

Warwick Pride



2017/18 Pride Guide





L is for Lesbian...

A lesbian is generally a woman who experiences sexual and/or romantic attraction only to other women.



G is for Gay...

A gay person is someone who experiences sexual and/or romantic attraction only to people of the same gender.



B is for Bi+...

A bi+ person is someone who experiences sexual and/or romantic attraction to people of more than one gender.



T is for Trans* ...

A trans* person is someone whose gender identity or expression differs from the gender they were assigned at birth. This includes non-binary people, who define outside of the man/woman binary.



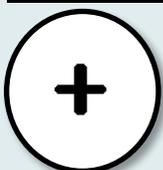
U is for Undefined...

An undefined person is someone who does not define one or more of their sexual or romantic orientation, or gender identity.



A is for Asexual/Aromantic...

An asexual person is someone who does not experience sexual attraction, or who experiences it very rarely or weakly. Aromantic is the equivalent term for romantic attraction. Someone who is asexual may or may not be aromantic, and vice versa.



Plus...

There are loads of related identities that share similar experiences to LGBTUA people, and they're all welcome!

Welcome to Pride!



First things first, welcome to Warwick Pride, the University of Warwick's LGBTUA+ society!

Whether you picked up your 2017/18 Pride Guide at the Freshers' Fair, or are joining us later in the year, there's plenty for you to get involved in. As a "three strand society" Pride is committed to **campaigning** for LGBTUA+ liberation, providing **advice and welfare** services, and running more **social events** than you could shake a stick at!

The following pages should give you a whistle-stop tour of the society: who we are, what we do, and where to find us! Of course, there's plenty more to see and do, so make sure to check out our website and stop by at some of our upcoming events.

Pride is an amazing place to form **lifelong friendships**, fight for and make a difference to **causes you believe in**, as well as to simply **relax and have fun!** We hope to get to know better you over the coming term, and would like to wish you all the best as you embark on this exciting journey. If you have any questions, please get in touch with us by emailing hello@warwickpride.org!

*Best Wishes,
Warwick Pride Exec
2017-18*

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<http://bit.do/PrideGuide>

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access@warwickpride.org

How to get involved

Society membership is just **£3 for the year**, and a great way to stay up to date with our latest news! As a member, you'll receive a **weekly email** with the details of all of our upcoming events, though in the meantime you can check out the **events on the back cover** for what's going on at the start of term! We'll leave this guide on the table for all events.

If you're at all nervous about coming along why not check out warwickpride.org and join the **Parenting Scheme**? You'll be assigned two Pride members as 'parents' to help you find your feet and introduce you to the rest of the society. Equally, exec members can meet you as a one-off, just email hello@warwickpride.org!



Campaigns



Pride is committed to improving the lives of all LGBTUA+ people, both at Warwick and around the world. As a result, Pride has a long history of campaigning for LGBTUA+ rights, from gender-neutral toilets to equal marriage. The society's current campaigns include calling for HIV testing provision on campus, breaking down barriers to sport for LGBTUA+ people, and championing the use of gender-neutral pronouns.

Every year Pride also co-organises a series of awareness events with the SU's LGBTUA+ & Trans Officers, including term 1's Pride Week, Trans Awareness Week, and Asexual Awareness Week, as well as term 2's LGBTUA+ History Month. Look out

for collaborations with other liberation communities too, on projects such as Black History Month and International Women's Week.

Last year saw the creation of a "Pride library" in the SUHQ WorkZone, with books on a wide variety of LGBTUA+ issues available for all students to read and borrow. The collection includes titles such as 'Bi: Notes for a Bisexual Revolution', 'Asexuality: A Brief Introduction', and even a copy of 'Brokeback Mountain'!

You can find out more information about our current campaigns and awareness events at bit.do/pride-campaigns or by getting in touch with our Campaigns Officers at campaigns@warwickpride.org.



Come along to our Q&A session with 'Assigned Male' webcomic artist Sophie Labelle on art & activism, Wednesday 11th at 6pm!
bit.do/assigned-male

Events

Warwick Pride loves to socialise! We run weekly coffee socials, clubbing socials, film screenings, debates, workshops, talks, and much more! There really is *something for everyone*, and we're always open to new suggestions. You can email ideas to events@warwickpride.org.

Our community officers also organise regular *acronym-specific socials* for their own communities

(women's, bi+, trans, etc.), so be sure to keep an eye out for those too. Our acronym-socials are a great way to meet other like-minded individuals, and discuss issues that affect your communities. We also provide *discreet socials* for those worried about attending events held in public spaces. We're committed to making sure our events are as accessible as possible, please do contact us if there's anything you require to attend any of our events that we haven't already thought of!



There's always a sober *member of the exec present* to duty our events, providing support as required and someone to talk to if you're feeling a little out of your depth. In addition we make sure to hold a wide range of non-drinking, *alcohol-free events*.

This year, we have a lot in store for you! We're planning an amazing series of events for *Pride Week* in November & *LGBTUA+ History Month* in February, alongside our regular weekly socials and trips. Don't miss out!

Our biggest welcome event of the year is the Welcome Buffet, on Saturday 14th October from 7:30pm in SUHQ!

With free food, resources, all of the exec, and a large number of both new and existing members, the Welcome Buffet is an opportunity you don't want to miss!



Welfare

Coming to terms with your identity can be a daunting experience. At Pride, we strive to support you throughout your time at university, whether it's in the form of support for coming out (or not), help settling into Pride, provision of safer sex materials, or spaces for marginalised groups.

Coming Out

Pride holds termly coming out workshops and discussions, allowing people to share their experiences with coming out to friends, family and hallmates. We appreciate that for some people this simply isn't possible, and we offer support to those who are unable to come out.



Parenting Scheme

The Parenting Scheme aims to assist new members in getting involved with the society by assigning them existing members as 'parents'. We try to match children and parents based on interests and identification as much as possible. Find out more at bit.do/ParentingScheme

Befriending Service

The Befriending Service aids members by offering additional, confidential support, such as locating additional LGBTUA+ resources or discussing coming out. We aim to help you the best we can, or at the very least to signpost you to the relevant place. Feel free to email us at welfare@warwickpride.org

Safer Sex Materials

Pride stocks a wide range of safer sex materials that are available at the Welcome Buffet and from SUHQ throughout the year. We will also arrange a trip to the GUM clinic each term. For more information see bit.do/sexual-health

Under-represented Groups

If you identify as belonging to an under-represented group, such as people of colour, people with disabilities, people of faith etc., we acknowledge that you may experience intersecting or additional concerns. We have secret Facebook groups for most under-represented groups and a representative to offer support.

For more information on welfare, visit warwickpride.org/home/welfare



Democracy

Warwick Pride is a Warwick Students' Union society with a democratically elected exec committee, and a constitution that outlines our aims, commitments, activities and how we operate.

Ordinary General Meetings (OGMs)

The OGM (Term 1) is held to elect a new Postgraduate & Mature Officer, and International Officer. Other unfilled positions are also elected at this time. In addition, amendments to the constitution/policy can be proposed.



Annual General Meetings (AGMs)

The AGM (Term 2) is held to elect the majority of positions on the exec committee. It's also another opportunity to propose policy/amendments to the constitution.

Motions

Motions are used to give Pride a stance on an issue or update the constitution. If you'd like an example of how to write a motion, you can find one on our website under the democracy section. If you want to submit a motion to a GM you'll need someone to second it too; if you'd like any help, get in touch with one of the exec (we're happy to help!).

Exec Meetings

The exec meet on a regular basis, and all members of the society are welcome to come along. We discuss business arising, plan events and campaigns, and generally just keep the society up and running smoothly. The times and locations will be advertised in the weekly email; another reason to make sure you join!

If you'd like to get involved, make sure you buy your membership and keep an eye out in the weekly emails for notice of the GMs, and instructions about submitting motions/nominations for exec positions.



For more information on democracy and procedure, visit warwickpride.org/home/about/democracy



Liberation Communities

Warwick Pride doesn't exist in isolation; we're part of the wider liberation community at Warwick, committed to taking a truly intersectional approach to liberation. We work closely alongside Warwick Anti-Sexism Society, Warwick Anti-Racism Society, Warwick Enable, Warwick Mind Aware, and the part-time SU liberation officers.

If you want to find out more about what the other groups are doing, and maybe see how you can get involved, check out their Facebook pages!

Alternatively, the SU is launching new community hubs this year for the liberation communities to share what they are up to. You'll be able to keep up-to-date with upcoming events and campaigns in each liberation area, and see how past campaigns have led to change!

You can access the SU community pages at warwicksu.com/communities

There's also a University-wide Facebook group for campaigns that you can join at facebook.com/groups/warwickcampaigns

Warwick Anti-Sexism Society

"WASS dedicates itself to helping win the war against sexism and patriarchy. We hold weekly meetings, get active within our local community, and help campaigns within wider society."

Find out more at fb.me/WarwickAntisexism.



Warwick Anti-Racism Society

"The University of Warwick Anti-Racism Society (WARSoC) is a recently-established student-run society campaigning for anti-racism issues on campus. We run regular debates, workshops, socials and general discussions, as well as campaigns."

Find out more at fb.me/warsoc.



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Warwick Enable

“Warwick Enable is the society for disabled students, their friends, allies, enablers and carers at the University of Warwick. Our aim is to create a community that can help provide support for disabled students here at Warwick.”

Find out more at fb.me/WarwickEnable



Warwick Mind Aware

“Warwick Mind Aware is a group within Warwick University that aims to campaign for mental health issues and increase general all-round emotional well being!”

Find out more at fb.me/WarwickMindAware



SU Liberation Officers

These five officers work to ensure that the voices of liberation groups are represented within the SU. They each hold a seat on Student Council, and run campaigns and themed weeks designed to raise awareness of issues affecting liberation students' lives.

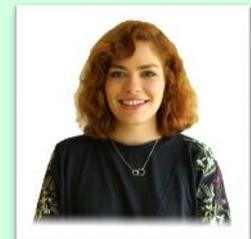
Find out more at bit.do/liberation



SU Welfare & Campaigns Sabbatical Officer

“My role is to lead on policy and campaigns related to student welfare, which encompasses housing, mental health, healthy living, and affordability among other areas. I represent students to make sure you're getting the best deal from the University, the Union and your local community. ”

Find out more at bit.do/welfare





To Do List

Join The Society!

Go to warwickpride.org/home/join and follow the instructions to pay your £3 to join for the year. You'll receive the right to vote at GMs, and this is the only way to receive our weekly emails detailing our upcoming events and activities!

Sign Up To The Parenting Scheme!

If you'd like to secure yourself a place on the Warwick Pride family tree, and be assigned two Pride 'parents' to help you settle into the society remember to sign up to the Parenting Scheme at bit.do/parenting-scheme

Find Out What's Going On!

The Welcome Buffet is one date you certainly don't want to miss! Everyone gathers for food, friendship, and fun on Saturday October 14th from 7:30pm in SUHQ. For other upcoming events see the **calendar on the back cover**

Discover The Facebook Groups!

There are a number of 'secret' Facebook groups for you to join (including acronym-specific communities), in order to get involved in discussions and meet like-minded individuals. You can find the request form at warwickpride.org/home/facebook/

Email Us!

We don't bite! Email us with your queries, suggestions, and requests. Get to know your exec, and find out how to get involved with the society. You can email us at hello@warwickpride.org or find us at fb.me/WarwickPride.

Who Do You Know?



Munroe Bergdorf

A trans model who was recently fired by L'Oréal as a result of her views on the complicity of white people in systemic racism



Karl Heinrich Ulrichs

First homosexual to publicly defend homosexuality when he argued for the repeal of anti-homosexual laws



Neeli Rana

A trans* activist who led the struggle with Pakistan's Supreme Court to grant civil rights to the third gender



Wendy Carlos

An electronic music pioneer, and trans woman, who collaborated in the development of the Moog synthesizer

Virginia Apuzzo

A vocal female AIDS activist who later became the highest-ranking "out" lesbian in the US government under Bill Clinton



Frank Kameny

Dismissed from the US Army, his appeal was the first orientation-based civil rights claim pursued in the US Courts



Arsham Parsi

Founder of Iranian Railroad for Queer Refugees, which helps LGBT Iranians seeking refuge



Ruth Ellis

Ellis' house served as a refuge for African-American LGBT people, and was a central location for gay and lesbian parties

David Jay

Founder of AVEN, a website and forum dedicated to asexuality visibility, education, and networking



Whether you've discovered that you're an expert, or an absolute beginner, get involved with *Warwick Pride* to learn more about LGBTUA+ activism!

Upcoming Events

<u>WEEK 1</u>	<u>WHAT</u>	<u>WHERE</u>	<u>WHEN</u>
Monday	Asexual/Aromantic Cake Social	Curiositea	2–4pm
Tuesday	Trans Meal	Bar Fusion	5:30–7:30pm
Wednesday	International Meal	Xananas	6–8pm
Thursday	People with Disabilities <i>“Hot/cold beverage of your choice”</i> Social	Terrace Bar	3–5pm
	Weekly Terrace Bar Social	Terrace Bar	5–7pm
Friday	Women’s Social	Curiositea	3–4:30pm
	Undefined Meal	Bar Fusion	6–8pm
<u>WEEK 2</u>	<u>WHAT</u>	<u>WHERE</u>	<u>WHEN</u>
Monday	Trans Milkshake Social	Curiositea	11–12:30pm
Tuesday	Postgraduate & Mature Meal	Dirty Duck	6–8pm
Wednesday	Talk and Q&A with Sophie Labelle, author of <i>Assigned Male Comics</i> Event Details: bit.do/assigned-male	TBC	6–8pm
Thursday	Weekly Terrace Bar Social	Terrace Bar	5–7pm
	People of Colour Meal	Dirty Duck	6–8pm
Saturday	Welcome Buffet	SUHQ	7:30–10pm
	Pride goes to Rainbows Nightclub	Coventry	10pm–2am

Check out warwickpride.org/home/calendar for further events!