



LGBTQ+ Histories Amplified: Reclaiming Queer History

A rich tapestry of LGBTQ+ histories across the globe exist. LGBTQ+ history is incredibly diverse, yet many mainstream narratives centre the experiences of LGBTQ+ people with privileged identities.

It is time we retell queer histories, recognising that lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people have been and continue to be at the centre of Black, Indigenous, and other people of colour movements.

It is their histories which tell us stories of LGBTQ+ pioneers, disruptors, activists, innovators, community leaders, as well as tales of joy and belonging.

On 7 February, in partnership with [AfroQueer Studios](#), we bring you a curated panel of LGBTQ+ speakers representing both white and global majority voices to tell their histories and stories. Be sure to book your seat at this free virtual event using the link in 'Upcoming Events'.

Our Brief brings you a collection of resources to learn more about diverse LGBTQ+ histories, and seeks to disrupt dominant narratives. This is about reclaiming queer history.

History Insights



Queer People of Colour Led the Charge

Transgender people, Black and Hispanic queer communities played outsized roles during many of the earliest milestones of the gay rights movement. Today, however, these same groups have been denied many of the benefits of the revolution they sparked. Read [here](#).



Embracing Queer Indigenous Australia

While the histories of queerness are absent from the dominant narratives in the histories of colonisation, the fact remains that there is evidence of long-lasting sexual and gender diversity. Queerness and transness has been a part of every culture since time immemorial. Read [here](#).



Black Queer History is American History

“Growing up and exploring my identity further, I never once saw a Black LGBTQIA+ person like me represented in my history books.” Researcher Myeshia Price reflects on how Black queerness and feminist theory resonated with them on a deeper level as a Black queer person. Read [here](#).

Upcoming Events



LGBTQ+ Histories Amplified: Reclaiming Queer History | 7 February 2024

In partnership with [AfroQueer Studios](#), we bring you a curated panel of queer storytellers from both white and global majority LGBTQ+ communities to tell their histories and stories. [Register here.](#)



Afterglow | 10 February 2024

When Josh and Alex, a married couple in an open relationship, invite Darius to share their bed for a night, a new and intimate connection is ignited. A raw, funny, and sensual exploration of polyamory, commitment, and modern love. Book [here.](#)



Women's Summit: Women Accelerating Impact | 7 March 2024

We bring together cross-sector women leaders and change agents to open dialogues and illuminate how they are building more equitable systems to balance people, planet, and profit. Save the Date and [Register here.](#)

EL Recommends



Read

The Queens of Sarmiento Park

Wildly imaginative, darkly funny and devastatingly sad, this is a queer fairy tale about sex work, gender identity and chosen family; an anguished howl of pain and rage; and an unruly hymn to love and care on the outskirts of society. [Order here.](#)



Visit

Zanele Muholi at TATE

Muholi describes themselves as a visual activist. From the early 2000s, they have documented and celebrated the lives of South Africa's Black lesbian, gay, trans, queer and intersex communities. As one of the most acclaimed photographers working today, their work has been exhibited all over the world. [Book tickets.](#)

Watch

How Black Queer Culture Shaped History

Names like Bayard Rustin, Frances Thompson and William Dorsey Swann have been largely erased from US history, but they and other Black queer leaders played central roles in monumental movements like



emancipation, civil rights and LGBTQ+ pride, among others. Watch [here](#).



Listen AfroQueer Podcast

A podcast about queer Africans living, loving, surviving, and thriving on the African continent and the Diaspora. It celebrates queer love and lives, migration, media, race, class, censorship, family, and sex. Listen [here](#).

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