



What Is LGBT History Month?

Every February, since 2005, has been LGBT History Month.

Throughout February, there are events and projects aimed at helping educate people on LGBT issues and provide opportunities to learn about issues and events from the past as well as finding out more about LGBT people through time until now. The aim is to promote equality and diversity for people in the LGBT community.



Did you know?

It began in the USA as a result of the success of Black History Month.

What Do the Letters Stand For?

Bisexual

(a word to describe someone who is attracted to more than one gender, for example a woman finding men and women attractive)

Trans

(a word used to describe people who feel the sex they were given at birth doesn't match the gender they feel themselves to be, for example someone who is born male, may feel that they are a woman)

Did you know?

Sometimes this is also seen with a + sign on the end to include people who don't fit exactly into these areas.

Why Do We Need a Special Month?

Unfortunately, in the past there have been many struggles for the LGBT community and LGBT people have been hidden away from the history books. This awareness month intends to put that right.

A special month gives everyone a chance to catch up with the history of the LGBT community and learn from the past.



Did you know?

Schools that are good at inclusion can gain 'The Rainbow Flag Award'.

What is inclusion?

- Everyone feels part of our school community
- No one is left out or feels alone
- Respect for others



What Can We Do?

Talk about the sort of things you could do to help with the aims of LGBT month.
Then, have a reveal some of the ideas below.

Find out more about LGBT celebrities.

Talk about it with others.

Ask questions to help your own understanding.

Think about how everyone is special in their own way.

Find out more about what life is like for LGBT communities.

Be who you want to be.

Support your friends.

Be accepting of everyone's differences.

Find out more about how the current laws affect LGBT differently compared with other communities.

Know that the LGBT community is part of the whole community and people with whom you will meet, socialise and work.



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