

Moments

That Shaped LGBT History



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Introduction

Sometimes it is hard in education to wonder where in the curriculum you can place certain events or Moments that you feel are important for a learner's education but will also enhance the topic that you are studying. It is important that we 'normalise' the impact of the LGBT community to our society, culture and history. Below is a timeline of key events in LGBT history - **Moments** - that can be used to achieve this. You can adopt these and look further into them, in order to explore how you can use them to suit your own curriculum needs in whichever subject area you specialise in. Remember - **it only takes a moment to use a Moment**.

The CfE curriculum areas appear at the end of each Moment. For examples of 'Psychology', please look under 'Sciences'. Where 'Health and Wellbeing' is mentioned, it relates to 'Physical Education'. As all of these Moments are of great interest to our LGBT learners and their peers, all of them fall under the 'Health and Wellbeing' curriculum.

Moments

- **1869** - The term "homosexuality" appears in print for the first time in a German-Hungarian pamphlet written by Karl-Maria Kertbeny (1824-1882). - **Languages/Social Studies/Religious and Moral Education**
- **1895** - The trial of British poet, playwright and author Oscar Wilde results in his prosecution under the Criminal Law Amendment Act 1885 for "gross indecency" - that is, same sex relations. He is sentenced to two years of hard labour in prison - **Languages/Expressive Arts**
- **1910** - Emma Goldman first begins speaking publicly in favour of homosexual rights. Magnus Hirschfeld later wrote "she was the first and only woman, indeed the first and only American, to take up the defence of homosexual love before the general public." - **Social Subjects/Religious and Moral Education**
- **1913** - The British Society for the Study of Sex Psychology is founded by a group of theorists and activists, with Edward Carpenter as president. Carpenter was a proponent of the theory of the 'homosexual' as a third sex and lived openly with his lover, George Merrill. The Society was particularly concerned with homosexuality, aiming to combat legal discrimination against homosexuality with scientific understanding. Members included George Cecil Ives, Edward Carpenter, Montague Summers, Stella Browne, Laurence Housman, Havelock Ellis, George Bernard Shaw, and Ernest Jones - **Sciences/Religious and Moral Education/Languages/Expressive Arts**
- **1919** - In Berlin, Germany, Doctor Magnus Hirschfeld co-founds the Institut für Sexualwissenschaft (Institute for Sex Research), a pioneering private research institute and counselling office. It's library of thousands of books was destroyed by Nazis in May 1933 - **Sciences**
- **1923** - Lesbian Elsa Gidlow, born in England, publishes the first volume of openly lesbian love poetry in the United States, titled "On A Grey Thread" - **Languages**
- **1931** - In Berlin in 1931, Dora R becomes the first known transgender woman to undergo vaginoplasty. - **Religious and Moral Education/Sciences**

- **1933** – The National Socialist German Workers Party bans homosexual groups. Homosexuals are sent to concentration camps. Nazis burn the library of Magnus Hirschfeld's Institute for Sexual Research, thus destroying the institute; while Denmark and Philippines decriminalises homosexuality. Homosexual acts are also decriminalised in the USSR. – **Social Studies/Religious and Moral Education**
- **1936** – Federico García Lorca, a gay Spanish poet, is shot at the beginning of the Spanish civil war. Later, his work is censored to remove any references to homosexuality. A 30-year-old British athletic champion, Mark Weston of Plymouth, transitions from female to male. The story appeared in some national newspapers, including the News of the World (31 May 1936). The reportage was accurate and sensitive. In the words of L. R. Broster, the Harley Street surgeon who treated him: "Mark Weston, who has always been brought up as a female, is a male and should continue to live as such" – **Languages/Expressive Arts/Religious and Moral Education**
- **1937** – The pink triangle, to identify gay men in Nazi concentration camps, is used for the first time. – **Social Studies/Religious and Moral Education/Expressive Arts**
- **1939** - Over five million men serve in the British armed forces during World War II. Of these, it is estimated that at least 250,000 were gay or bisexual (based on projections from the 1990-91 National Survey of Sexual Attitudes and Lifestyles) – **Social Sciences/Mathematics**
- **1941** – The term 'Transsexuality' is used for the first time in reference to homosexuality and bisexuality – **Languages/Social Studies/Religious and Moral Education**
- **1945** – During the liberation of Nazi concentration camps by Allied forces, those interned for homosexuality are not freed, but are required to serve out the full term of their sentences instead; under Paragraph 175 of the German Criminal Code, which made illegal a broad range of behaviour between men - including same-sex sexual activity – **Social Studies/Religious and Moral Education**
- **1952** – Christine Jorgensen becomes the first widely publicised person to have undergone sex reassignment surgery, in this case, male to female - which sparks world-wide coverage and interest – **Technologies/Sciences/Religious and Moral Education**
- **1954** – (7 June) Mathematical and computer genius Alan Turing commits suicide by cyanide poisoning, 18 months after being given a choice between two years in prison or libido-reducing hormone treatment for a year as a punishment for homosexuality – **Mathematics/Technologies**
- **1957** – The term 'transsexual*' is coined by U.S. physician Harry Benjamin; a report published by The Wolfenden Committee recommends decriminalising homosexual activity between consenting adults in the United Kingdom; Psychologist Evelyn Hooker publishes a study showing that homosexual men are as well-adjusted as non-homosexual men – **Sciences/Technologies/Social Subjects**
- **1959** – ITV, at the time the UK's only national commercial broadcaster, broadcasts the first gay drama - "South" - starring Peter Wyngarde – **Expressive Arts/Languages**
- **1967** – The Black Cat Tavern in the Silver Lake neighbourhood of Los Angeles is raided on New Year's day by 12 plainclothes police officers who beat and arrest employees and patrons. The raid prompts a series of protests that begin on 5 January 1967, organised by P.R.I.D.E. (Personal Rights in Defence and Education). This is the first use of the term "Pride" that came to be associated with LGBT rights. – **Social Studies/Religious and Moral Education/Languages**

- **1969** – Riots occur in New York City at a popular gay bar, the “Stonewall Inn”, against a police raid. This moment is often considered to be the most important event leading to the contemporary fight for LGBT rights in America – **Social Studies/Religious and Moral Education/Languages/Expressive Arts**
- **1971** - Dr. Frank Kameny becomes the first openly gay candidate in the running for the United States Congress – **Social Studies**
- **1972** – Sweden becomes first country in the world to allow ‘transsexuals’ to legally change their sex, and provides free hormone therapy; John Hospers becomes the first openly gay man to run for president of the United States; the first British Gay Pride Rally is held in London with 1000 people marching from Trafalgar Square to Hyde Park; Britain's first gay newspaper is founded – **Sciences/Technologies/Social Studies/Religious and Moral Education/Languages/Expressive Arts**
- **1973** - the American Psychiatric Association removes homosexuality from its Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM-II), based largely on the research and advocacy of Evelyn Hooker – **Sciences/Religious and Moral Education**
- **1975** - The groundbreaking film portraying gay icon Quentin Crisp's life - “The Naked Civil Servant” - is transmitted by Thames Television for the British Television channel ITV; British journal “Gay Left” begins publication – **Languages/Expressive Arts**
- **1977** – Harvey Milk is elected city-county supervisor in San Francisco, becoming the fifth openly gay American elected to public office and the first in California – **Social Studies**
- **1978** – San Francisco Supervisor Harvey Milk and Mayor George Moscone are assassinated by former Supervisor Dan White; the rainbow flag is first used as a symbol of homosexual pride – **Social Subjects/Expressive Arts/Technologies**
- **1979** – A number of people in Sweden call in sick to work - citing ‘homosexuality’ - in protest to ‘homosexuality’ being classified as an illness. This was followed by an activist occupation of the main office of the National Board of Health and Welfare. Within a few months, Sweden became the first country in the world to remove ‘homosexuality’ as an illness. - **Sciences**
- **1980** – Scotland decriminalises homosexuality – **Social Sciences/Languages/Expressive Arts/Religious and Moral Education**
- **1981** - The first official documentation of the condition to be known as AIDS is published by the US Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) on 5 June; the first UK case of AIDS is recorded when a 49-year-old man is admitted to Brompton Hospital in London suffering from PCP (Pneumocystis carinii pneumonia) and dies ten days later; tennis player Billie Jean King becomes the first prominent professional athlete to come out as a lesbian, when her relationship with her secretary Marilyn Barnett becomes public - as a result, she loses all of her endorsements – **Sciences/Health and Wellbeing/Mathematics**
- **1982** - The condition to be known as AIDS has acquired a number of names – GRID5 (gay-related immune deficiency), ‘gay cancer’, ‘community-acquired immune dysfunction’ and ‘gay compromise syndrome’. The CDC uses the term AIDS for the first time in September 1982, when it is reported that an average of one to two cases of AIDS were being diagnosed in America every day - **Mathematics/Sciences/Social Studies**
- **1984** - Chris Smith, newly elected to the UK parliament declares: "My name is Chris Smith. I'm the Labour MP for Islington South and Finsbury, and I'm gay", making him the first openly gay politician in the UK parliament; “Lesbians and Gays Support the Miners”, a campaign of LGBT support for striking workers during the miners' strike of 1984 and 1985, is launched. – **Social Studies**

- **1985** - Actor Rock Hudson dies of AIDS and becomes the first major public figure known to have died from an AIDS-related illness; Terry Sweeney becomes Saturday Night Live's first openly gay male cast member – **Expressive Arts/Languages**
- **1987** - AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power (ACT UP), a direct action advocacy group, is founded in New York City – **Social Studies**
- **1988** - Section 28 of the Local Government Act, which prohibits the 'promotion' of homosexuality in schools, passes in England and Wales; Scotland enacts almost identical legislation – **Social Studies/Sciences/Religious and Moral Education**
- **1990** – The World Health Organisation (WHO) states that 'homosexuality' is no longer an illness; Justin Fashanu is the first British professional footballer to come out in the media – **Sciences/Religious and Moral Education/Social Studies/Health and Wellbeing**
- **1991** - The red ribbon is first used as a symbol of the campaign against HIV/AIDS; the first lesbian kiss on television occurs on "L.A. Law"; Queen singer Freddie Mercury announces that he has AIDS and dies the following day – **Expressive Arts/Technologies**
- **1994** - UK reduces the age of consent for homosexual men to 18; Channel 4's "Brookside" airs the first pre-watershed lesbian kiss on British television – **Social Subjects/Religious and Moral Education**
- **1995** - Due to the activist efforts of ACT UP, triple combination therapy of drugs such as 3TC, AZT and ddC are shown to be effective in treating HIV, the virus responsible for AIDS; "Kings Cross Steelers" the world's first gay rugby club, is founded – **Sciences/Technologies/Health and Wellbeing**
- **1996** - A breakthrough is made in the area of AIDS treatment; Highly Active Antiretroviral Therapy (HAART) is found to significantly delay the onset of AIDS in people living with HIV. The NHS makes the treatment available in the UK and HAART has a dramatic effect, with many bed-ridden AIDS patients returning to work. – **Sciences/Technologies/Mathematics**
- **1997** - Ellen DeGeneres comes out as a lesbian and is one of the first celebrities to do so. Later that year her character Ellen Morgan also comes out as a lesbian on the TV show "Ellen", making Ellen DeGeneres the first openly lesbian actress to play an openly lesbian character on television – **Expressive Arts/Language**
- **1998** - Matthew Shepard is murdered in a violent gay hate crime; Dana International becomes the first transsexual to win the Eurovision Song Contest, representing Israel with the song "Diva"; The first bisexual pride flag is unveiled; Julie Hesmondhalgh begins to play "Hayley Anne Patterson" - British TV's first transgender character - **Social Subjects/Religious and Moral Education/Expressive Arts/Languages/Technologies**
- **1999** - In May, the "Admiral Duncan", a gay pub in Soho, London, is bombed by former British National Party member David Copeland - he kills three people and wounds at least 70; the "Transgender Day of Remembrance" is founded in 1999 by trans activist Gwendolyn Ann Smith to memorialise the murder of Rita Hester in Allston, Massachusetts; the first "Celebrate Bisexuality Day" is organised - **Social Subjects/Religious and Moral Education**
- **2000** – Section 28 is repealed in Scotland; Hillary Clinton becomes the first First Lady of America to march in an LGBT pride parade – **Social Studies/Religious and Moral Education**
- **2002** - Brian Dowling becomes the first openly gay children's television presenter in Britain during his time on SMTV Live – **Expressive Arts/Languages**

- **2003** - Section 28 is repealed in England, Wales and Northern Ireland; Andrew Goldstein comes out as gay, and is the first American male team-sport professional athlete to do so; Jennifer Finney Boylan's autobiography - "She's Not There: A Life in Two Genders" - is the first book by an openly transgender American to become a bestseller - **Social Studies/Religious and Moral Education/Languages/Health and Wellbeing**
- **2006** - The first homosexual pride march in Moscow, Russia ends with violence - **Social Subjects**
- **2007** - The first ever gay pride parade in a Muslim country is held in Istanbul, Turkey - **Religious and Moral Education**
- **2008** - Jan Hamilton, formerly Parachute Regiment Captain Ian Hamilton, became the first UK officer to complete gender reassignment from male to female - **Social Subjects/Sciences/Religious and Moral Education**
- **2009** - Welsh rugby star Gareth Thomas becomes the first known top-level professional male athlete in a team sport to come out as gay while still active; Scottish poet and playwright Carol Ann Duffy is chosen as the first openly lesbian or gay Poet Laureate of the United Kingdom; Prime Minister, Gordon Brown, makes an official public apology on behalf of the British government for the way in which Alan Turing was chemically castrated for being gay - **Health and Wellbeing/Expressive Arts/Mathematics/Sciences/Technologies**
- **2010** - Guinness World Records recognises transgender man Thomas Beatie as the world's "First Married Man to Give Birth"; Kye Allums becomes the first openly transgender athlete to play in NCAA basketball - **Sciences/Health and Wellbeing**
- **2011** - 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell' is repealed in America, allowing gay men and women to serve openly in the military; Tony Briffa, believed to be the world's first intersex mayor, is elected in the City of Hobsons Bay in the suburbs of Melbourne, Australia; Chaz Bono appears on the 13th season of the US version of Dancing with the Stars in 2011 - marking the first time that an openly transgender man has starred on a major network television show for something unrelated to being transgender; Jaiyah "Johnny" Saelua becomes the first openly transgender international footballer to play in the World Cup when she took the field for American Samoa in Oceania's first round of World Cup qualifiers for Brazil 2014 - **Social Studies/Religious and Moral Education/Expressive Arts/Health and Wellbeing**
- **2012** - Barack Obama becomes the first U.S. president to publicly announce support for same-sex marriage on 9 May; Orlando Cruz becomes the world's first professional boxer to come out as gay - **Social Subjects/Health and Wellbeing**
- **2013** - Same Sex Marriage bill passes in England and Wales; Jason Collins becomes the first active male professional athlete in a major North American team sport to publicly come out as gay; Harvey Milk is chosen as the first openly LGBTI political official to be featured on an American postage stamp; Ben Barres becomes the first openly transgender scientist in the US National Academy of Sciences; Lucy Vallender converts to Islam, thus becoming the United Kingdom's first openly transgender Muslim woman; Queen Elizabeth II grants Alan Turing a posthumous pardon - **Social Studies/Health and Wellbeing/Sciences/Religious and Moral Education/Sciences/Mathematics/Technologies**

- **2014** - Same Sex marriage bill passes and comes into effect in Scotland; the first same sex marriages are held in England and Wales; Laverne Cox became the first openly transgender person to be nominated for an Emmy in an acting category: Outstanding Guest Actress in a Comedy Series for her role as Sophia Burset in Orange Is the New Black. BBC2 commissioned Britain's first transgender sitcom, called Boy Meets Girl, which follows the developing relationship between Leo, a 26-year-old man and Judy, a 40-year-old transgender woman - **Social Subjects/Expressive Arts/Languages**
- **2016** - The Ministry of Health of Chile orders the suspension of unnecessary normalisation treatments for intersex children, including irreversible surgery, until they reach an age when they can make decisions on their own; (June 24) President Barack Obama officially designates the Stonewall National Monument, making it the United States' first National Monument designated for an LGBTI historic site; a mass-shooting, considered a hate crime, at the "Pulse Nightclub" - a gay club in Orlando, Florida - kills 49 people and wounds 53 others; the UN Security Council condemns the Orlando attack, marking the first time they have used language recognising violence targeting the LGBTI community; there are 40 LGB MPs in the Parliament of the United Kingdom - the most in any parliament around the world; the Scottish Parliament has two openly gay women as Party Leaders (Ruth Davidson and Kezia Dugdale) as well as an openly Bisexual party leader (Patrick Harvie) - **Social Studies/Sciences/Religious and Moral Education/Expressive Arts**
- **2017** - Scotland's Time for Inclusive Education (TIE) campaign makes LGBTI history, after a majority of parliamentarians sign the group's campaign pledge - making the Scottish Parliament the first in the world to indicate majority support for the teaching of LGBTI issues in all schools; same-sex marriage took a huge step forward as countries such as Austria, Germany and Australia passed laws; Ryan Atkin became the first openly gay official in English football; Danica Roem was elected as Virginia's first transgender lawmaker; Donald Trump became the first sitting president to address the Values Voter Summit, an annual conference sponsored by the Family Research Council, which is known for its anti-LGBT civil rights advocacy; Scotland's governing party, the SNP, registered the largest proportion of LGBT elected members in its Westminster party, with seven of its thirty-five MPs identifying as such; Elle printed special collectors' covers for their September 2016 issue, and one of them featured Hari Nef, which was the first time an openly transgender woman had been on the cover of a major commercial British magazine - **Social Studies/Health and Wellbeing/Expressive Arts**
- **2018** - Adam Rippon became the United States' first openly gay athlete ever to qualify for any Winter Olympics, that year he won an Olympic bronze medal as part of the figure skating team event, thus becoming the first openly gay U.S. athlete to win a medal at the Winter Olympics; Laverne Cox becomes the first openly transgender person to appear on the cover of any Cosmopolitan magazine; Paris Lees became the first openly transgender woman featured in British Vogue - **Health and Wellbeing/Expressive Arts**



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