

# LGBTQ+

## LONDON METROPOLITAN ARCHIVES

!! Museum LGBTQ+ Staff marching for London Pride 2016 For the first time!  
#MuseumPrideLDN

QUESTIONING

YOUNG  
QUEENS.

RUN  
FREE

OTHER

who we are!

Leadership starts where you are - g

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# LGBTQ+ History at LMA





# Conferences





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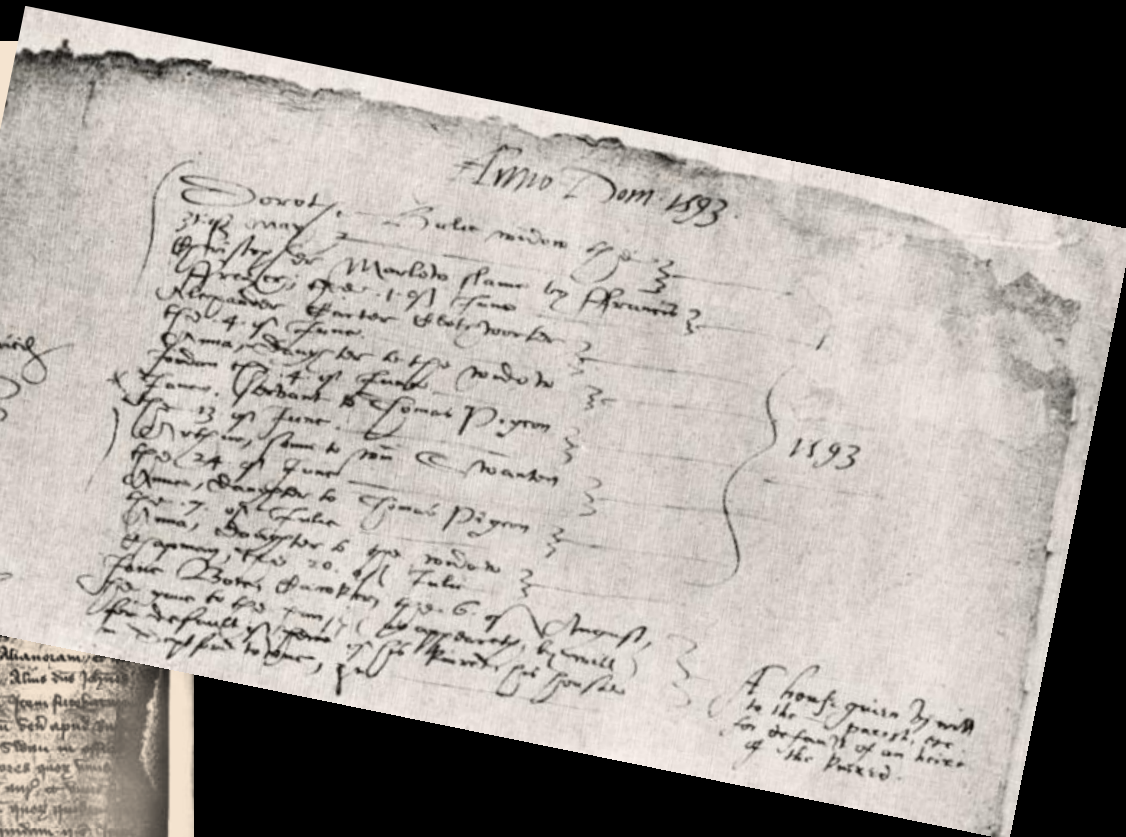
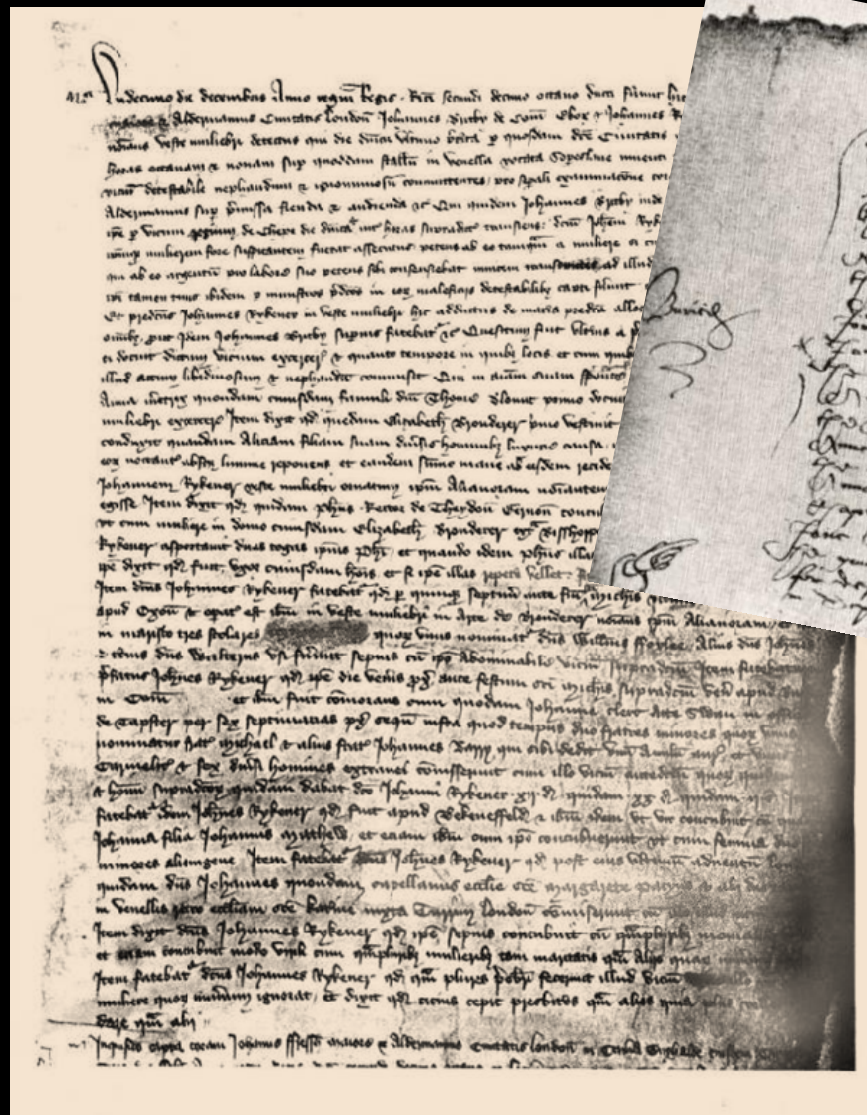
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# LGBTQ+ History Club



# COLLECTIONS







W<sup>th</sup> Charlotte Charke



This is not the THING:

O R,

M O L L Y E X A L T E D.

Tune, *Ye Commons and Peers.*

YE Reversers of Nature, each dear little Creature,  
Of soft and effeminate fight,  
See above what your fate is, and 'ere it too late is,  
Oh, learn to be—all in the *Right*.

*Tol de rol.*

II.  
On the FAIR of our Isle see the Graces all smile,  
All our Cares in this Life to requite;  
But such Wretches as You, Nature's Laws wou'd  
undo,  
For you're *backward*—and not in the *Right*.

*Tol de rol.*

III.  
Can't Beauty's soft Eye, which with Phoebus may vie,  
Can't her rosy Lips yield ye Delight?  
No:—they all afford sweets, which each Man of  
Sense meets,  
But not *You*,—for you're not in the *Right*.

*Tol de rol.*

IV.  
Where's the tender Connection, the Love and  
Protection,  
Which proceed from the conjugal Rite?  
Did you once but know *this*, sure you'd ne'er do  
amiss,  
But wou'd always be—all in the *Right*.

*Tol de rol.*

V.  
The Sov'reign of ALL, who created this Ball,  
Ordain'd that each Sex should unite;  
Ordain'd the soft *Kiss*, and more permanent Bliss,  
That ALL might be—all in the *Right*.

*Tol de rol.*

VI.  
But a Race so detested, of Honour divested,  
The Daughters of Britain invite,  
Whom they leave in the Lurch, to well flog 'em  
with Birch;  
Shou'd they stay 'em they're—all in the *Right*.

*Tol de rol.*

VII.  
Prest ye *Sailors*, persist, come ye *Soldiers*, insist,  
By Land or by Sea make 'em fight,  
And then let France and Spain, call their Men  
home again,  
And send out their WIVES—to be *Right*.

*Tol de rol.*

VIII.  
Now tho'many good Men, have so frolicksome been,  
Our Pity and Mirth to excite,  
Yet may these worthy Souls have the uppermost  
Hylet  
In the *PILLORY*,—all is but *Right*.

*Tol de rol. Sec.*



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BOOK 

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# OUTRAGE!

## Gay anger at Bill

The Speaker  
Com  
homo  
public  
after

Gay rights' protest halts debate by MPs  
By Godfrey Barker  
The Commons' Strangers  
Gallery was cleared at  
the order of Mr Speaker  
Weatherill for the first time  
in at least 25 years late last  
night, and the sitting sus-  
pended for five minutes  
after demonstrators shouted  
at Conservative MPs.  
In his 20s rose on the  
Guests: you don't  
dealing with  
the Local

STOP THE  
CLAUSE

## Socialist Worker Defend lesbian and gay rights

Over the last few years the right and other bigots have used AIDS as a  
for their attack on lesbian and gay rights. Now we are faced with the  
serious attack on lesbians and gays for over a generation.  
shouts  
you are dealing  
lives." The uproar  
the end of a ill-temper  
debate on a plan described  
a "bigots' charter".

From the Labour front bench  
Lord McIntosh of Haringey,  
said he personally would sup-  
port any move to excise the  
sexuality as drafted in the  
He felt that the  
backlash as a res

## A SCREAMING mob of gays and lesbians brought the House of Commons to a stand- still last night.

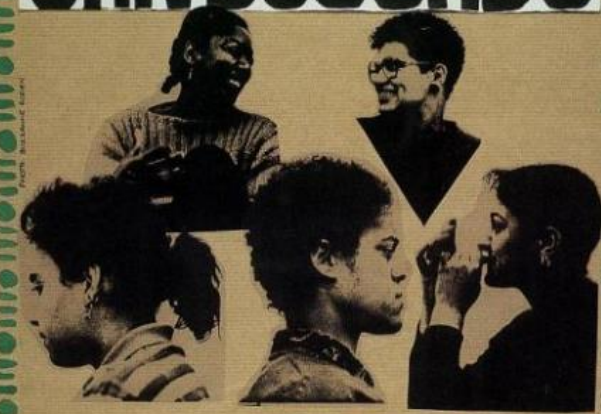
More than 100 pro-  
testers howled abuse  
from the public gal-  
lery as MPs argued  
about Government  
moves to ban the pro-  
motion of homose-  
xuality in schools.

## ILEA slaps ban on 'gay couple' book

Christian group warns of  
sex education fanatics

THEATRE OF  
BLACK WOMEN  
PRESENT

# CHIAROSCURO CHIBOZCHIBO



written by  
directed by  
designed by  
date  
time  
ticket  
venue

Jackie Kay.  
Joan Ann Maynard.  
Helena Roden.

Theatre of Black Women, box 6, 136 Kingsland high st, London, E8  
tel 01 249 1660



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LESBIANS AND GAYS  
DEMAND THE RIGHT  
TO PARENT!

STOP THE STRAIGHT  
**WAR**

AGAINST QUEER  
**LOVE**

STOP THE STRAIGHT  
**WAR**

AGAINST QUEER  
**LOVE**

**QUEER!**

it's cool to be

**QUEER!**

it's cool to be

More  
HETERO-  
SEXIST  
shit.  


Hetero-sexism: the cultural exclusion of  
Lesbians and Gays, based on the incorrect  
assumption of universal heterosexuality.

CLAUSE 25?

we want  
**OUT!**

CONSENTING GAY SEX  
IS **NOT** A CRIME!

**SWAT**  
homophobes



fight clause 25 & paragraph 1c

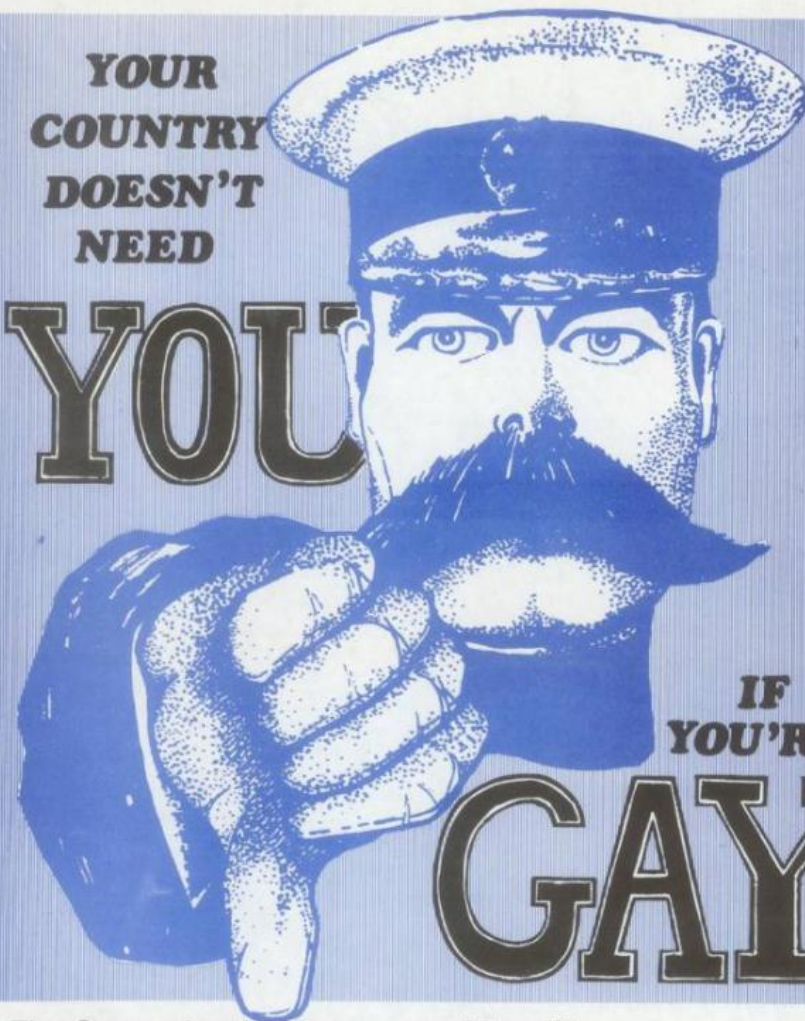
demonstrate your  
**RAGE**

**MASS DEMO**  
**NOON FEB 16<sup>th</sup>**  
**EMBANKMENT TUBE**

**EQUAL RIGHTS FOR  
LESBIANS AND GAYS!**

**YOUR  
COUNTRY  
DOESN'T  
NEED**

**YOU**



**IF  
YOU'RE**

**GAY**

The Campaign for Homosexual Equality  
is fighting for the rights of gay women and men  
—the rights everyone else takes for granted.

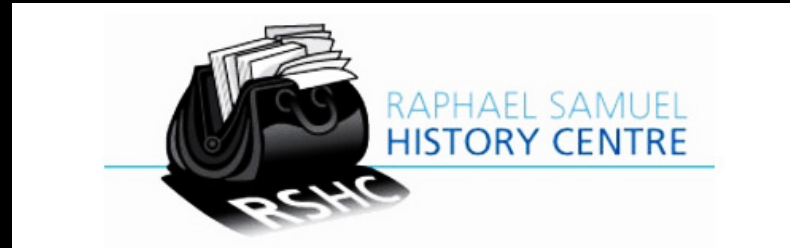
**Come and join us!**

**CAMPAIGN FOR HOMOSEXUAL EQUALITY**  
P.O. Box 427, Manchester M60 2EL.





# Partnerships





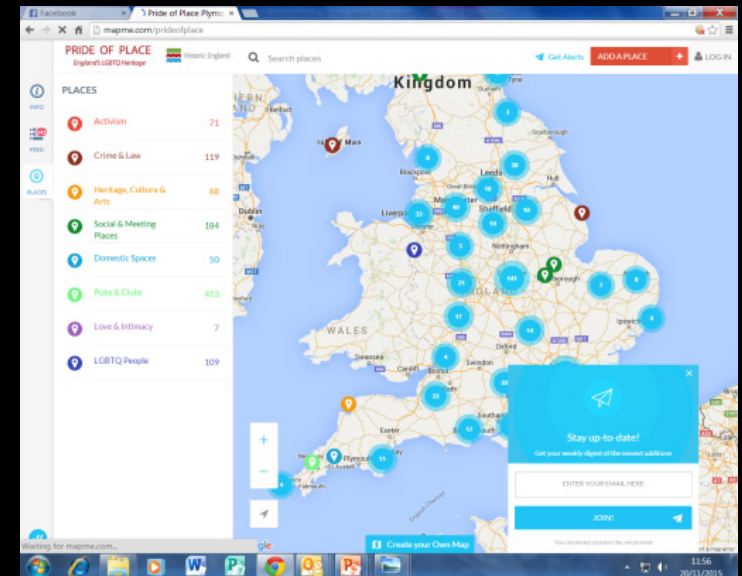
# Working Together



Rainbow Jews / Twilight People.



Rukus! Federation



Pride of Place.



# What Is Speak Out London?

- Speak Out London–Diversity City is an LGBTQ+ oral history project funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund. The project grew out of community interaction.
- The project focused on recording oral histories from LGBTQ+ people and by the end of 2016 over 50 had been collected. Participants were also able to have their own material scanned and added to a virtual community archive gallery. These records have become part of a permanent LGBTQ+ oral history archive and LGBTQ+ archive (ephemera / photographs etc.)
- The permanent archive can be accessed through the Speak Out London website and on site at LMA
- The project also supported improved access through revisiting collection catalogues and creating resources. This included exploring existing collections for LGBTQ+ material and scanning it. Currently 37,000 images exist which will be added to the digital archive.



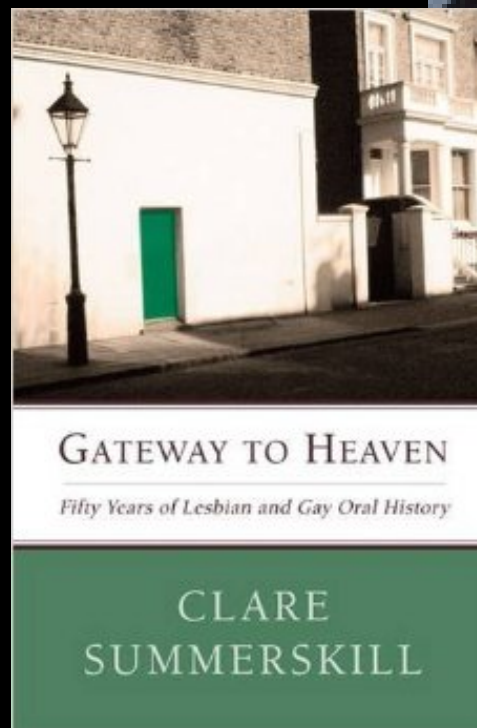
# Where Did Speak Out Come From?

Clare Summerskill brought the idea of developing the oral history collection to LMA. She has published a book called *Gateway to Heaven* (2012) based on LGBTQ+ oral history. She also has many years of experience as a writer, actress, public speaker and activist.

Clare is also an oral historian and a lot of her work has been around gathering oral histories from the LGBTQ community and writing and performing verbatim theatre.

Working with Clare and the community groups she networks was a powerful means of developing LMA's work with LGBTQ+ people.

Visit: [www.claresummerskill.co.uk/](http://www.claresummerskill.co.uk/)





# Promoting the Project





# Volunteering With Speak Out

Volunteers come from many backgrounds and have helped us ensure that the project is representative and inclusive. Currently there are 130 people signed up to the Speak Out list.

Volunteers have helped with exploring existing collections, recording oral histories, contributing to the blog, helping with the website, supporting events and conferences, designing the Speak Out exhibition and presenting their own work.

Training was an important part of our offer to volunteers.





# Oral History Training



# Planning an Exhibition



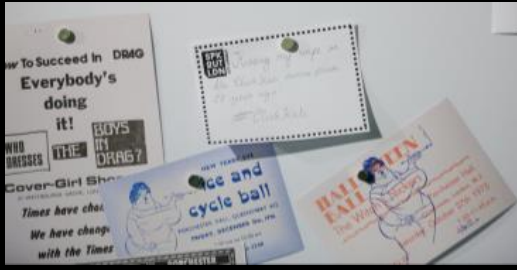


# The Speak Out Exhibition

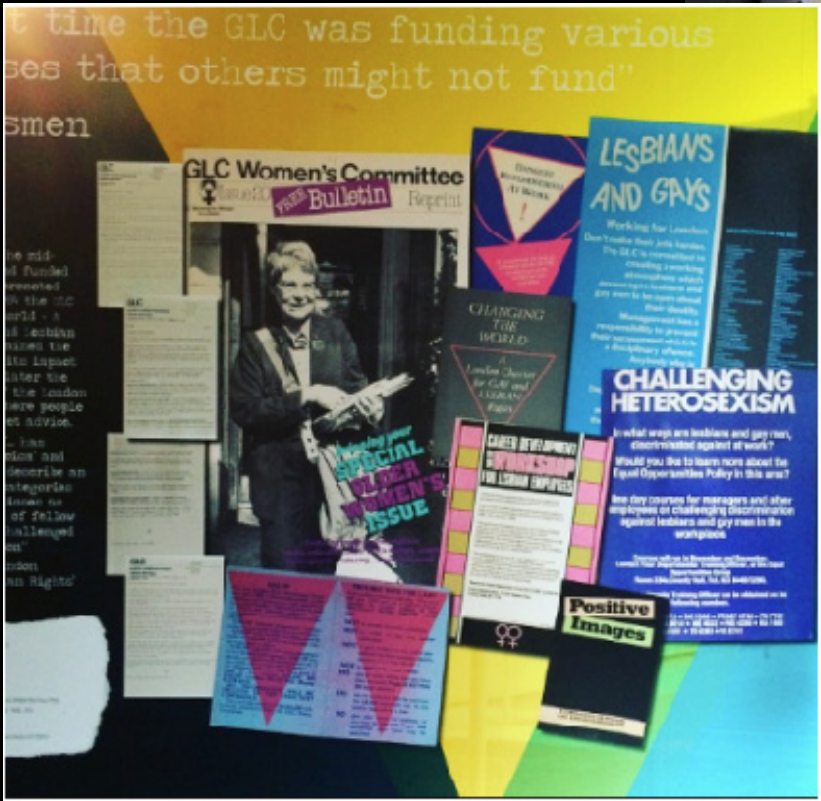


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GAY

MYSELF Life is JUST

LGBTQ+

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NO  
FLY POSTING  
(BUT PLEASE PICK UP A PEN!)

BISEXUAL

LESBIAN

GAY

Male identified  
people  
romantically,  
erotically, and/or  
emotionally  
people

BISEXUAL  
PEOPLE  
ATTRACTED  
ROMANTICALLY,  
EROTICALLY,  
AND/OR  
EMOTIONALLY TO  
BOTH MALE AND  
FEMALE IDENTIFIED  
PEOPLE.

QUEER

A non-hierarchical word  
for all those people that are  
not easily categorized by  
sexual orientation and/or  
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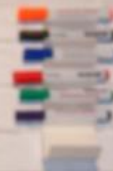
The LGBTQ acronym  
is not  
completely inclusive.



The '+' sign aims  
to recognize that many  
people are left out, including  
intersex, pansexual, asexual,  
undecided/questioning.

All of the terms in  
the LGBTQ+ acronym are  
constantly evolving and  
contested. This rich and  
constant dialogue around  
language recognizes  
the fluidity of our  
understanding of identity  
and the problems of  
labelling people. This list  
is not exhaustive.

Please use the pens and  
make your own contribution!



QUEER

Transgender





# Activities



**Writing the Self:  
Autobiography and LGBTQ Lives**  
Saturday 9 May 2015 11:00 to 15.30  
£10 (Booking essential)

Booking: <https://speakoutautobiographyworkshop.eventbrite.co.uk>

London Metropolitan Archives, 40, Northampton Rd, EC1R 0HB

Clare Summerskill will be leading this exciting creative writing workshop which explores autobiography. The focus will be on stories from Lesbian Gay, Bi, Trans and Queer people.

A range of creative writing styles will be explored, including the short story, writing for radio, theatre scripts, stand-up, comedy writing and creating an oral history from interviews.

A Speak Out London / Write Queer London event.

Visit Clare's websites:

<http://www.claresummerskill.co.uk/> and [www.artemistheatre.co.uk](http://www.artemistheatre.co.uk)

To find out more about the Speak Out LGBTQ oral history project visit :  
<https://speakoutlondon.wordpress.com/>

This event is part of the London Metropolitan Archives Word on the Street Cultural Festival 7-14 May

Discover more at [www.facebook.com/lgbthistory](http://www.facebook.com/lgbthistory) and  
<http://speakoutlondon.wordpress.com>

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**SPEAK OUT LONDON- DIVERSITY CITY**  
A new LGBTQ community history project at London Metropolitan Archives



**SPEAK OUT - BREAK OUT**  
**Oral History Training Day**  
Saturday 13 June 2015  
11:00 to 15:00  
London Metropolitan Archives,  
40, Northampton Rd, EC1R 0HB

As a result of our conversations and discussions with you we would like to invite  
**KENRIC, LGSO and REGARD**

to form a 'Break Out Group' involved with this exciting project. The Speak Out London team will provide support for groups gathering LGBTQ oral histories and scanned material, which will link to the LMA LGBTQ oral history project and become part of the new Speak Out digital archive.

#### WHAT'S INVOLVED?

Your members are invited to come to a free **Oral History Training Day** at LMA presented by Clare Summerskill on **Saturday June 13<sup>th</sup> from 11am – 3pm**.

After this training is completed your members will be able to:

- Book out LMA recording equipment
- Ask Clare for further advice and guidance if necessary
- Undertake their own recorded interviews with their own group members.

After the recordings are transcribed, again by Break Out group members (or with help from the Speak Out team if required), the content of the interviews will be available for the LMA Speak Out Website (launch summer 2016) and may form part of the exhibition planned for March 2016. Break Out groups will also have created a valuable resource for themselves. Copies of the interviews will always be held at LMA for its archive, adding to a rich and growing collection of LGBTQ histories.

Each Break Out group will have a presence on the Speak Out website, where scanned copies of past flyers, programmes, newsletters can also be posted if the group would like to do this.

In this way both the SPEAK OUT project at LMA and the BREAK OUT groups themselves can create their own LGBT oral history, and online digital archive.

**BOOKING FOR JUNE 13<sup>th</sup> ORAL HISTORY TRAINING IS ESSENTIAL:**

Email [jan.pimblett@cityoflondon.gov.uk](mailto:jan.pimblett@cityoflondon.gov.uk) or call on 0207332 3851

Visit: <http://speakoutlondon.wordpress.com> and [www.facebook.com/lgbthistory](http://www.facebook.com/lgbthistory)



**History Sharing Day!**  
**Speak Out London Free Drop In Event**  
Saturday 11 July 2015  
10:00 to 14:00

London Metropolitan Archives,  
40, Northampton Rd, EC1R 0HB

Everyone is welcome to drop in to our LGBTQ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, queer) community history event.

Do you have stories you would like to share as oral histories?

Have you got relevant artefacts, photographs, memorabilia or posters you would like to have scanned and share?

If so your story and your materials can be part of the new Speak Out London LGBTQ archive being created at LMA with the help of volunteers.

Do come along with your items and find out more over a cup of tea!

The day is hosted by the LMA Speak Out Team and you will find us in the Huntley Room on the first floor.

Discover more at [www.facebook.com/lgbthistory](http://www.facebook.com/lgbthistory) and  
<http://speakoutlondon.wordpress.com>

Although the event is drop in you can tell us you are coming on Eventbrite: <https://lgbthistoryshare.eventbrite.co.uk>

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# Talks and Presentations





# Volunteers Discovering Hidden History



Theodore Montague Constable  
1905 - 1961

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jvqnOROPaJA>

# Speak Out Conference 2015







# Pride



# A Permanent Digital Archive





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# www.speakoutlondon.org.uk

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ORAL HISTORIES

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ABOUT US

Search

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans and Queer+ (LGBTQ+) people have always been part of the fabric of London yet our histories have been marginalised. Speak Out is a call to action to put LGBTQ+ lives and experience back into the historical record.

Funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund, Speak Out London volunteers assisted by London Metropolitan Archives (LMA) have created a community archive using **oral histories** and **memorabilia** to complement and, where necessary, challenge more **formal collections** held at LMA.

We have done this by collecting oral histories and digitising new and existing collections. This website presents a selection newly available material. Our work continues so if you feel that this website is missing something or that you would like to be involved... Speak Out!

## HIGHLIGHTED **ORAL HISTORIES**

[www.speakoutlondon.org.uk](http://www.speakoutlondon.org.uk)

## GALLERY

This gallery presents a selection of images digitised as part of Speak Out London. Click on an image to enlarge it.

Click on these buttons to filter the gallery items.

☐ Campaigning ☐ Events and Entertainment ☐ Health ☐ Identity and Community  
☐ Law ☐ Places ☐ Politics

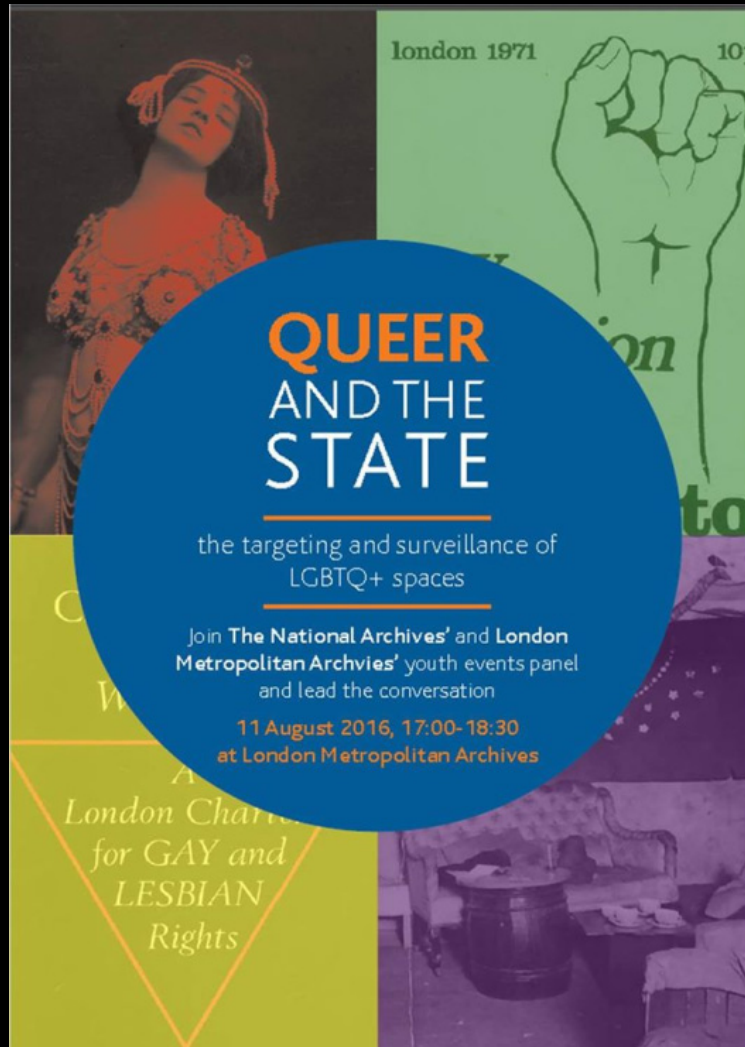


# Skills Share





# What Happened Next?





**FREE**

**THE NATIONAL FESTIVAL OF  
LGBT HISTORY 2016**

**SUNDAY 7 FEBRUARY, 11AM – 5PM**

The Museum of London and Schools OUT UK  
are hosting a day to celebrate LGBT History Month  
with a focus on schools and families

**WORKSHOPS AND PRESENTATIONS  
FOR TEACHERS**

Approaches to inclusion • Lesson plans and ideas  
Resources to use in your teaching

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**FOR FAMILIES** Children and young adults book  
readings by well known authors and  
**Drop-in activities** LGBT activities including Sir Ian  
suitable for all ages. Nickolson, Stuart Mill, Ben Aspinall,  
James Dawson and Bonnie Carter

**LETTERBOX LIBRARY BOOK STALL  
AND AUTHOR SIGNINGS**

**PUBLIC PERFORMANCE BY THE LONDON  
GAY MEN'S CHORUS**

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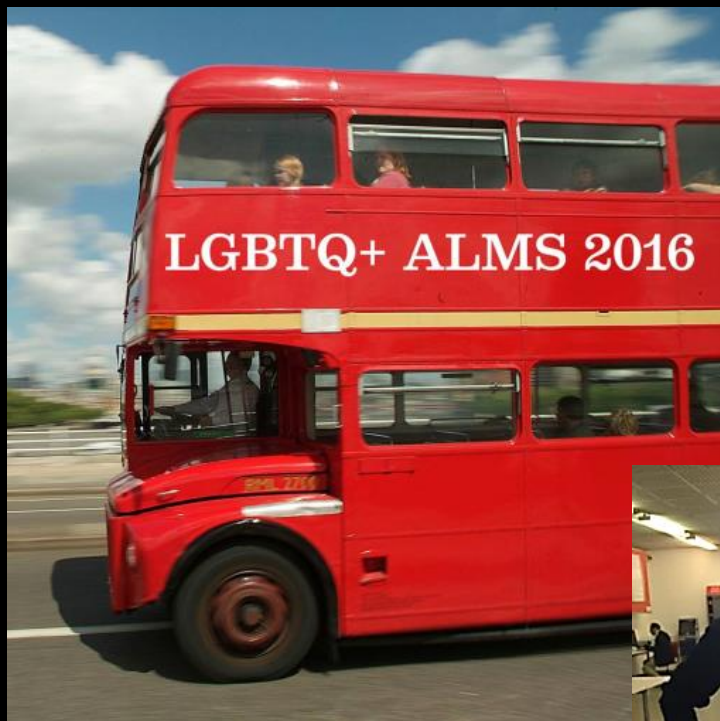
THIS EVENT IS FREE BUT PRE-BOOKING IS REQUIRED



# Developing School Resources



# Without Borders: Archives, Libraries, Museums and Special Collections International Conference 2016



<http://lgbtqalms.co.uk/>





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