

# South East England focus on LGBT+ heritage – tell us your story!

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Participants from the University of Oxford Museums' Out in Oxford project Pitt Rivers Museum  
Would you like to deliver a project that celebrates LGBT+ heritage? Are you wondering how to build a strong project or unsure what programme might be best for you?

The Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) is committed to helping support projects that investigate the richness and diversity of LGBT+ history and experience.

This week we kick off a campaign of events and blogs aimed at not-for-profit organisations across the South East looking to explore, commemorate and share the history of LGBT+ communities and their experiences. This is timed to coincide with BBC's Gay Britannia season – see the BBC's website for more on [Making heritage part of society's conversation about equality](#).

In the South East, thanks to National Lottery players, HLF funding has already helped support a range of projects and organisations, from Reading group Support U's oral history project [Hidden Voices](#) to [Queer in Brighton's LGBTQ+ history club](#).

[The Centre for Fashion Curation](#) at University of the Arts London is running the [Wear It Out](#) project in partnership with Brighton and Hove Museum, while Oxford University Museums are running a series of events through the [Out in Oxford](#) project.

And we are also supporting young people aged 11-25 to explore LGBT+ heritage, working with Y Services in Hampshire, Blueprint 22 in Coastal Sussex and Photoworks in Brighton.

Could your organisation be the next one to receive an HLF grant award?

### **Find out how to apply at one of our events**

Whether you are an established local group or a new organisation, we want to help more people learn about LGBT+ heritage, and support a wide range of organisations to apply for our funding. Please come along to one of our events to learn more.

#### **14 September, 6-8.30pm, Reading Museum: Funding for LGBT+ History Projects – Advice and Networking Evening**

A free evening event with presentations on projects and resources from Support U, the Berkshire Record Office and Out in Oxford (the University of Oxford's first cross-collections trail, created with the LGBT+ community), as well as advice on how to apply for funding from HLF. Food and drink will be provided. Find out more information and book via the [Eventbrite page](#).

#### **23 October, 11am-4pm, London Metropolitan Archives**

This is a free daytime event run in collaboration with our colleagues in HLF's London team. Details are to be confirmed, but participants will have a chance to learn more about the archives' LGBT+ collections and learn about funding opportunities from HLF.

Plus more events to follow! Check back on the [South East England Information and Advice Sessions](#) page for further dates and the opportunity to book.

### **Sharing Experiences**

Our website and Online Community are packed with information about projects we've funded across the UK, and over the next few months we will be publishing a series of blogs by individuals, reflecting on their experience of applying to HLF and sharing stories of the LGBT+ heritage they explored.



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[Leaflets, booklets and other content created for the project](#)

## [Hidden voices: uncovering Reading's LGBT heritage](#)