# Voices and Visibility

## Uncovering hidden histories
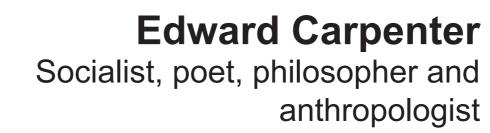
People who do not identify as heterosexual (only) have used a number of terms to describe themselves including: **homosexual, lesbian, gay, bisexual, queer, pansexual, asexual...**

People who do not identify with their assigned gender (only) have used a number of terms to describe themselves including: **trans, transgender, transman, transwoman, man, woman, transsexual, crossdresser, transvestite, androgynous, genderqueer...**

## Legal timeline

**Death penalty for buggery abolished**
1861 England and Wales
1889 Scotland

**Offence of 'gross indecency' created**
1885 across the UK

Uranians
Inverts
Homosexuals

**Decriminalisation of homosexual acts**
by two men over the age of 21 'in private'
1967 England and Wales
1980 Scotland
1982 Northern Ireland
1992 Isle of Man

**1981**
Dudgeon v the United Kingdom

**Section 28 and 2A**
Prohibits 'promotion' of homosexuality
1988 England, Wales and Scotland

**Employment rights**
1999 Transgender across UK

**Repeal Section 28 and 2A**
2000 Scotland
2003 England and Wales
2006 Isle of Man

**Duty to promote equality**
2000 Northern Ireland

**Equal age of consent**
2001 England, Wales, Scotland (16yrs)
Northern Ireland (17yrs)

**Employment rights**
2003 Sexual orientation across UK

**Gender recognition**
2004 across the UK

**Civil Partnerships**
2005 across the UK

**Offence of hate crime**
2005 Sexual orientation across UK
2009 Transgender: Scotland
2012 Transgender: England, Wales, Northern Ireland

**Equality Act**
2010 England, Wales and Scotland

**Marriage (same sex couples)**
2014 England, Wales and Scotland

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**Fanny and Stella**
Frederick Park and Ernest Boulton
Law student, bank clerk, theatrical performers
**1871**
Criminal prosecution

**Edward Carpenter**
Socialist, poet, philosopher and anthropologist
**1906**
Publishes 'Love's Coming of Age'

1914 British Society for the Study of Sex Psychology

**Ethel Smyth**
Composer and member of the suffrage movement
**1911**
Composed 'The March of Women'

**Alan Turing**
Mathematician and computer scientist
**1952**
Chemically castrated

1958 Homosexual Law Reform Society

1969 Campaign for Homosexual Equality
1969 Scottish Minorities Group

**Lionel Blue**
Reform rabbi, journalist and broadcaster
**1960s**
First British rabbi publicly to 'affirm his homosexual orientation'

**Radclyffe Hall**
Poet and author
**1928**
Publishes 'The Well of Loneliness'

**Ted Brown**
LGBT activist and trade unionist
**1970**
Member of Gay Liberation Front

**Jan Morris**
Historian, author and travel writer
**1972**
Travels abroad for gender reassignment surgery

**Peter Tatchell**
LGBT activist
**1983**
Fights Bermondsey By-election

**Jeffrey Dudgeon**
Shipping Clerk and gay activist
Belfast

**Chris Smith**
Politician
**1984**
First out gay and HIV positive MP

**Labi Siffre**
Poet, singer and songwriter
**1987**
(Something Inside) So Strong

**Jimmy Somerville**
Singer
**1984**
'Pits and Perverts' benefit concert

**Linda Bellos**
Businesswoman and LGBT activist
**1986**
Leader of Lambeth Council

**Lisa Power**
**1989**
Founder member Stonewall

**Kath Gillespie-Sells**
**1989**
Founder Regard

**Christine Burns**
Trans activist
**1995**
Parliamentary Forum on Transsexualism

**Stephen Whittle**
**1992**
Co-founder Press for Change

**Angela Eagle**
Politician
**1997**
First elected out lesbian MP

**Jackie Kay**
Poet, novelist and academic
**1998**
Publishes 'Trumpet'

**Waheed Alli**
Media entrepreneur and politician
**1998**
Youngest and first out gay peer

**Barbara Burford**
Writer and medical researcher
**1999**
Director of Equality Department of Health

**Sue Sanders**
Educator, activist and Founder of LGBTHM
**2005**
First LGBT History Month

**Russell T Davies**
Television producer and screen writer
**1999**
Queer as folk broadcast

**Phyllis Opoku-Gyimah**
Trade Unionist
Founder of Black Pride
**2006**
First UK Black Pride

**Tom Daley**
Sportsman
**2013**
Announces relationship with a man

**Nicola Adams**
Sportswoman
**2012**
First woman to win Olympic boxing title