



**York
LGBT+
History
Month
2025**

Programme of Events

February 1-28

For York LGBT+ History Month this year, we have come together as a community to create a vibrant and inclusive programme.

The organisations involved in planning and supporting this initiative include:

- York LGBT Forum
- York Pride
- The Portal Bookshop
- Generate
- York St John University
- York Templars



Welcome

to York LGBT+ History Month 2025!

This February, we come together as a community to celebrate the rich and diverse history of LGBT+ people, both locally and globally. York LGBT+ History Month is a time to reflect on the struggles and achievements of the past, to honour the contributions of LGBT+ individuals, and to continue advocating for equality and inclusion in all aspects of life.

This year's programme has been a true community effort, brought to life by the collaboration of York LGBT Forum, York Pride, Generate, Portal Bookshop, York RI Templars, and York St John. Together, we've created an exciting lineup of events, workshops, and discussions designed to educate, inspire, and celebrate.

We invite everyone—LGBT+ individuals, allies, and friends—to join us in making this month a time of reflection, connection, and joy. Whether you're here to learn, share, or celebrate, your presence helps to strengthen our community and keep the spirit of Pride alive all year round.

Thank you for joining us, and we hope you enjoy the programme!

Event information

Please note that all events listed in the York LGBT+ History Month programme are organised by individual organisations. For event-specific details, including accessibility, booking, and changes, we kindly ask you to contact the relevant organisation directly.

The York LGBT+ History Month team is not responsible for managing or delivering these events. Contact information for each organisation is provided where applicable.

Thank you for your understanding and support.

February 1



LGBTQ+ History Talks - 6:30pm - late

Location: Portal Bookshop, 5 Patrick Pool, York YO1 8BB. LGBTQ+ Bookshop and safe space and community hub in central York

To launch the month's events we've asked a number of speakers to deliver talks on their areas of expertise in LGBTQ+ history.

Free attendance, though support via café sales or donations are encouraged.

Contact: portalbookshop@gmail.com



February 1

Haus of Games - 8pm

Location: York Theatre Royal - The Old Paint Shop

Join the queens of comedy 'The Isolation Creations' for a Saturday evening of fun, games, bingo, daft prizes, and a party atmosphere like no other! Live at York Theatre Royal

"Brilliant fun! Lots of laughs"

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"Laugh until your ribs ache"

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Don't come expecting RuPaul's Drag Race: our drag is a saucy, rough around the edges, and a whole lot of fun! Mash-up Larry Grayson's Generation Game with Julian Clary's Sticky Moments and add a dash of Lily Savage and a sprinkling of Dick Emery and you get The Haus of Games!

*Note this is adults only event

Cost: £15.00 - book at Theatre Royal box office

Organised by: The Isolation Creations

Contact: jamie.honeybourne@gmail.com

February 1



outsideIN - Celebration of LGBT+ History Month - 7pm

Location: St Luke's Church Hall, Shipton Street, York, YO30 7AU.

An evening to celebrate some LGBT+ people involved in activism/social change including three short talks interspersed with music and poetry.

Light refreshments provided.

Contact: dave.pownall56@outlook.com

February 2



Poetry Workshops - 12noon - 2pm

Location: Over The Rainbow Café 5 Patrick Pool, York YO1 8BB. Non-profit (CIC) LGBTQ+ café. Event space, community hub, café.

Running bi-weekly, we've enlisted the skills of local LGBTQ+ poets to run a series of workshops to help develop your poetry! All are welcome, whether you've written before or not. The workshops will culminate with a performance event on the 2nd March.

Free attendance, though support via café sales or donations are encouraged.

Contact: otrcafeYork@gmail.com

February 3



LGBTQ+ Professional Creatives Panel - 6.30pm

Location: Portal Bookshop, 5 Patrick Pool, York YO1 8BB. LGBTQ+ Bookshop and safe space and community hub in central York

Portal Bookshop Hear from local talented professional creatives on how they've developed their craft, and made money from a creative passion.

Free attendance, though support via café sales or donations are encouraged.

Contact: portalbookshop@gmail.com

February 3



Generate 18+ York Support group in-person - 7.30pm -9.30pm

Location: Online

Generate provides in-person support group for Transgender, non-binary and gender questioning adults. The face to face groups are held first Monday of the month in York, from 7:30pm to 9:30pm.

To become a member please contact hello@generate.org.uk for more information. Are group in Feb will be on the 3rd of Feb.

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February 4



BSL Lesson - 12noon - 2pm

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The **York LGBT Forum** is a charity which aims to improve LGBTQ+ rights in York, North Yorkshire, United Kingdom and across the world! We have a variety of events and initiatives throughout the year!



AWARENESS TRAINING

We offer **Free to be Me** awareness training to care homes, care services and workplaces. Also **Opening the Closet Door on Dementia**.

SOCIAL MEET UPS

Our socials are based in York and Northallerton. It is a great place to meet new people, make friends and have fun. 18+ only, all identities are welcome.

In addition to our regular York and Northallerton socials, we organise and manage a Trans Social Group. 18+ only, all trans identities are welcome.



INTERFAITH GROUP

We also have an interfaith group and work with other LGBTQ+ faith organisations. 18+ only, all people of faith or no faith are welcome.



YORK LGBT FORUM

Don't Hide Yours Heart!

www.yorklgbtforum.org.uk



Are you interested in any of these groups?
Contact us enquiry@yorklgbtforum.org

February 6



Tarot Evening - 6.30pm

Location: Over The Rainbow Café 5 Patrick Pool, York YO1 8BB. Non-profit (CIC) LGBTQ+ café. Event space, community hub, café.

Whether you're spiritual or simply wishing for some guided introspection time, come along for some peer-to-peer tarot readings. Whether you're experienced or entirely new, all are welcome.

Free attendance, though support via café sales or donations are encouraged.

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February 6



Open Table - LGBTQ+ Church Service - 7.30pm

Location: All Saints Parish Church, High St, Northallerton DL7 8DJ

A safe and sacred space for LGBTQIA+ Christians and all who seek an inclusive, affirming, and welcoming Church in Northallerton and the surrounding area. We celebrate diversity, honour each individual's journey of faith, and strive to create a community where all can feel loved, respected, and valued. Whether you are seeking spiritual nourishment, fellowship, or simply a place to be yourself, you are warmly invited to join us as we worship and grow together in faith and love.

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Rainbow Choir - 7.30pm

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February 7



Movie Night (LGBTQ+ History) - 6.30pm

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Our movie nights make a return! This week our genre will be LGBTQ+ history! You choose the movie! Suggest and vote OTR Café, the winner will be announced a week prior!

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February 8



York support group for Transgender and non-binary families for parents and friends in person. - 2.30pm

Location: Online

Generate plus is our support group for friends and families of those exploring their gender identity. Also for parents that have children under 18 years and need support. If you would like any more information please contact support@generate.org.uk. Are next in person support group will be in Feb 8th.

Contact: This is a closed event please contact support@generate.org.uk for more details.

February 8



Generate Make Up Workshop - 10am

Location: Online

Are you Transgender, Non-binary or questioning and would like to learn how to do fabulous make-up techniques or just starting out and need a bit of a hand. Then please contact hello@generate.org.uk to become a generate member and find how to book a place onto are fantastic make-up workshop . Donations of up to £15 welcome.

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February 8



MEN'S

**York City
Football Club**

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Feb 8, 2025 At 3:00pm

York City Football Club vs Woking: Football vs Homophobia Men's - 3pm Kick Off

Location: York Community Stadium, YO32 9AF

Join us as York City FC proudly supports the Football v Homophobia (FvH) campaign with our dedicated men's matchday fixture.

Please buy tickets on the website.

Contact: inclusion@yorkcityfcfoundation.co.uk

February 8



Shanty & Folk Singing - 3.30pm

Location: Over The Rainbow Café 5 Patrick Pool, York YO1 8BB. Non-profit (CIC) LGBTQ+ café. Event space, community hub, café.

Gather round and join the song! A friendly evening of shanties, folk, and more! Some lyric sheets will be provided, but most are taught on the spot or picked up on the fly!

Free attendance, though support via café sales or donations are encouraged.

Contact: otrcafeYork@gmail.com

February 8



Generate Selkie Swim - 6:45pm

Generate Transgender and non-binary swimming sessions in York must be over 18+ and be a generate member to come along. For more information please contact hello@generate.org.uk and get signed up as a generate member. Are next session in Feb will be the 8th of Feb at 18:45pm.

Contact: This is a closed event please contact support@generate.org.uk for more details.

February 9



Special Interest Sunday - 6:30pm

Location: Over The Rainbow Café 5 Patrick Pool, York YO1 8BB. Non-profit (CIC) LGBTQ+ café. Event space, community hub, café.

A series of 20 min talk on anything you want! Three speakers a night with questions and breaks in-between! A TV will be available for visual aids. Drop in to listen, or sign up to give a talk via the event poster, available in OTR or via our Instagram.

Free attendance, though support via café sales or donations are encouraged.

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Generate is a support charity for Transgender, Non-Binary & people exploring their gender identity, based in both York and Doncaster.

We also have Generate Plus, our group for parents I, partners and carers of Transgender, Non-Binary & Gender exploring people.

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[Www.Generate.org.uk](http://www.Generate.org.uk)

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Email: Hello@generate.org.uk or
Doncaster@generate.org.uk



Generate Empowering Trans Resilience

February 10



Northallerton LGBTQ+ Social Special - 6pm

Location: The Golden Lion Hotel, 114 High Street, Northallerton DL7 8PP.

Our Northallerton Social is held on the second Monday of each month, offering a welcoming and inclusive space for members of the community to connect, socialize, and enjoy engaging activities together. Whether you're new to the area, looking to make friends, or simply want a fun and supportive environment, we'd love for you to join us.

Contact: jake.furby@yorklgbtforum.org.uk

February 10



Mini Painting - From 12noon

Location: Over The Rainbow Café 5 Patrick Pool, York YO1 8BB. Non-profit (CIC) LGBTQ+ café. Event space, community hub, café.

Come and paint tiny figurines for D&D, Wargaming, or display! Bring your own paints and materials or use the ones provided by our volunteers!

Free attendance, though support via café sales or donations are encouraged.

Contact: otrcafeYork@gmail.com

February 10



Wargaming - 6pm

Location: Over The Rainbow Café 5 Patrick Pool, York YO1 8BB. Non-profit (CIC) LGBTQ+ café. Event space, community hub, café.

Come along to learn how to play the mini's wargame-Mordheim! All minis and terrain provided! If you've ever wanted to play Warhammer or similar systems, this is an awesome place to start!

£6.50 ticket (includes a drink)

Contact: otrcafeYork@gmail.com

February 11



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February 11



Dance with Pride - Kinky Boots Musical Theatre Dance Workshop - 7:15pm

Location: Theatre 41, Monkgate, York

Immerse yourself in the world of Kinky Boots as part of Inspired By Theatre's Dance With Pride series, celebrating LGBTQ+ History Month. This 90-minute workshop invites you to embrace self-expression, activism, and the art of storytelling through dance.

Contact: charlie@inspiredbytheatre.co.uk

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February 12



Symposium - 12noon -2pm

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February 12



Generate Outreach at York St John University - 3pm - 5pm

Location: York St John University, Lord Mayor's Walk
Have you any questions about your gender or would like some information for a family member . Are you a student needing support please come alone to are drop in at YSJ Uni . If you would like any more information please contact hello@generate.org.uk or drop along at the lounge(student union)

Contact: This is a closed event please contact hello@generate.org.uk for more details.

February 12



Beginner Friendly D&D Adventures' League - 6:30pm

Location: Portal Bookshop, 5 Patrick Pool, York YO1 8BB.LGBTQ+ Bookshop and safe space and community hub in central York.

If you've ever wanted to start rolling dice and battling dragons, come along to these sessions! Running as part of the AL, two tables will be running to get you up to speed on adventuring.

Premade character sheets provided as needed.

Tickets £6 via OTR in person, or online.

February 12



York Socials - LGBTQ+ History Month Special - 6:30pm

Location: York Travellers Trust.

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February 12



York City Football Club Ladies vs Middlesbrough Women - Football vs Homophobia - 7:45pm Kick Off

Location: York Community Stadium, YO32 9AF

York City Football Club Foundation, would like to celebrate the upcoming ladies' matchday as our FvH fixture to raise awareness of the campaign again this year by offering up to 50 tickets through the LGBT Forum.

The dedicated game not only represents our commitment to the LGBT Community of York and surrounding areas, but also marks the start of LGBT History Month's events.

Please buy tickets on the website. Contact: inclusion@yorkcityfcfoundation.co.uk

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LGBTQ+ History Month 2025: An Evening with the Linden Archives

Thursday 13 February, 6.00 - 8.00pm
Creative Centre Auditorium



LGBTQ+ History Month 2025: An Evening with the Linden Archives - 5:45pm - 8pm

Location: Creative Centre Auditorium, York St John University

An evening with Stuart Linden Rhodes and the Linden Archives, looking at photographs from the UK queer scene of the 1990's taken for Gay Times and All Points North magazines, and hearing the stories behind them. Including photographs from York and Harrogate!

Contact: events@yorks.ac.uk for more information about event tickets.



Rainbow Choir - 7.30pm

Location: York St. John's University

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More events announced soon, please go to our socials for more!

Contact: Rachel@queerarts.co.uk

February 14



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Come and meet the wonderful folks at Generate, a local charity for Trans and Non-Binary folk. Have a casual chat to ask questions and learn what you can get involved in!

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February 14



Valentine's Day Movie Night (Romance) 6:30pm

Location: Over The Rainbow Café 5 Patrick Pool, York YO1 8BB. Non-profit (CIC) LGBTQ+ café. Event space, community hub, café.

Our movie nights continue! This week our genre will be romance. This will also be a night for loving the most important person in your life - you!

You choose the movie! Suggest and vote OTR Café, the winner will be announced a week prior!

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February 15



Over The Rainbow: D&D Adventures' League - 6pm for 6:30pm start

Location: Over The Rainbow Café 5 Patrick Pool, York YO1 8BB. Non-profit (CIC) LGBTQ+ café. Event space, community hub, café.

The next thrilling installment in our monthly D&D one-shots. Come and play a self-contained adventure under one of our four skilled Dungeon Masters, newcomers are always welcome!

Tickets are £6 - Available in-store or online.

Contact: hello@generate.org.uk

February 15



OUTRAGEOUS - Traffic Light Edition - 10pm - late

Location: Outrageous

Join Queenie Buffay at OUTRAGEOUS - The Traffic Light Edition. With Camp Classics, and chart toppers and with two special guests, York Pride Drag Race Finalists - Eris Envy & Dick Van Dyke. Trust us, this isn't one to miss!

Contact: stuart.jarman@yorkpride.org.uk

February 16



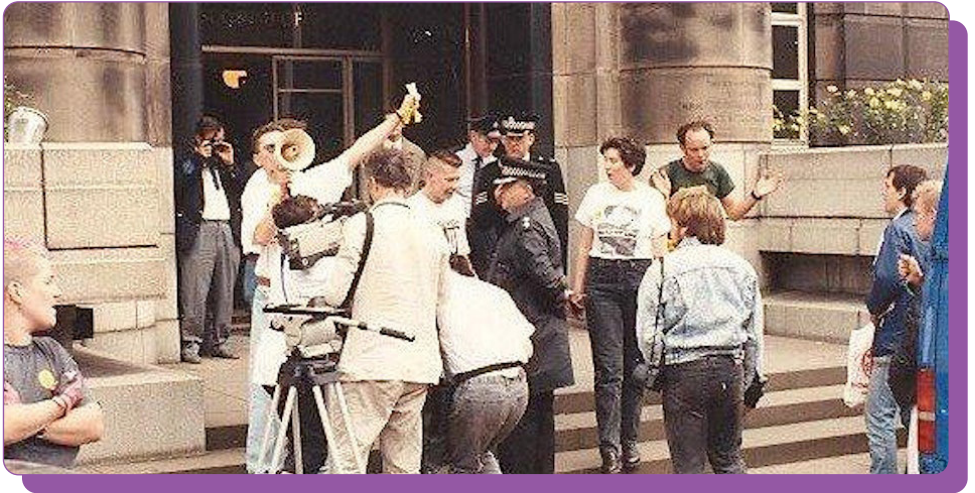
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The AIDS Crisis: An Activist Perspective

Location: Location: Denham Room, Priory Street Centre, 15 Priory Street, York

This year, LGBTQ+ History Month highlights the theme 'Activism and Social Change', celebrating the transformative power of collective action in advancing equality and human rights.

ACT UP (AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power) emerged in the late 1980s as a grassroots organisation fighting the AIDS crisis. Through bold and impactful direct action, ACT UP chapters worldwide demanded urgent government responses, pushed for equitable access to treatment, and championed the rights and visibility of people living with HIV/AIDS.

This event offers a unique opportunity to join a fireside conversation with two former UK members of ACT UP.

Rob Archer, was originally involved in ACT UP (New York) before co-founding ACT UP (London), and later continued his efforts in Edinburgh. Kenny Lieske, a co-founder of ACT UP in Edinburgh, was among the first AIDS activists in the UK to face arrest for his advocacy.

Together, Rob and Kenny will share personal photographs, artefacts and memories, reflecting on life before the AIDS crisis, their experiences as activists, and their respective journeys afterwards.

A Q&A session will follow, inviting participants to engage with their stories and insights

Contact: mail@goodorganosation.co.uk

February 16



Linda From HR & Friends Evening - 6:30pm

Location: Over The Rainbow Café 5 Patrick Pool, York YO1 8BB. Non-profit (CIC) LGBTQ+ café. Event space, community hub, café.

Linda, and her host human Phil, have been busy bees in the last 6 months. Phil will be playing a full gig, in two themed halves, ending with a set themed around protest & optimism. At times rowdy, raucous & reflective, this show will showcase the fruits of the past year's work and hint at the year to come.

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February 17



Drawing Workshop - 6:30pm

Location: Over The Rainbow Café 5 Patrick Pool, York YO1 8BB. Non-profit (CIC) LGBTQ+ café. Event space, community hub, café.

Led by the talented Amie Wilson, learn how to sketch nude portraits in a chill night of creativity. Bring your own resources, or hire some on the night. Drawings will be inspired from statues, photos and imagination (no live models.)

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Contact: stuart.jarman@yorkpride.org.uk

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February 22



Creative Non-binary and Transgender History - 9.30am

Location: York Travellers Trust, Falsgrave Crescent, YO30 7AZ

Generate Creative workshop for the whole family over 10 years old. Adults need to come with their children.

Come join us for an exciting event celebrating the diverse history of non-binary and transgender individuals! This in-person event will be held at York Travellers Trust, where we will explore your personal history. From art to activism, this event will let you creativity design art. Don't miss out on this unique opportunity to learn, connect, and celebrate together! This event is open to friends and family of Generate.

Donations welcome up to £7. All people attending need tickets. young people 10 plus are welcome with a adult.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1119736976439?aff=oddtcreator> or **contact** hello@generate.org.uk for the link

February 22



Dance with Pride - Cabaret - Musical Theatre Dance Workshop - 7:15pm

Location: Theatre 41, Monkgate, York

Immerse yourself in the world of Rent as part of Inspired By Theatre's Dance With Pride series, celebrating LGBTQ+ History Month. This 90-minute workshop invites you to embrace self-expression, activism, and the art of storytelling through dance.

Contact: charlie@inspiredbytheatre.co.uk

February 22



Footsteps of Pride: An LGBTQ+ History Walk - 1pm

Location: Meet outside York Explore

Join us for Footsteps of Pride, a guided walking tour exploring the rich and vibrant history of the LGBTQ+ community. Discover the stories, struggles, and triumphs that have shaped our present.

Contact: jake.furby@yorklgbtforum.org

February 22



Shanty & Folk Singing - 6.30pm

Location: Over The Rainbow Café 5 Patrick Pool, York YO1 8BB. Non-profit (CIC) LGBTQ+ café. Event space, community hub, café.

Gather round and join the song! A friendly evening of shanties, folk, and more! Some lyric sheets will be provided, but most are taught on the spot or picked up on the fly!

Free attendance, though support via café sales or donations are encouraged.

Contact: otrcafeYork@gmail.com

February 23



SLGBTQ+ Stories on Stage - Monologue & Scene Workshop - 10am

Location: Over The Rainbow Café 5 Patrick Pool, York YO1 8BB. Non-profit (CIC) LGBTQ+ café. Event space, community hub, café.

Step into the spotlight and explore the power of LGBTQ+ stories through this dynamic monologue and scene workshop. Led by professional actors Dan Poppitt and Josh Woodgate, this creative session invites participants to practice and perform material that celebrates LGBTQ+ activism and identity.

Contact: charlie@inspiredbytheatre.co.uk

February 23



Nowt So Queer As York - A Literary Walk - 2pm

Location: Starting point: Statue of William Etty outside the York Art Gallery

Discover York's queer literary heritage on this walk, exploring connections to figures like Percy Bysshe Shelley, the Brontë sisters, Oscar Wilde, and W.H. Auden. Uncover the places where these writers visited, stayed, and wrote, while delving into their complex relationships with identity and sexuality. From Shelley's rebellious streak to the Brontës' enigmatic connections, Wilde's wit, and Auden's exploration of desire, this walk offers a fresh perspective on York's literary history.

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February 23



Special Interest Sunday - 6:30pm

Location: Over The Rainbow Café 5 Patrick Pool, York YO1 8BB. Non-profit (CIC) LGBTQ+ café. Event space, community hub, café.

A series of 20 min talk on anything you want! Three speakers a night with questions and breaks in-between! A TV will be available for visual aids. Drop in to listen, or sign up to give a talk via the event poster, available in OTR or via our Instagram.

Free attendance, though support via café sales or donations are encouraged.

Contact: otrcafeYork@gmail.com

February 24



Mini Painting - From 12noon

Location: Over The Rainbow Café 5 Patrick Pool, York YO1 8BB. Non-profit (CIC) LGBTQ+ café. Event space, community hub, café.

Come and paint tiny figurines for D&D, Wargaming, or display! Bring you own paints and materials or use the ones provided by our volunteers!

Free attendance, though support via café sales or donations are encouraged.

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February 24



Wargaming - 6pm

Location: Over The Rainbow Café 5 Patrick Pool, York YO1 8BB. Non-profit (CIC) LGBTQ+ café. Event space, community hub, café.

Come along to learn how to play the mini's wargame-Mordheim! All minis and terrain provided! If you've ever wanted to play Warhammer or similar systems, this is an awesome place to start!

£6.50 ticket (includes a drink)

Contact: otrcafeYork@gmail.com

February 25



BSL Lesson - 12noon - 2pm

Location: Over The Rainbow Café 5 Patrick Pool, York YO1 8BB. Non-profit (CIC) LGBTQ+ café. Event space, community hub, café.

Have you ever wanted to learn British Sign Language? Our weekly free BSL lessons run by Gray provide a space for those wanting to learn, or practice their sign. No previous attendance needed!

Free attendance, though support via café sales or donations are encouraged.

Contact: otrcafeyork@gmail.com

February 25



Generate 18+ York Support group in-person - 7.30pm - 9.30pm

Location: Online

Generate has a peer support group online for adults over 18+ but there no upper age limit. These groups are for people who are

Transgender, non-binary and questioning to explore their gender or gain support. These are held on a Tuesday evening from 7:30pm to 9:30pm every week.

Contact: This is a closed event please contact hello@generate.org.uk for more details.

February 25



Symposium - 12noon - 2pm

Location: Over The Rainbow Café 5 Patrick Pool, York YO1 8BB. Non-profit (CIC) LGBTQ+ café. Event space, community hub, café.

Community philosophy lessons! Providing a base understanding of various topics such as ethics, knowledge, or even existence itself. No previous knowledge required, only a keen mind willing to learn!

Free attendance, though support via café sales or donations are encouraged.

Contact: otrcafeyork@gmail.com

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LGBTQ+HM 2025: Being Gay in Thatcher's Britain - 4pm

Location: York St' John University

2025 marks the fortieth anniversary of AIDS becoming a household name in the UK.

From the death of well-loved actor Rock Hudson to the introduction of the first HTLV-III antibody test, society was waking up to the reality of a serious epidemic. Whilst the LGBTQ+ community had valiantly rallied together to fight the disease, ignorance and misinformation, it was clear that more needed to be done, to counter the panic in the mass media which labelled the disease the "gay plague."

The Government responded with the "Don't Die of Ignorance" public health campaign in the mid-1980s. However, this campaign – including its motivations, messaging, craft, and response – must be viewed in the context of the stigmatisation and moral panic surrounding people living with AIDS in Thatcher's Britain.

This talk will introduce new research about how the government responded to the moral panic of the AIDS crisis in the 1980s, and how politics and public policy emphasised the marginalisation of Britain's LGBTQ+ community. Set amongst the backdrop of the struggle for equality, the AIDS epidemic would eradicate the little gains this community had so carefully fought for, once again setting 'gayness' alongside 'disease' in the minds of the British public.

Contact: events@yorks.j.ac.uk for the link to Eventbrite

February 26



York Socials - LGBTQ+ History Month Special - 6:30pm

Location: York Travellers Trust.

Celebrate LGBTQ+ History Month with York's LGBTQ+ Socials! Mingle and make new friends within York's vibrant LGBTQ+ community at our regular Coffee Social events, happening every Wednesday evening throughout LGBTQ+ History Month! Held at York Travellers Trust.

These gatherings offer a welcoming and safe space to connect with like-minded individuals, relax, and enjoy a cup of coffee (or tea!). The best part? It's completely free to attend, and everyone is warmly welcome!

Contact: jake.furby@yorklgbtforum.org for more info.

P.S. Don't forget about our Northallerton social happening on the second Monday of each month! For details contact: jake.furby@yorklgbtforum.org

February 26



An Open Mic LGBTQ+ Performance Evening - 7pm

Location: The Basement, York

Celebrate the transformative power of theatre and music in this special open mic night honoring LGBTQ+ musicals, artists, and stories. Hosted by acclaimed musical theatre performer Richard Bayton, this event offers a platform for performers to share pieces that resonate with the LGBTQ+ experience, from struggles to victories and personal journeys.

Contact: charlie@inspiredbytheatre.co.uk

February 27



The Kweens Haus Zine: York's Queer past, present & future - 4pm

Location: Room K/122, Huntingdon Room, King's Manor, Exhibition Square, YO1 7EP

The Kweens Haus Zine is a community zine about York's Queer past, present, and future. This will be a relaxed social event where copies of the zine's first edition will be available to pick up accompanied by small talks from contributors to volume 1. There will also be opportunities to discuss future volumes and submissions with the editor, Fran Mahon.

February 27



Rainbow Choir - 7.30pm

Location: York St. John's University

Join us every Thursday at 7pm, at York St John's University. We are a relaxed welcoming community LGBTQ+ choir (open to allies too!)

More events announced soon, please go to our socials for more!

Contact: Rachel@queerarts.co.uk

February 28



Generate Outreach - 3.30pm

Location: Over The Rainbow Café 5 Patrick Pool, York YO1 8BB. Non-profit (CIC) LGBTQ+ café. Event space, community hub, café.

Come and meet the wonderful folks at Generate, a local charity for Trans and Non-Binary folk. Have a casual chat to ask questions and learn what you can get involved in!

Contact: hello@generate.org.uk

February 28



Movie Night (Fantasy & Sci-Fi) - 6.30pm

Location: Over The Rainbow Café 5 Patrick Pool, York YO1 8BB. Non-profit (CIC) LGBTQ+ café. Event space, community hub, café.

Our movie nights make a return! This week our genre will be Fantasy & Sci Fi! You choose the movie! Suggest and vote OTR Café, the winner will be announced a week prior!

Free attendance, though support via café sales or donations are encouraged.

Contact: otrcafeyork@gmail.com

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