



OutStories Bristol - Recording the lives of  
lesbian, gay, bisexual and trans  
people in Bristol.

# Annual Report 2020

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## **1. The objects of OutStories Bristol are**

- a) To promote social inclusion for the public benefit of people in Bristol and neighbouring districts who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender by gathering and recording the experience of people who are socially and economically excluded on the grounds of their gender identity or sexual orientation
- b) To promote the needs of such people and supporting their participation in society through the publication of their common history
- c) In furtherance of these objects, the trustees shall:
  - I. Increase, co-ordinate and provide information about opportunities for LGBT people in Bristol and neighbouring districts to record their individual and collective stories
  - II. Give LGBT people a voice and facilitate their engagement with relevant agencies that record the history of the City, in order to influence the quality and relevance of local services and provisions and so better meet the needs of LGBT people

- III. Research or participate in research into the causes and effects of social exclusion of LGBT people in Bristol and neighbouring districts
- IV. Promote activities that support the health and well-being of LGBT people in Bristol through the collection and publication of shared history

[OSB Constitution, Section 3, adopted 9<sup>th</sup> May 2017]

## **2. Membership of the Association**

Membership of OutStories Bristol is open to anyone who is interested in furthering its purposes, and who, by applying for membership, has indicated his, her or its agreement to become a member and acceptance of the duty of members set out in sub-clause iii of this clause. A member may be an individual, a corporate body, or an individual representing an organisation which is not incorporated.

Sub-clause iii reads, “The charity trustees... ..may refuse an application for membership if they believe that it is in the best interests of OutStories Bristol for them to do so”

[OSB Constitution, Section 9, adopted 9<sup>th</sup> May 2017]

### **Membership at 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2020 was**

|     |                                     |
|-----|-------------------------------------|
| 71  | Registered members (71 in 2019)     |
| 374 | Names on the e-mailing list (371)   |
| 366 | Members of the Facebook group (350) |
| 826 | Followers on Twitter (759)          |

## **3. Trustee and officer roles**

### **Functions and duties of charity trustees**

The charity trustees shall manage the affairs of OutStories Bristol and may for that purpose exercise all the powers of OutStories Bristol. It is the duty of each charity trustee: (a) to exercise his or her powers and to perform his or her functions as a trustee of OutStories Bristol in the way he or she decides in good faith would be most likely to further the purposes of OutStories Bristol; and (b) to exercise, in the performance of those functions, such care and skill as is reasonable in the circumstances having regard in particular to: (i) any special knowledge or experience that he or she has or holds himself or herself out as having; and (ii) if he or she acts as a charity trustee of OutStories Bristol in the course of a business or profession, to any special knowledge or experience that it is reasonable to expect of a person acting in the course of that kind of business or profession.

[OSB Constitution, Section 12, adopted 9<sup>th</sup> May 2017]

### Trustees in the period since 5<sup>th</sup> October 2019 were:

|                | <i>First elected<br/>or co-opted</i> |                         |
|----------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Charlie Beaton | 10/10/11                             | Secretary 10/10/11      |
| Cheryl Morgan  | 10/10/11                             | Co-chair 10/10/11       |
| Chris Leigh    | 10/10/11                             | Web Admin 10/10/11      |
| Jamie Lawson   | 25/03/19                             |                         |
| Marek Barden   | 25/03/19                             | Treasurer from 25/03/19 |
| Robert Howes   | Supporter                            | Collections             |

A volunteer who participates in the business of the trustees but does not wish to become a trustee is styled “supporter” with no voting rights and no responsibility for the affairs of the Association.

## 4. Activities in the Period October 2019 to September 2020

### Trustees

Following the AGM held 5<sup>th</sup> October 2019, trustees met on 19<sup>th</sup> November 2019 and 21<sup>st</sup> January 2020 and, due to the coronavirus pandemic, corresponded by e-mail in place of the meeting scheduled for 17<sup>th</sup> March 2020 and held video conferences on 12<sup>th</sup> May, 14<sup>th</sup> July, 21<sup>st</sup> July and 15<sup>th</sup> September 2020.

### Events

- AGM 2019 – thanks to Dr Jennifer Ingleheart, Professor of Latin at the University of Durham, for her talk entitled, “Queer loss, queer Classics: A E Housman’s lost country”
- Stall at Trans Pride South West at The Station on 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2019
- Revealing Stories Exhibition was live at Aerospace Bristol from 7<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> February 2020 and Southmead Hospital from 24<sup>th</sup> February to 9<sup>th</sup> March 2020
- [My Queer Quarantine](#) – collecting stories on local experience of lockdown during the Covid-19 pandemic
- [Virtual stall](#) at Bristol Pride September 2020

### Oral History

We were fortunate to receive a grant of £250 by the Voice and Influence Partnership to go towards oral history expenses. However, our attempt to commence a round of oral history interviewing was interrupted by the pandemic and put on hold. OutStories Bristol has deposited 42 interviews in the M Shed archive, has three completed to go to archive and a further 13 in hand. The plan was for five volunteers to undertake at least two interviews each to enhance the collection and hopefully this work can restart soon.

## Activities 2019-20 by Cheryl Morgan on behalf of OutStories Bristol

### Public Talks

- “Trans and Intersex in the Roman World”, Brighton Museum, 24<sup>th</sup> November 2019
- “Byron and the Lion King”, LGBT History Month, The Shakespeare Museum, Stratford-upon-Avon, 12<sup>th</sup>

February 2020

- “Trans and Intersex in the Roman World”, LGBT History Month, The Senedd, Cardiff, 29<sup>th</sup> Feb. 2020
- “Transgender Romans”, Museum from Home with Dan Vo (online), 9<sup>th</sup> April 2020

### **Private Talks**

- “At the Court of the Rainbow Emperor”, LGBT History Month, University of Bath, 27<sup>th</sup> February 2020
- “Trans People Through the Ages”, Glastonbury LGBT Youth Group (online), 28<sup>th</sup> March 2020
- “Trans People Through the Ages”, Bristol Gendered Intelligence Group (online), 29<sup>th</sup> June 2020

### **Academic Conferences**

- “Favorinus of Arles”, 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Goldsmiths Queer History Workshop (online), 13<sup>th</sup> June 2020

### **Publications**

- “Queering the Classics”, CUCD Bulletin #49, July 2020
- “Michael Dillon Factsheet”, LGBT History Month website, June 2020
- “Mark Weston Factsheet”, LGBT History Month website, June 2020

## **5. Financial Report for the year ending 30<sup>th</sup> June 2020**

Our financial year runs 1st July to 30th June.

Total income for the year was £546 and was from donation and one grant. Our thanks to Bristol LTBTQ+ Voice & Influence Partnership for giving a grant of £250 which is restricted for use on a specific project and the five individuals, named in section 6 below, who made donations towards our running costs.

Total expenditure was £291 comprising £219 on fees associated with our website and cloud storage and £72 bank charges.

Therefore, surplus was £255 (including the grant from the VIP). Cash in bank at 30/6/2020: £1,574. Turnover was low because OutStories was not involved in any major projects during the year.

The accounts will be independently checked and verified by Donald Branch; our thanks to him for his continued help.

## **6. Thank you**

Thank you to members, trustees and supporters of OutStories Bristol for their invaluable contribution that made it all happen and, in particular, for their donations to the running costs in 2019/20, thanks to Charlie Beaton, Cheryl Morgan, Chris Leigh, Josie McLellan, Kim Renfrew and Robert Howes. Our thanks also go to Bristol LGBTQ+ Voice & Influence Partnership for their grant of £250 towards the costs of the Oral History Team.

## **End of the Annual Report**