



# Stand Clear of the Closet Doors!

Enjoy days **OUT** by rail!

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Inclusion

A myth.

In a society of regulations and expectations that restrict self-expression

Lack of representation, slowly but surely leads to the erasing of our very existence

Skin milk chocolate brown and luxurious with a hint of love for women

Sapphic love

Olive toned with a pinch of spice

Our turbans and hijabs elegantly wrapped

We stay sitting, hushed by our culture

Awaiting

Waiting

There is no such thing as a lesbian they say

Merely a woman afraid of cisgendered men or else this young girl has seen too much

Abominable.

We will cradle and love another as we wish, as is our right

As chrysanthemums do, we will mature and blossom to be the individuals we have always been

STANDING TALL , TASNIA MEAH

Unchangeable, standing tall .



'Stand Clear of the Closet Doors!' is a unique, youth-led project that took place across the North West. It discovered LGBT+ history in rail-linked locations, and promotes this through a spectacular travel map, on display in Manchester Victoria station, as well as the information in this booklet. This project was undertaken by the young people of the Proud Trust, in partnership with Community Rail Lancashire.

A 2015 survey for the European community showed that 40% of LGBT+ people surveyed said they were afraid of accessing transport because of fear of how they might be treated. One of the best ways to change people's views and perceptions is through visual representation. Also, it makes an environment more welcoming before the members of a particular community – in this case, the LGBT community. We also hope to encourage more people to use the railway to access LGBT+ locations and events, and perhaps learn a little more about LGBT+ history, places and people.

The project involved travelling to Northern stations around the North West, and into the heartland of Community Rail Lancashire, and to key LGBT+ locations including the diverse Metropolitan Borough of Calderdale. For some of the participants, rail travel was a relatively new concept, and so the project had the fantastic bonus of inspiring some of those who are the next generation of passengers.

One thing that was clear from day one of the project is that it's very difficult to find information about LGBT+ communities and histories in rural locations, which is why we are so proud of the hard work and research put into this project by all the youth participants. There were also difficulties uncovering LGBT+ history in the North West from those in Black, Asian, and minority ethnic communities, and other diverse groups; this is something we hope to focus on in the future.

This booklet and the map artwork was researched, written and illustrated by the youth participants.



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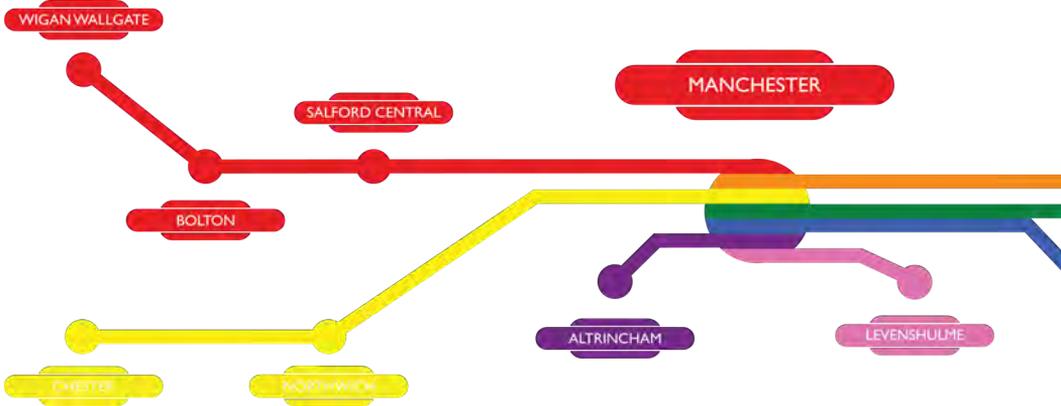
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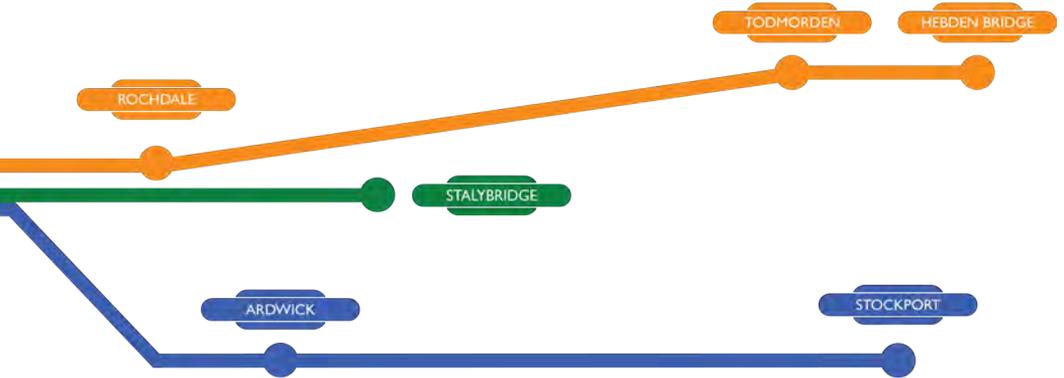


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# MANCHESTER



Manchester has held **PRIDE PARADES** since 1991.

**MANCHESTER** has a population of roughly 541,000 (2016, [manchester.gov.uk](http://manchester.gov.uk)).

**THE PROUD TRUST**, home to the lovely Sidney Street Café, helps young people empower themselves to make a positive change for themselves and their communities. It organises several LGBT+ youth groups in Manchester:

**MANCHESTER VICTORIA STATION'S** original building was designed in an 'Italianate' 19th century architectural style and was built in 1844.

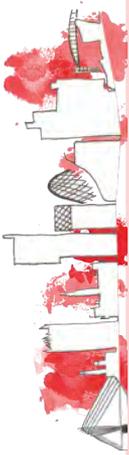
Afternoon T.E.A (young trans aged 16 - 25),  
FUSION (BAME young people aged 13 - 19),  
LGYM (under 25s, twice a week),  
Young Women's Health Project (women 14 - 25),  
Turtles (young trans, non-binary or questioning 11 - 15),  
and Proud 2B Me.



**LGBT+ INCLUSIVE SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUBS** exist in Manchester to go to every day of the week. Some of these include: The Village Manchester Football Club (VMFC), Monthly Marlins Swim Group and Manchester Lynx Women's Basketball Club. Please visit '[canal-st.co.uk/gay-village/sports-and-social](http://canal-st.co.uk/gay-village/sports-and-social)' for more information.

**ALBERT KENNEDY TRUST** is a voluntary organisation, led by straight ally Cath Hall MBE, which was started in Manchester in 1989. At the time, it was the 'first ever service for homeless LGBT youth'. They offer safe accommodation and support for young LGBT people facing homelessness, rejection and abuse - because no young person should have to choose between a safe home and being who they are.



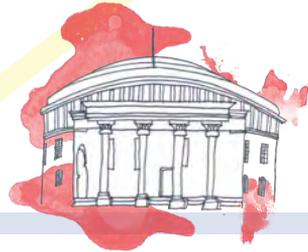


Manchester is where the **C.H.E (CAMPAIGN FOR HOMOSEXUAL EQUALITY)** was founded in 1964. It is one of the oldest gay rights organisations in the UK and it has worked prominently in the 1970s and 1980s alongside other LGBT-focused organisations like Stonewall and OutRage!

In February 1988, tens of thousands of Mancunians held a huge civil rights march to protest the discriminatory '**SECTION 28**' of the Local Government Act 1988. People of Manchester sung and stood together against the clause on 'prohibition on promoting homosexuality by teaching or by publishing material'. The clause was revoked in 2003.

### **THE EDWARD CARPENTER COMMUNITY**

holds events for men who love men on Sidney Street in Manchester. It is named after Sussex-born socialist poet and philosopher Edward Carpenter, an early activist for LGBT+ freedoms.



**THE GAY VILLAGE ON CANAL STREET** is an internationally-recognised LGBT-friendly space, known for its annual city-centre pride events. Much of the series Queer as Folk was set and filmed here in Manchester and The Gay Village.

**FAMOUS DRAG QUEENS** from the US drag scene have come to perform in Manchester for events and continue to come back. Some of these include: Alaska Thunder, Detox, Katya, Manila Luzon and Phi Phi O'Hara.

Manchester United and Manchester City showed support for **STONEWALL'S RAINBOW LACES LGBT INCLUSIVITY CAMPAIGN** in November 2017. The campaign's purpose is to address the homophobic, biphobic and transphobic problem in sport and to show that sport is everyone's game.

**SALLY CARR MBE** is a Manchester Metropolitan University graduate best known for their involvement in youth work and for being awarded an MBE for excellent work with LGBT young people. Sally is currently the Operational Director of The Proud Trust.



**MARGARET ROFF (1943 – 1987)** was a Labour Councillor for Rusholme and was described to be someone who cared passionately about equality and justice. Her time in Manchester was dedicated to doing her job alongside introducing equal opportunities to the council, as well as campaigning on issues for lesbian and gay rights, women's rights, anti-racism and anti-deportation campaigns. Margaret is known to have been outed as the UK's 'first openly gay mayor candidate'.

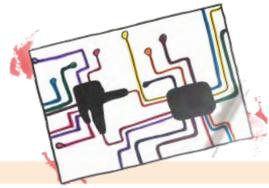
**ALAN TURING** is considered to be the father of modern computing and artificial intelligence. His wartime services helped to win World War Two. He took his own life following prosecution for homosexuality. In 2009, Prime Minister Gordon Brown made an official public apology on behalf of the British government for "the appalling way he was treated." Queen Elizabeth II granted him a posthumous pardon in 2013.

### HARRY STOKES

c1799 – 1859 was a gender non-conforming master bricklayer that started the trade at apprenticeship level to then eventually set up a successful bricklaying firm in Manchester. Harry was covered in newspapers as a 'female husband' because they expressed their gender as a man but they were of female sex at birth.

**MANCHESTER PRIDE** is an annual LGBT pride festival and parade, first formally celebrated in 1991, held each summer in Manchester. It is one of the longest running in the country and attracts thousands of visitors to the city's gay village, Canal Street, each year.

Home to the LGBT+ Centre - 'it is the first fully publicly funded "gay centre" in Europe'. This year marks the 30th anniversary since it opened in 1988. #30YearsQueer



The GMP has its own dedicated **GAY VILLAGE POLICING TEAM.**



# SALFORD CENTRAL



**SALFORD RAILWAY STATION** was first opened in 1838 as a terminus on the Manchester & Bolton railway. It was connected to Manchester Victoria in 1843. It was renamed in 1988 to avoid confusion with the newly built Salford Crescent Station.



**THE VILLAGE MANCHESTER FOOTBALL CLUB** is an LGBT-inclusive football club established in 1996 that meets in Albert Park in Salford.

**SARA AHMED** was born in Salford. Her areas of study include the intersection of feminist theory, queer theory, critical race theory, and post-colonialism.

**TOM ROBINSON** undertakes significant LGBT+ projects and programmes, working for the BBC.

Salford has a famed trio of **GHOSTS** that haunt Ordsall Hall.



The city of **SALFORD** is home to 240,000 people (2014, [salford.gov.uk](http://salford.gov.uk)).

60% of Salford is **GREEN SPACE** and 30 miles' worth of rivers and canals.

Salford is home to **WORLD-CLASS ATTRACTIONS** like The Lowry - with the largest free collection of LS Lowry's work - the Imperial War Museum North, the People's History Museum, Media City, which is home to BBC North, and much more.

In 2011, they hosted their first pride parade - **THE PINK PICNIC**. In addition, work has begun on an innovative housing scheme for the LGBT community in the city, to be completed towards the end of 2018.



# BOLTON

**BOLTON INTERCHANGE (STATION)** was originally named Bolton Trinity Street to differentiate it from nearby Bolton Great Moor Street Station. The station was opened when the line to Salford Central was completed in 1838. The line was later extended to Manchester Victoria in 1843.

**BOLTON** began as a small village. However Bolton grew larger and more important in the early Middle Ages. Bolton became a market town and borough by charter in 1253.

The town hosted its first **PRIDE PARADE** in 2015.

**PLANET RAINBOW** is an LGBT youth group for people of the age of 14-24. It is for LGBT+ youth people from in and around the Bolton area. Activities include trips out, weekends away, discussion, arts and craft, sports and it is run every second and forth Monday in the month.

**RAISE THE YOUTH FOUNDATION** is an LGBT support group which allows young people to meet up with their peers, share their experiences and build a circle of support. The group meets every Saturday.

**BOLTON LGBT PARTNERSHIP** was set up in 2015 with aims to reduce hate crime and to increase LGBT inclusion; awareness, workplace equality and access to service provision in the town.



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In 1998, **THE BOLTON 7** were gay and bisexual men, discriminated against via a loophole in the Sexual Offences Act 1956 at Bolton Crown Court.



**MATT CAIN** wrote 'The Madonna of Bolton', a novel that was rejected more than 30 times by publishers for being "too gay", and which has since been inundated with backing from names including David Walliams and Mark Gatiss. The novel tells the story of Charlie Matthews, who discovers Madonna on his ninth birthday, and follows his struggles growing up gay, based on Cain's own experiences growing up in Bolton. The book is now set to be made into a Hollywood film.



# WIGAN WALLGATE

Wigan was first connected to the railway in September 1832.

The first Wigan **PRIDE PARADE** was in 2016.

**THE BYOU PROJECT GROUP** was one of the leading campaigners for starting a Wigan Pride event. It is an 'action group that campaigns for positive change'. They are also a group for LGBTQ+ people under 19 years old.

**WIGAN** has a population of roughly 318,000 people (2011, [wigan.gov.uk](http://wigan.gov.uk)).

Wigan Wallgate was upgraded in 2016 to 2017 as part of the **GREAT NORTH RAIL PROJECT**.



Wigan Athletic have supported the **FOOTBALL V HOMOPHOBIA CAMPAIGN** since 2016.

In 2017, Wigan Athletic became the first EFL club to receive the Premier League Equality Standard (Intermediate Level) for demonstration of clear implementations and improvements of equality & diversity practices.





### GANDALF THE GAY

Sir Ian McKellen is an English stage and film actor, best known for his roles as Magneto and Gandalf. He came out publicly as gay in 1988 in response to parliament considering implementing the Section 28 bill. This bill forbid 'promoting homosexuality' as a 'pretended family relationship' for the next 15 years, until 2003. He is also one of the co-founders of the UK LGBT rights charity, Stonewall.

The town has had 7 **WIGAN DIGGERS' ANNUAL FESTIVALS** so far.



# CHESTER

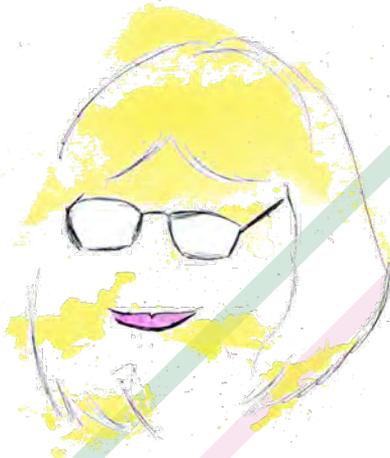
Chester was founded as a **ROMAN FORTRESS** in 79 AD and was granted city status in 1541, and now is home to 118,000 people.

The current **STATION** was opened in 1848.

It hosted its first **PRIDE PARADE** in 2011.

'**PRIDE IN THE PAST**' was an event hosted at the Grosvenor Museum and Chester Market in 2017, and uncovered hidden LGBT+ history in Cheshire, telling the story of nearly 2,000 years of LGBT history from the Romans arriving at Chester to modern day.

**CHESTER** has a population of around 118,200 people (2011).



**ANNIE WALLACE** is a Scottish actress, famous for her role as teacher Sally St. Claire in *Hollyoaks* (a fictional village set in Chester). For this role, she became the first ever British transgender actress to be nominated for a BAFTA award.





**PHOENIX** is a LGBT+ youth group for 13-19 year olds that covers the whole of West Cheshire, including Chester. To find out more, visit [www.theproudtrust.org](http://www.theproudtrust.org)

**CHESTER ZOO** is the most visited wildlife attraction in the UK.



**THE PROUD MARYS LGBTQ CHOIR** was formed in late 2017. They have over 30 members as of August 2018, and performed at at summer 2018's Chester Park celebrations.



# NORTHWICH

There hasn't been a pride parade yet in Northwich, but the Weaver Hall Museum hosted **'FROM PREJUDICE TO PRIDE'** in 2018, celebrating LGBT+ history in Cheshire. This included film screenings, an exhibition and book readings.

The 2011 census shows the population of **NORTHWICH** to be 19,924.



The station was opened in 1863. Northwich goes back to Roman times but with no record of when the town was actually founded. During Roman times Northwich was known as Condate, thought to be a Latinisation of a Brittonic name meaning **CONFLUENCE**.

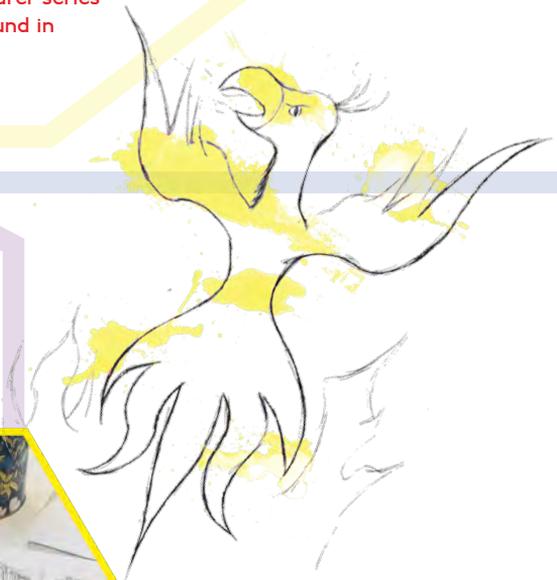




**PHOENIX** is a youth group for young people aged 13-19 years who identify as LGBT+. Offering a wide range of fun activities and opportunity, plus the chance to meet lots more LGBT+ young people. A group is held at the Citizen's Advice Bureau every 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month.

**SALT** had been mined in Cheshire for a long time, but a purer series of salt beds was found in Northwich in 1781.

**THE RIVER WEAVER** runs through the entire of Northwich, and the riverside is perfect for walking!



# ALTRINCHAM

## STEPHEN THOMAS WHITTLE, OBE,

FAcSS is a British legal scholar and activist with the transgender activist group Press for Change. Since 2007, he has been professor of Equalities Law in the School of Law at Manchester Metropolitan University. Between 2007 and 2009, he was president of the World Professional Association for Transgender Health. Assigned female at birth, he is described as "a radical lesbian before his sex change and now a leading commentator on gender issues", and after the Gender Recognition Act 2004 came into force in April 2005, he achieved legal recognition as man and so was able to marry his female partner.

ALTRINCHAM has a population of 524,420. It was established as a market town during medieval times.



## RAINBOW REFLECTIONS

is a youth group for lesbian, gay, bisexual and trans people under 25 years old. It is a group for young people to make friends and do various fun activities together!



**ALTRINCHAM INTERCHANGE** consists of a bus station, a Northern operated heavy rail station on the Mid-Cheshire Line, and a light rail stop which forms the terminus of Manchester Metrolink's Altrincham line. The original rail element of the station was opened by the Manchester, South Junction and Altrincham Railway as Altrincham and Bowdon railway station in April 1881, and renamed Altrincham railway station in May 1974.



**RILEY CARTER MILLINGTON**, born in Stretford, near Altrincham, is an actor best known for playing Kyle Slater in Eastenders. He was in The Independent on Sunday's 'Rainbow List' in 2015.



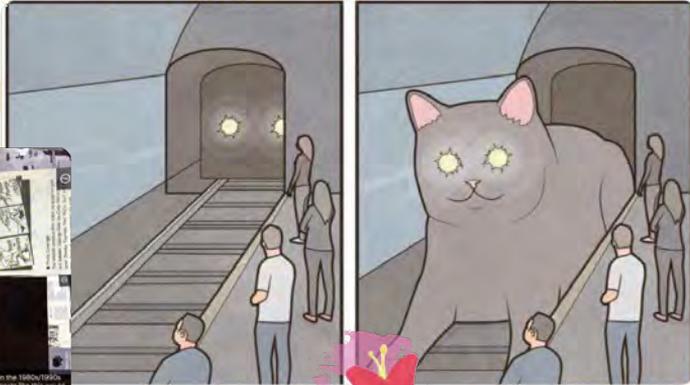


Community Rail Lancs Retweeted



夜々 @Yaya\_Nanto · 2 Aug

@crl\_live In the last 2 weeks, I've cared more about trains, train stations and their memes than ever before.



Youth SOCIAL MEDIA ENGAGEMENT through Twitter and Snapchat was an unexpected outcome of the project!



alexander @kaiizooit · 31 Jul

@crl\_live this is what I've made on the Stand Clear of the Closet Door, week 2.

Train Salesman: 'slaps top of train' this bad boy can fit so many gays in it.



# LEVENSHULME



Of the 15,430 people that live in **LEVENSHULME**, 1/3 is made up of ethnic minorities.

**LEVENSHULME STATION** was opened in 1892.



'**INSPIRE**' is a community centre owned by the people of Levenshulme. It arranges events that benefit the local community.

Levenshulme is known for its market, the **FALLOWFIELD LOOP CYCLE PATH** and the **MCVITIES BISCUIT FACTORY**.



LGBT+ campaigners tackled homophobia and intolerance during the very first **LEVENSHULME PRIDE** event.

Everything from a **MAD HATTERS' TEA PARTY** to a queer gameshow took place in the south Manchester suburb during the inaugural Pride event, in response to homophobic abuse.

Organiser Jeremy Hoad said: "From that incident we got a Pride event together and that developed into this amazing thing. The Levenshulme community is very strong and principled. This is a desire to stand up against hatred and intolerance."

For the duration of the day, the A6 was informally renamed **THE 'GAY 6'**.



# STALYBRIDGE

There is a popular LGBT+ group in Ashton-under-Lyne called 'LGBT OUT LOUD'.

**ADA SUMMERS** was elected first woman mayor of Stalybridge in November 1919. It wasn't until the Sex Disqualification (Removal) Act 1919 came into force on 23 December 1919 that women could become magistrates, so Ada Summers became the first woman magistrate in the country and was sworn in on 31 December.

**STALYBRIDGE** had a population of 23,731 in 2011.

**STALYBRIDGE STATION** was opened in 1845. There is a song about the station by Fivepenny Piece.



There has been a **TAMESIDE PRIDE** in the past - we look forward to seeing it return one day soon!

Stalybridge has (probably) one of the oldest brass bands - **THE STALYBRIDGE OLD BAND** was formed in 1809, perhaps the first civilian brass band in the world.





# ARDWICK

**GEORGE HOUSE TRUST** in Ardwick provides support services to people living with HIV. Set up in 1985, their vision is to see people living with HIV live happy, healthy lives free from stigma and discrimination.

**JOHNNY MARR**, born in Ardwick, is an English musician, songwriter and singer, best known as the guitarist and co-songwriter of the Smiths, who were active from 1982 to 1987.

Ardwick was originally a **VILLAGE** surrounded by countryside. Much of the population is descended from or are themselves immigrants.

The Second World War devastated the area and **DEMOLISHED A RAILWAY BRIDGE**.

**ARDWICK RAILWAY STATION** is about one mile south-east of Manchester Piccadilly. It was opened by the Sheffield, Ashton-Under-Lyne and Manchester Railway in 1842 and became part of the Manchester, Sheffield and Lincolnshire Railway in 1847.

**ARDWICK** has a population of around 19,300.

Ardwick doesn't have a **PRIDE PARADE** yet, but we look forward to seeing one in the future!



# STOCKPORT

**STOCKPORT** has a population of roughly 290,000 people (2018, [stockport.gov.uk](http://stockport.gov.uk)).

**STOCKPORT RAILWAY STATION** opened in 1843, known as Edgeley Station at the time, and 2018 marked its 175th anniversary.



The **STOCKPORT VIADUCT** is currently recognised as a Grade II\* structure.

The first Stockport **PRIDE PARADE** was in 2017. This particular festival was a special tribute to Martyn Hett, a victim of the 2017 Manchester Arena attack.



**'WEDNESDAYS'** is a group for young LGBT+ people (13-19) who live in or access services in Stockport.

They recognise that young LGBT+ people from Stockport might find it difficult or not want to access other youth groups in Manchester and that having a local space to meet other young people is important.



In 2013 during LGBT History Month, Age UK Stockport hosted a '50 YEARS OF GAY AND LESBIAN ORAL HISTORY' about the stories of almost 50 LGBT people living through the times of 1940s - 1990s.



### JOHN AMAECHI

is a former NBA player who was raised in Stockport.

In February 2007, he became the first former NBA player to come out publicly in his memoir 'Man in the Middle'. He is regarded as one of the world's most high-profile gay athletes.

**PLUS** is a social group for LGBT adults also based here. This group plans trips to films, plays, and more. They also have an exercise group for regular walks and events.



In the 18th century Stockport became known for its **SILK WEAVING INDUSTRY**.

They have a fantastic **HAT MUSEUM!**



# ROCHDALE

**ROCHDALE'S** earliest recorded history is an entry in the Domesday Book under 'Recedham Manor' in 1086, and has a population of around 211,699.

The first Rochdale **PRIDE PARADE** is planned for 2019; watch this space!



**ROCHDALE ASIAN LGBT GROUP** members who attend the group have the opportunity to share experiences and discuss family pressures. It can be very comforting just to know you aren't alone and that there are other people in your community who are having the same difficulties that you are.

The meetings are both educational and social. Socials include trips out, coffee mornings and curry nights.

**ROCHDALE RAILWAY STATION** is a multi-modal transport hub. It consists of a Northern operated rail station and a light rail stop on Metrolink's Oldham and Rochdale Line. The original rail element of the station was opened by the Manchester and Leeds Railway in 1839.

**INSIDE OUT** is the Proud Trust's Rochdale youth group for lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans people or those questioning their gender or sexuality. They do loads of fun activities and no week is ever the same as the last!



**NOMAD CLAN** are an acclaimed female street-art duo with strong links to Rochdale. Most notably, artist Haley's Grandfather worked as a spinner in Rochdale for many years. This relationship was immortalised in one of their most impressive pieces, 'True North'. To view their work, visit [www.nomadclan.co.uk](http://www.nomadclan.co.uk)



### THE CO-OPERATIVE

**GROUP** developed over 173 years from the merger of co-operative societies and independent retail societies. The Group's roots are traced back to the Rochdale Society of Equitable Pioneers, established in 1844. The Rochdale Society of Equitable Pioneers was based on the Rochdale Principles, which introduced the idea of distributing a share of profits according to purchases through a system known as "the divi".



# TODMORDEN

**TODMORDEN** is within Calderdale, which has a population of roughly 209,000 (2018, [calderdale.gov.uk](http://calderdale.gov.uk))



**TODMORDEN UNITARIAN CHURCH** is Grade I Listed. It is a beautiful, characterful and much-loved building full of quirky features and secret places, managing to be both grand and imposing, and warm and welcoming at the same time. It was the 2nd Unitarian Church in England registered for same-sex religious weddings.

**TODMORDEN RAILWAY STATION** was built by the Manchester and Leeds Railway, first opened in 1841, and is on the Calder Valley Line.

**THE FIELDEN FAMILY** were once the owners of the largest textile company in the country, and are most famous for John Fielden's parliamentary work where he helped secure the Ten Hours Act, which limited the amount of time children were allowed to work and helped to reduce exploitation.

The **FIRST EVER LOCAL BOOK FESTIVAL** took place in November 2018 at the Todmorden Hippodrome, including talks, workshops, readings and film screenings.



A blue plaque honours Todmorden's **TWO NOBEL PRIZE WINNERS** - John Cockcroft in 1951 for Physics, and Geoffrey Wilkinson in 1973 for Chemistry.

From 1800-1845, great changes took place in the town that had crucial effects on promoting industrial growth. The main line of the Lancashire & Yorkshire Railway between Manchester and Leeds (1841) was one of these changes. This railway line incorporated the longest tunnel in the world at the time- the 2,885 yard **SUMMIT TUNNEL**.

**'OVER THE RAINBOW'** is an LGBT+ social group for older people in Calderdale, meeting in Todmorden. The group meets to discuss a wide range of topics, visit the theatre and local places of interest.



**TODMORDEN PRIDE** - could be coming out soon!

Todmorden is a popular location for **OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES** such as walking, fell running and mountain biking.



# HEBDEN BRIDGE

**HEBDEN BRIDGE** is part of Calderdale, which has a rough population of 209,000 people (2018, [calderdale.gov.uk](http://calderdale.gov.uk)).

**HEBDEN BRIDGE STATION** opened 5th October 1840 and retains its Victorian character today.



At one time Hebden Bridge became so famous for its clothing manufacturing that it became known as **'TROUSER TOWN'**!

Hebden Bridge's first **PRIDE PARADE** was in 2016 and it is known as Happy Valley Pride.



**THE PICTURE HOUSE** there opened in 1921 and is one of the last civic owned cinemas in the UK.

There are around 14,400 LGBT people in the wider Calderdale district. It became appealing in the 1980s and 1990s to lesbians as a place of mutual support to bring up children. It has been thus dubbed **'LESBIAN CAPITAL OF THE UK'** by the BBC.

**THE EDWARD CARPENTER COMMUNITY** (for men who love men) also operate here, with planned activities and events.



**HEBDEN BRIDGE ARTS FESTIVAL** takes place every June/July. The handmade parade will process through the town from noon and meet the Arts Festival in Calder Holmes Park for an extravaganza of street entertainment.





# Recommended Reading

## **'THE ABC'S OF LGBT+' BY ASHLEY MARDELL**

This is a #1 Bestselling LGBT+ book and an 'essential reading for questioning teens, teachers or parents looking for advice, or anyone who wants to learn to talk about gender identity and sexual identity'. Published in 2016. (source: waterstones.com).

## **BRITISH QUEER HISTORY (EDITED) BY BRIAN LEWIS**

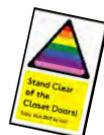
Published by Manchester University Press in 2013, this book offers new approaches and perspectives for the reader into new British Queer History. 'It is intended both for scholars and students of British social and cultural history and of the history of sexuality, and for a broader readership interested in queer issues.' (source: manchesteruniversitypress.co.uk).

## **'QUEER LOVERS AND HATEFUL OTHERS' BY JIN HARITAWORN**

Published in 2015, this book explores 'queer regeneration' through author insight and through 'a rich archive of media, arts, policy and activism' (source: waterstones.com).

## **THE 'MANCHESTER LGBT HISTORY MAP'**

Available to interact with on the 'Manchester Evening News' website, this map is a history guide to key LGBT moments in Manchester.



# Glossary

**AGENDER** - A person with no/very little connection with the traditional system of gender (man/woman). These individuals may identify themselves as genderless or gender neutral.

**ASEXUAL** - Someone who experiences little or no attraction to other people. There are more terms connected to this such as 'graysexual'.

**ALLY** - Typically straight or cisgendered person who supports and respects members of the LBGTQ+ community.

**AROMANTIC** - Experiencing little or no romantic attraction to others. Has lack of interest in pursuing romantic relationships.

**BINDING** - The process by which FtMs and other transgender people may use to flatten their breast tissue in order to create a more 'male-appearing' chest.

**BISEXUAL** - Person who is attracted to people of their gender and another gender.

**CISGENDER** - A person whose gender identity and biological sex assigned at birth aligns with their current gender identity.

**CLOSETED** - An individual who is not open to themselves or others about their (queer) sexuality gender identity.

**CROSS-DRESSER** - Someone who wears clothes of another gender.

**DRAG QUEEN** - Someone who performs femininity theatrically.

**FTM** - Female to male transgender or transsexual.

**MTF** - Male to female transgender or transsexual.



**GAY** - A person who is attracted to people who are the same gender as them.

**GENDER BINARY** - The idea that there are only two genders and that every person is one of those two.

**GENDERFLUID** - A gender identity describing a person who has a fluid or changing gender.

**HETERONORMATIVITY** - The assumption that everyone is heterosexual and that heterosexuality is of more value to all other sexualities. It leads us to assume that only masculine men and feminine women are straight.

**INTERSEX** - Term for a combination of chromosomes, hormones, internal sex organs or genitals that differs from the 2 expected patterns of male and female.

**LESBIAN** - Women who have the capacity to be attracted romantically, physically or emotionally to other woman.

**MX** - An honorific (e.g. Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms) for those who identify as gender neutral or not within the gender binary.

**NON-BINARY** - An umbrella term used to describe gender identities.

**PANSEXUAL** - A person who experiences romantic, physical and/or spiritual attraction for members of all gender identities/expression.

**POLYAMOROUS** - Refers to the practice/desire/orientation towards having ethically, honest and consensual non-monogamous relationships that may include multiple partners.



**POLYSEXUAL** - Individuals who are attracted to multiple sexualities but not genders.

**PRONOUN** - Words used to refer to someone when their name isn't used. They usually suggest a person's gender, although some people prefer, or identify with, neutral pronouns. Common pronouns include her, she, him, he, they, them.

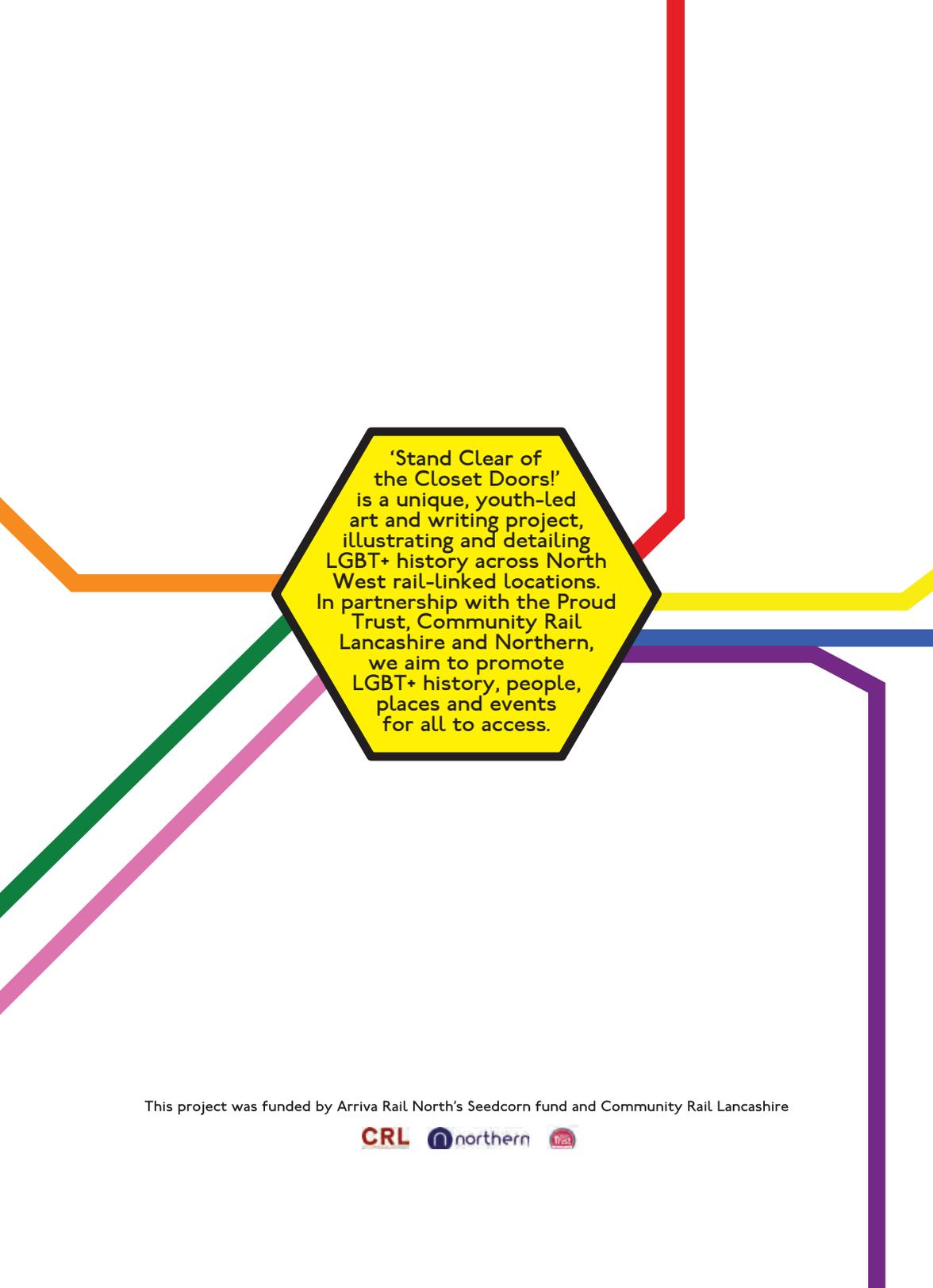
**QUEER** - A complex term that has more than one meaning. Historically it was used as a negative insult, however some people feel they have "reclaimed" the word and it has a positive meaning. Some people use it as a collective term for LGBT+ people, and some to explain their gender, sexual or political identity.

**QPOC** - Queer people of colour.

**TERF** - "Trans exclusionary radical feminists", referring to feminists who are transphobic.

**TRANSGENDER** - A person who does not identify with the gender they were assigned at birth.





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