

# LGBT History Month

*celebrated by OurStory Scotland*

February is LGBT History Month and each February we engage in events that give insight into the stories of the LGBT community in Scotland.

## LGBT History Month 2021

*Here are some ways in which we celebrate LGBT History Month 2021  
See further details on [Twitter](#)*

**1 February (6pm – 8pm): Webinar** of the [Community Archives and Heritage Group](#) for LGBT History Month. OurStory Scotland will be giving a presentation on Collecting, Archiving and Presenting the Stories of the LGBTQ+ Community in Scotland. Register to participate here: <https://t.co/ZuHovH1Jrj?amp=1>

**10 February (5pm – 7pm): Storytelling** on the theme of **Transgressions**. This online event via Zoom is organised by OurStory Scotland in cooperation with [Edinburgh University Staff Pride Network](#). Transgressions as a theme encourages us to share stories of how so many of us have been seen as crossing some line or boundary of the 'normal' or 'natural' in relation to gender expectations.

LGBTQ+ people may be considered to be not properly masculine or feminine, either for the way they behave or the gender of those they are attracted to or fall in love with. We transgress societal boundaries in regards to the family, monogamy and further queer ideas about 'men' and 'women' to the point of expanding it beyond a reductive binary. Gender norms, whether in terms of how we express ourselves or whom we love, are enforced by words or deeds, by bullying, harassment or even law. We are all transitioning all the time and to be aware of this is empowering – a lesson from the trans community that is of value to us all.

We aim to share stories of what has happened when we are seen to cross a line or boundary, how this is seen as a transgression, what are the repercussions and how we have coped, complied, resisted or challenged. To participate, [contact us](#) or [Edinburgh University Staff Pride Network](#).

**13 February (10am – 12:30pm): Youth Engagement** as a theme for **Scotland's Community Heritage Conversations 20/21 #3**

This online event will include our volunteer Lindsay talking about the way OurStory Scotland collects, archives and presents the stories of the LGBTQ+ community, including younger voices.

Register to participate here:

<https://t.co/Y3SYsoRAV4?amp=1>

**In addition...**

- **[Queer Distance](#)** is the key way in which we can continue our work, despite Covid-19 restrictions, to collect and archive the stories of the LGBTQ+ community in Scotland.  
Just follow the links and tell your story!
- We are working with [Edinburgh University Staff Pride Network](#) to document the life of a major figure in the LGBTQ+ history of our times: Derek Ogg, who died in 2020. OurStory Scotland recorded an oral history interview with Derek Ogg in 2018, and this will inform the work of expanding the Wikipedia entry on this Scottish hero.
- We are working with the [Scottish Council on Archives](#) on their podcast series as part of their advocacy work, especially on the theme of inclusivity in Scotland's national and local collections.

If you would like more information on any of our events, or would like to work with us in collecting, archiving and presenting the stories of the LGBTQ+ community in Scotland, [contact us!](#)