to non-women



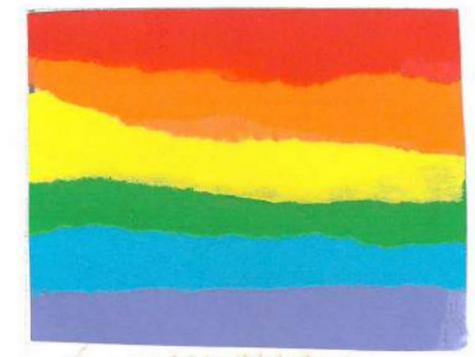
bisexual n.
a person attracted to multiple genders



asexual n.
a person who does not feel attraction

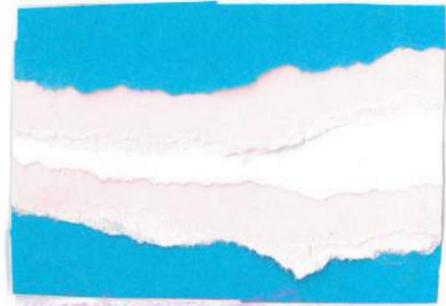


pansexual n.
a person attracted to all genders



pride n.
a flag for everybody

Gender Flags



Transgender n.

Someone whose gender identity is different to their sex assigned at birth.



Intersex n.

Someone born with biological traits outside the male - female binary.



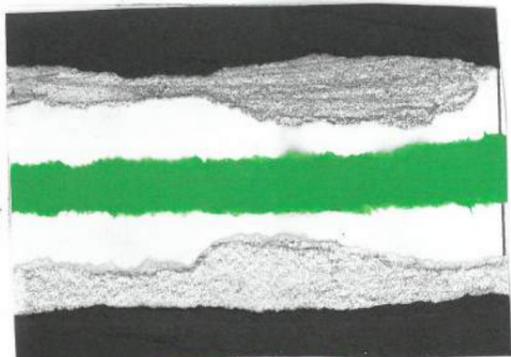
Non-binary n.

Someone whose gender identity doesn't conform to society's ideas of binary gender.



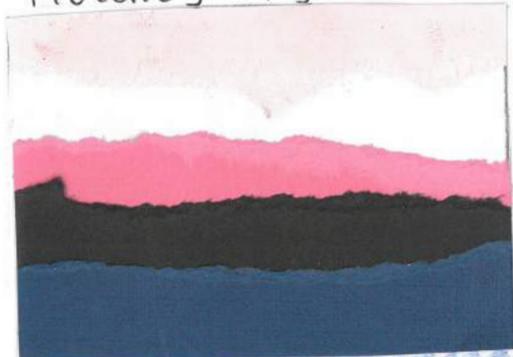
Genderqueer n.

Genderqueer can be used to describe a non-binary identity but can also encompass fluidity in gender identity.



Agenda n.

Someone who doesn't identify as having a gender.



Gender-fluid n.

Someone whose gender is fluid and changing.



Missing Piece

by a
year 9
student

it is confusing

often i feel empty

what will fill this gap?

is it possible

will i ever know how it feels to

feel peace

within myself

i find

something is missing

i yearn for a sense of

belonging

in this body that is not my own

He / Him

They / Them

She / Her

He / They

Pronouns
don't
equal
gender

ze / zer

Pronouns
are important
Just ask!

She / They



M E r m a i d s

mermaidsuk.org.uk

08088010400

They helped in
May 2023 arrange
NHS help for
Trans kids

Makes them
feel less alone

By a Year 8 student

Has supported
Trans, Non-Binary
& Gender Diverse
children since 1995

HEY...



YEAH?

IF YOU CAME
OUT AS A
TRANS
WOMAN...



WHY DO YOU
STILL
WEAR
BOY
CLOTHES?



SHE/
HER!

WELL-



THE CLOTHES WE
CHOOSE TO WEAR DON'T
DEFINE OUR GENDER
IDENTITIES.

No Man's Land

There is a hidden beauty,
amongst forgotten sand,
I served my country's duty
in desert land

I fought to see the light
but poppies they aid flow
with all my strength and might
I let her smile go

Their artillery in my heart
get no bullets in sight
They ripped our love apart
You met an eternal night

They say I must continue
as if this were all pretend
In my mind I still see you
We've reached a dead end

I now face shame and punishment,
yet I feel there is no crime.
They shunned me, so I took the hint—
we were queer in the wrong time

By a Year 10 student



AKT

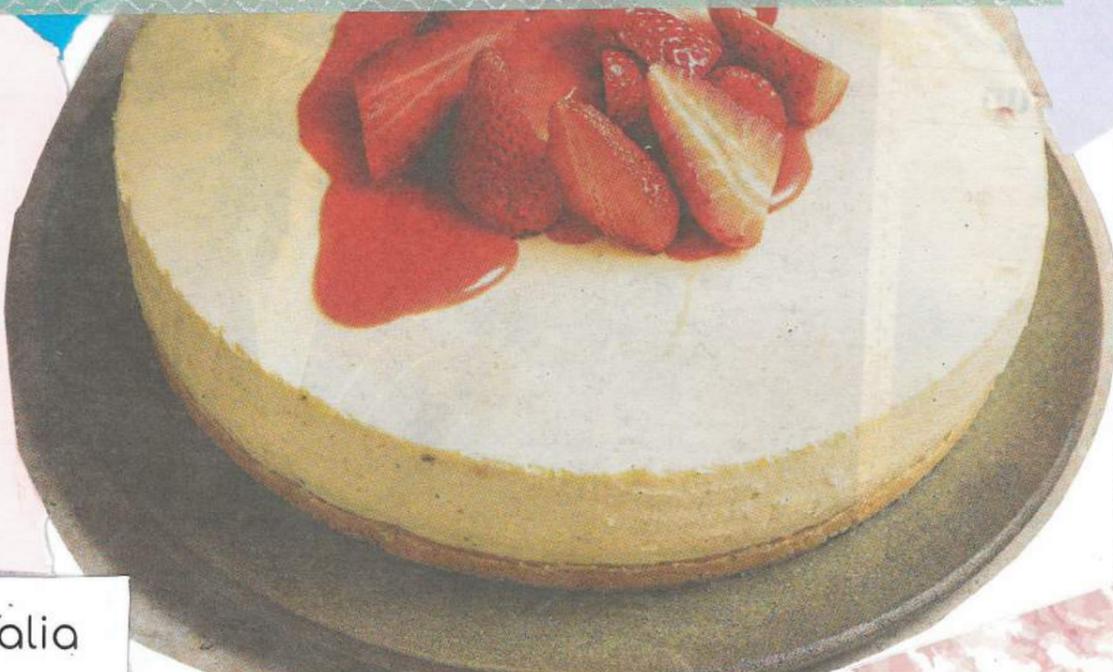
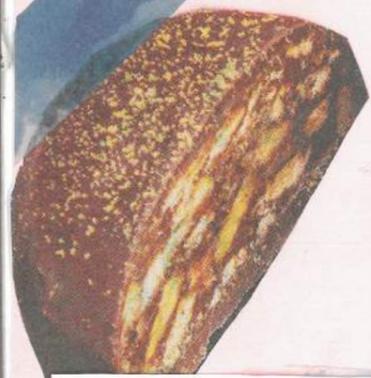


AKT stands for Albert Kennedy Trust.

It is a voluntary organisation created in 1989. It helps LGBTQ+ young people who are homeless or living in a hostile environment.

Coming out or being outed can lead to young people becoming homeless. 24% of homeless young people identify as part of the community.

We are raising money by selling cakes at our Pride bake sale on Friday 30th June. This is both to celebrate Pride Month and to give money to a worthy cause.



By Izzy and Talia

HELPLINES

You

Matter

By Year 7

Mermaids UK

08088010400

Switchboard

08000119100

and Year 8 students

Rainbow Mind

03453303030

Mindline Trans +

03003305468

The Albert Kennedy Trust

02078316562



It's endless as a circle
All the stories are different
But somehow the same...

Everyone has one.
A story, found out
A story of how they
they're all different...
I bet Yours will be different
to mine,
Mine will be different
to theirs
Theirs will be different
to mine.

When you feel
the world is gonna
judge you if you say it.
It's scary.
It's tough.
I know.

... Because they all link up
In a roundabout
from throughout

We are not alone.
We are not a part
We are A part...
One big community
Our community,
The queer community

So, if you know what you are,
who you are,
Don't be afraid to be you.
Don't be afraid to be the real you.
Don't be afraid to say
you're a part,
A part of the community
The queer community



By a Year 7 Student

Waiting to

Tell You

"Love demands
expression"

-Jeanette Winterson

IZZY



SAVE
OUR
PLANET

How to be an Activist

By Year 7 + 9 students



rights

Steps:

1. Support local groups
2. Get more active on social media and try to get involved in activities
3. Try to give support and helping people out

How to get involved:

1. Set some goals on what you want to achieve
2. Volunteer or fundraise
3. Try to fight for a cause, for example with peaceful protesting
4. Try to educate yourself on the thing you're trying to be an activist for.

Types of Activism:

1. Environmental activist.
2. LGBTQIA+ activists.
3. Education activists.
4. Indigenous activists
5. Animal/Human rights activists
6. Medical Rights
7. Anti-racism/austerity

activism

reform



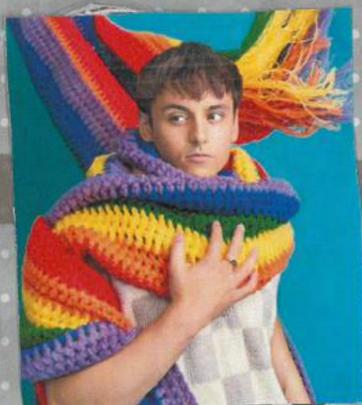
Queer Spotlight!



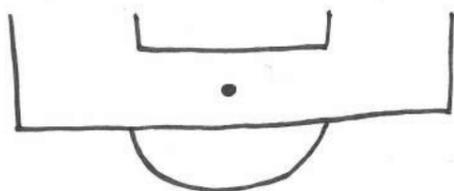
Caster Semenya
Intersex - Olympic gold medal runner
We wanted to spotlight her because she is a champion fighting for her right to still compete



Jill Scott
Lesbian - England footballer from Sunderland
We wanted to spotlight her because she is a champion from the North East



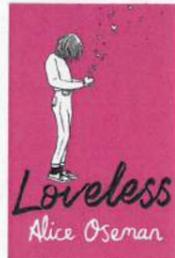
Tom Daley
Gay - Olympic gold diver from England
We wanted to spotlight him because he is a champion who works for getting countries that are homophobic banned from the Olympics



By Year 8 students!

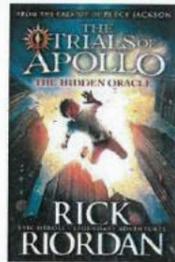
Arts & Culture

Pride Society Book Club



Loveless by Alice Oseman

A book from the author of *Heartstopper* about a young girl who realises she doesn't seem to want the things all her friends want. She is asexual, and the book is about her exploring what that means.



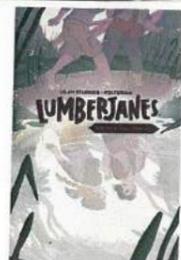
Trials of Apollo by Rick Riordan

A series by the author of *Percy Jackson*. It is about the Greek God Apollo who is turned into a teenage boy and made to survive on his own in modern day New York. It has lots of diverse characters and romance.



Her Royal Highness by Rachel Hawkins

A book about a girl who gets a scholarship to a boarding school in Scotland. She ends up roommates with an actual princess that she can't stand. At least at first...



Lumberjanes: The Infernal Compass by Lilah Sturges

A graphic novel about a group of girl scouts who get separated on a hiking trip. There's queer romance, a mysterious compass and robot butlers.

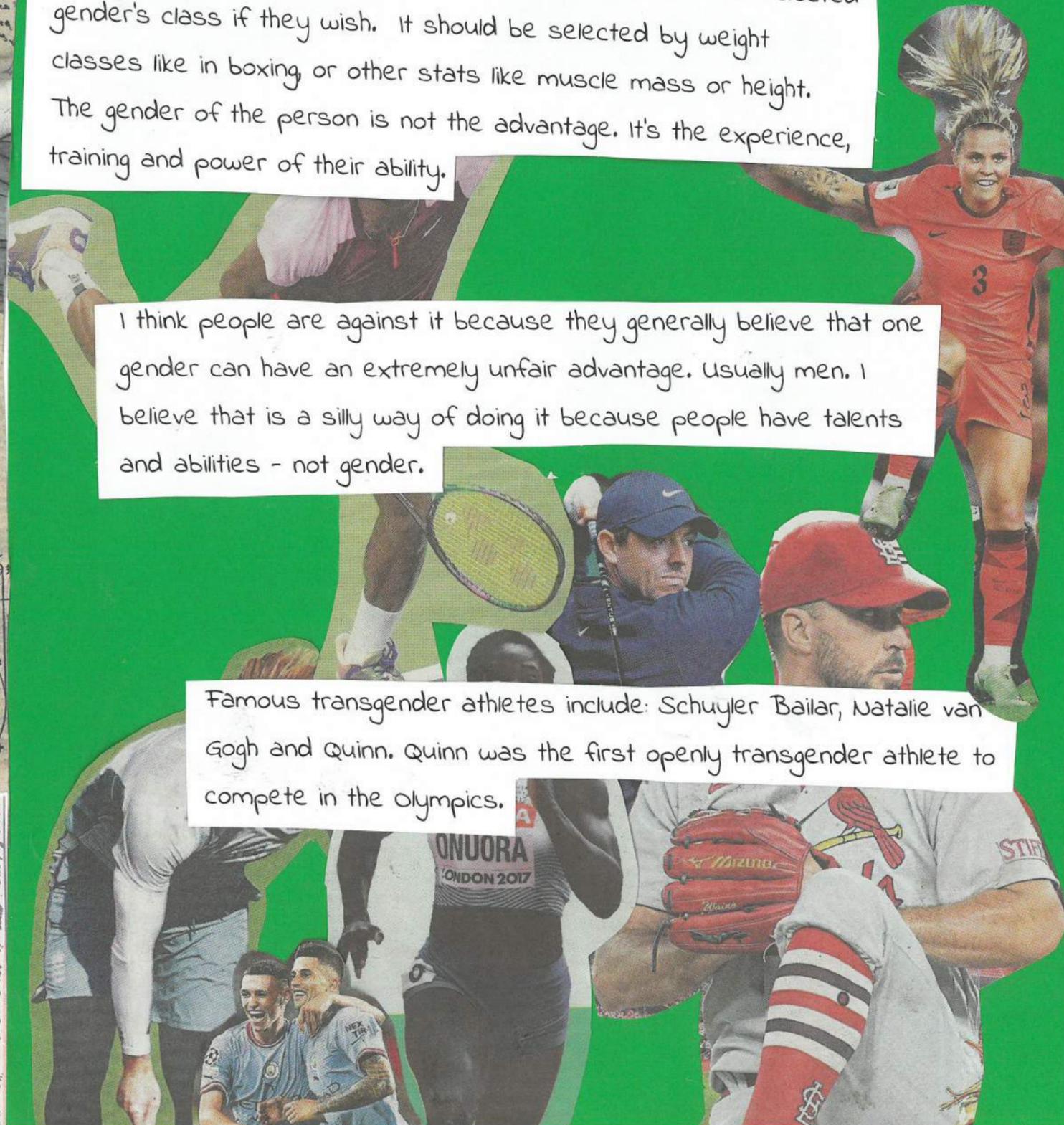
Should Transgender People Be In Sports?

By a year 9 student

I think transgender people should be allowed to be in their selected gender's class if they wish. It should be selected by weight classes like in boxing, or other stats like muscle mass or height. The gender of the person is not the advantage. It's the experience, training and power of their ability.

I think people are against it because they generally believe that one gender can have an extremely unfair advantage. Usually men. I believe that is a silly way of doing it because people have talents and abilities - not gender.

Famous transgender athletes include: Schuyler Bailar, Natalie van Gogh and Quinn. Quinn was the first openly transgender athlete to compete in the Olympics.





Catherine Duleep Singh
 Lesbian - Indian princess and a leading
 campaigner of women's suffrage and rights
 We want to spotlight her because she was
 able to successfully protest against a system
 most couldn't protest in



Alan Turing
 Gay - The father of computer science and the
 Enigma Code breaker
 We want to spotlight him because he was a
 key figure in ending WW2 and a STEM hero



Mary Shelley
 Bisexual - Author of *Frankenstein* and *The Last Man*,
 as well as a political writer and feminist
 We want to spotlight her because she was the
 first sci-fi writer, and used her voice to be political



By a year 9 student

Queer Spotlight



Queer Movie Suggestions

~ from a Queer person ~



Often, its hard to find Actually Good Queer
 Films that have Genuine representation.
 Rather than just Queer-coded characters
 and ships. I hope these films can help with
 finding representation in Movies and some
 enjoyable watches. Most of which have
 happy endings! Because we deserve that!!



① **THE Miseducation of CAMERON Post**
 15+ LGBTQ+ Rep



② **PRIDE (2014)**
 15+ LGBTQ+ Rep



③ **Cowboys (2020)**
 15+ trans Rep



④ **THE Prom (2020)**
 Pg-13 LGBTQ+ Rep



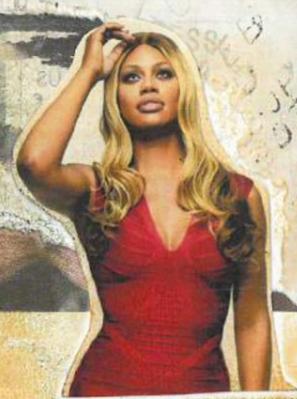
⑤ **THE Half of It (2020)**
 12+ LGBTQ+ Rep

⑥ **THE Imitation Game (2014)**
 12+ LGBTQ+ Rep

Don't forget the
POPCORN!!!

Queer Spotlight

By Year 8 students



Laverne Cox
Transgender - Emmy-nominated actress
We wanted to spotlight her because she was the first transgender person to be nominated for an acting Emmy



Sam Smith
Nonbinary - singer
We wanted to spotlight them because they faced a lot of backlash but kept true



Emilie Autumn
Asexual - singer-songwriter + violinist
We wanted to spotlight them because their sound is experimental + a vibe

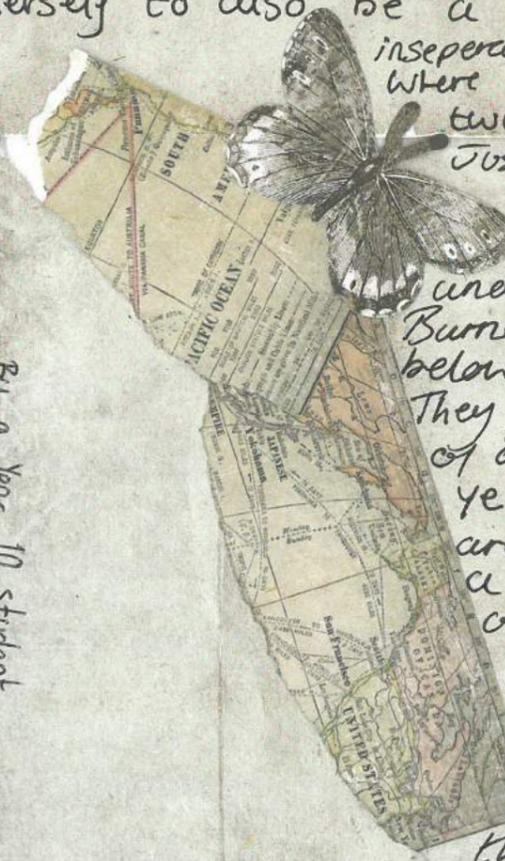
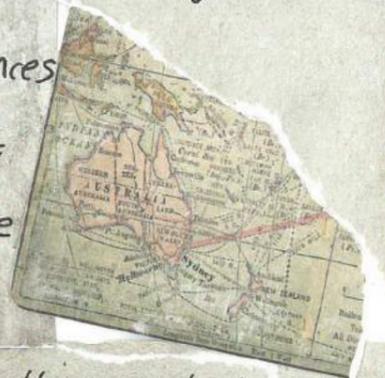
QUEER HISTORY

THE TALE OF ANNE BONNY and MARY READ.

The story begins in August 1720 when Anne Bonny - born in Cork Ireland - ran away from her husband and joined Calico Jack and his crew on board the Sloop Ranger. Disguised as a man in loose clothing and a masquerade of violence she became an infamous figure among the waters. Only her partner, Jack, knew of her true identity. That was until Mary Read joined the crew.

Mary (or Mark) had been encouraged to join the crew by Calico's crewmates after her ship was attacked. She soon became another face that people grew to know and fear. It was here, as the story goes, that was the time Anne and Mary became fated together.

Many sources state that Anne had made advances towards Mary, which was when Mary became worried and told Anne her true identity, yet was pleasantly surprised when Anne revealed herself to also be a woman. The pair became inseparable, which of course is where the "rumours" of the two being more than just good friends and colleagues had started.



October, 1720. The ship was attacked and raided by pirate hunter Jonathan Burnet. While Calico Jack and his crew hid below deck, Mary and Anne refused to surrender. They fought with pistols blazing. In an act of anger, Mary shouted, "If there's a man among ye, ye'll come out and fight like the man ye are supposed to be." and after not hearing a response, she fired into the hold and killed one of the crew.

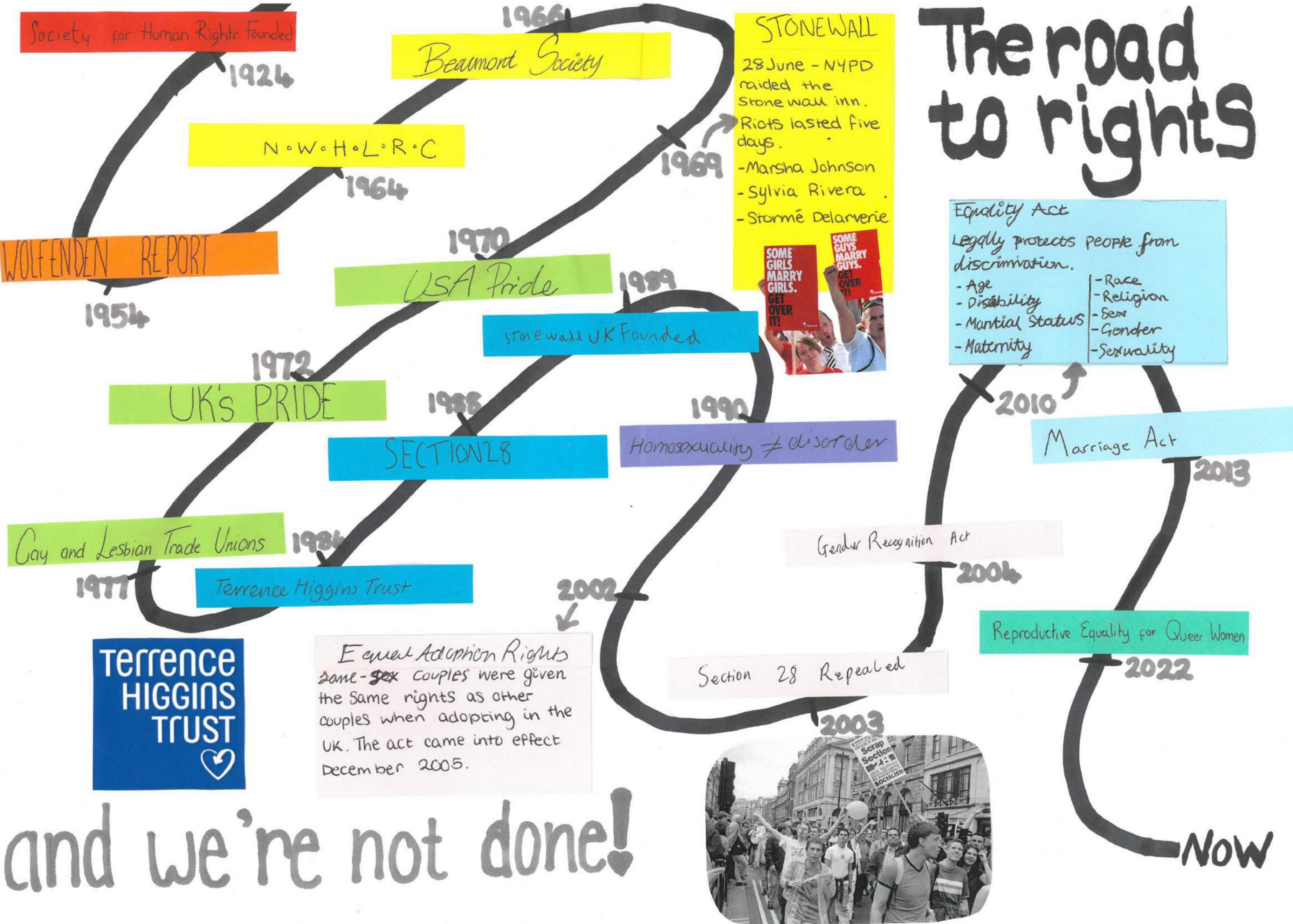
Anne Bonny and Mary Read were left to defend the ship alone - and put up a mighty fight. They were eventually captured and sent for execution - along with the rest of the crew.

While the fate of Anne Bonny is still unknown today, we do know that the pair were split up and Mary had passed away while pregnant in a holding cell in Jamaica, 1721.

Although there was an unfortunate ending to the story, their names will forever go down in the history of the most infamous pirates that ever sailed the sea's.

By a Year 10 student

The road to rights



Society for Human Rights Founded

1924

1966
Beaumont Society

1964
N.O.W.O.H.O.L.R.O.C

1964

1969
STONEWALL
28 June - NYPD raided the Stone wall inn. Riots lasted five days.
- Marsha Johnson
- Sylvia Rivera
- Stormé Delarverie



Equality Act
Legally protects people from discrimination.
- Age
- Disability
- Marital Status
- Maternity
- Race
- Religion
- Sex
- Gender
- Sexuality

2010

2013
Marriage Act

2013

1954
WOLFENDEN REPORT

1954

1970
USA Pride

1970

1989
Stonewall UK Founded

1989

1972
UK'S PRIDE

1972

1988
SECTION 28

1988

1990
Homosexuality ≠ disorder

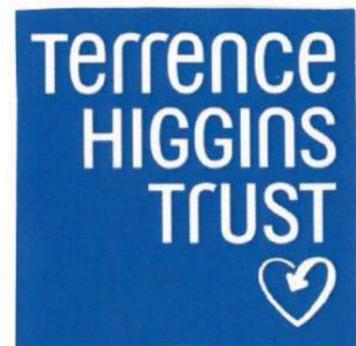
1990

1984
Gay and Lesbian Trade Unions

1984

1984
Terrence Higgins Trust

1977



2002
Equal Adoption Rights
Same-~~sex~~ couples were given the same rights as other couples when adopting in the UK. The act came into effect December 2005.

2002

2004
Gender Recognition Act

2004

2003
Section 28 Repealed

2003



2022
Reproductive Equality for Queer Women

2022

and we're not done!

Now