

## LGBTQ students

Welcome to the University of Birmingham and to an exciting city with lots of opportunities to be involved with the LGBTQ community.

### Groups and support

Have a look at some of what's available for you here in Birmingham! Whatever your need, there is someone to talk to, support you, give you information... so don't be shy! Come and meet other supportive people in your first few days at University.

- **Birmingham LGBT Centre (<http://www.blgbt.org>)** is the place to find out what's happening in and around Birmingham. Sign up for their newsletter so you never miss a thing!
- The **University's LGBTQ Society (<http://students.guild.bham.ac.uk/lgbtq/>)** is an on-campus, student-led social support/campaigning group, with weekly coffee afternoons, film nights, social events.
- **LGB support group (<https://intranet.birmingham.ac.uk/as/studentservices/counselling/workshops/lgb-support-group.aspx>)** – newly 'out'? thinking about it? Want some support in a safe, confidential setting? Come along to the counselling service's LGB support group! We meet weekly for five weeks at the end of the first term.
- **University Equality and Diversity pages (<http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/university/about/equality/index.aspx>)**
- **LGBT History Month (</events/lgbt-history-month-2014/index.aspx>)**: every February, the university celebrates LGBT History month. Keep a look out for events on the student portal and via twitter!

### My Bham: Being gay at the University of Birmingham

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Richard

The reason why I chose the University of Birmingham was for its excellent staff, resources and facilities to LGBTQ students. This is shown in the feedback given to the university by LGBTQ organisations.

Diva magazine rated us in the top five of universities to study if you're an LGBTQ student. We also scored 9 out of 10 on the Gay by Degree University Guide for Stonewall.

Ben

When I wasn't busy studying on campus, I'd spend a lot of my time in places like here in the Loft Lounge, just off Hurst Street and right in the heart of Birmingham's Gay Village. One of the largest gay villages in the country, there are pubs, clubs and restaurants to suit all tastes and budgets, not to mention the huge yearly Gay Pride Weekend and the largest gay prom in the country.

Here I am with Hurst Street's Rhinestone Rhino, an iconic symbol of gay history, and the LGBTQ community in Birmingham isn't all about the partying, there's plenty of leisure support and community groups available as well, such as the Birmingham Blades football team, the Moseley Shoals swimming club and the Rainbow Voice choir – not to mention our brand new LGBT Health and Wellbeing Centre.

Richard

Back on campus I'm here with members of the LGBTQ Association. They meet each Wednesday, 12 till 3.

The University of Birmingham is an excellent place to study, with support, resources and facilities for LGBTQ students. So make Birmingham your number one choice to study and enjoy yourself. Thanks for watching.

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