



50 QUEERS FOR 50 YEARS

QUEER HERITAGE
PROTESTING
AGAINST SECTION 28
THAT DISCRIMINATED
AGAINST HOMOSEXUALITY
LESBIANS
ARRESTED INTO THE
HOUSE OF LORDS
2 FEBRUARY 1988
SEXUAL AVENUE





DUCKIE

The Sexual Offences Act was passed in July 1967 and partially decriminalised homosexual acts between men in England and Wales. This inspired a liberation movement of gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and queer people that continues to this day.

SO QUEERS FOR 50 YEARS is a homemade celebration of that liberation movement and the iconic people who have helped make it happen- all are British and all are from the last 50 years.

Duckie, along with Hull UK City of Culture 2017 and Pride in Hull, have brought together a team of artists and volunteers in a shop on Jameson Street. They have spent the past two months creating this very queer parade.

Our fabulous flotilla of 50 famous and infamous queer icons means you may spot legends like George Michael, Quentin Crisp and Dusty Springfield rubbing shoulders with local icons Bobby Mandrell and Frankie's Vauxhall Tavern.

Welcome to 50 Queers for 50 Years!



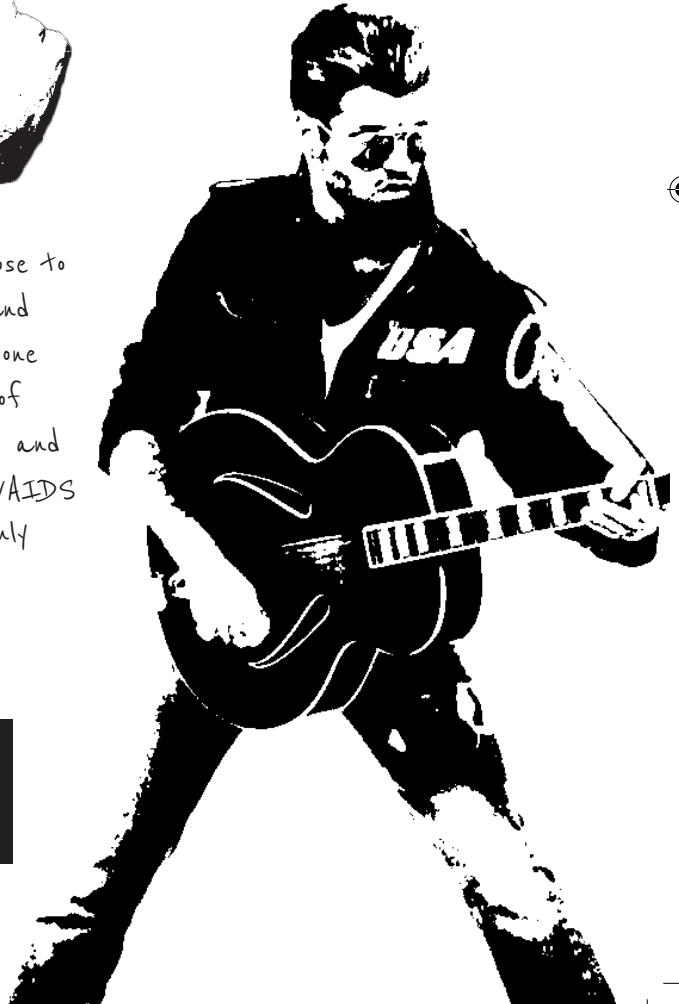


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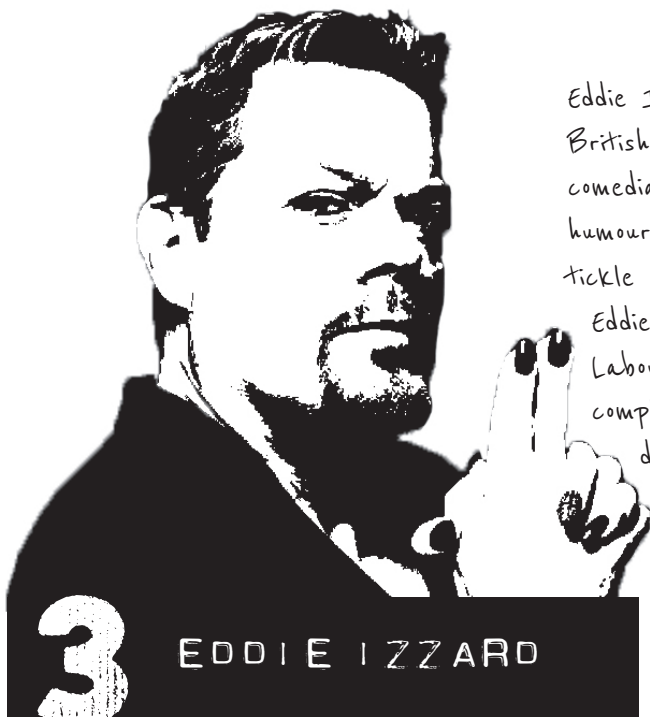


Claire Balding OBE is a writer, presenter, and one of the UK's leading sports broadcasters. Balding hosts a Sunday morning show on BBC Radio 2, authored several books, and is a strong supporter of getting girls and women into sport.

George Michael (1963 - 2016) rose to fame as one half of 1980s band Wham! and went on to become one of the best-selling solo artists of all time. He was an outspoken and uncompromising LGBT+ and HIV/AIDS campaigner. Michael died suddenly last year; his death sparked international mourning.



2 GEORGE MICHAEL



Eddie Izzard (1962-) is a British European stand-up comedian who uses surreal humour and disarming candour to tickle and terrify his audiences.

Eddie is a cross dresser, Labour party activist, and completed 43 marathons in 51 days for Sports Relief.

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EDDIE IZZARD

Linda Bellos (1950 -) is a black, Jewish, lesbian left wing activist and politician. In the 1970s and 80s she embodied the spirit of the radical action surrounding women's equality, and this activism continued throughout her career. In 2006 she was awarded an OBE for services to diversity.



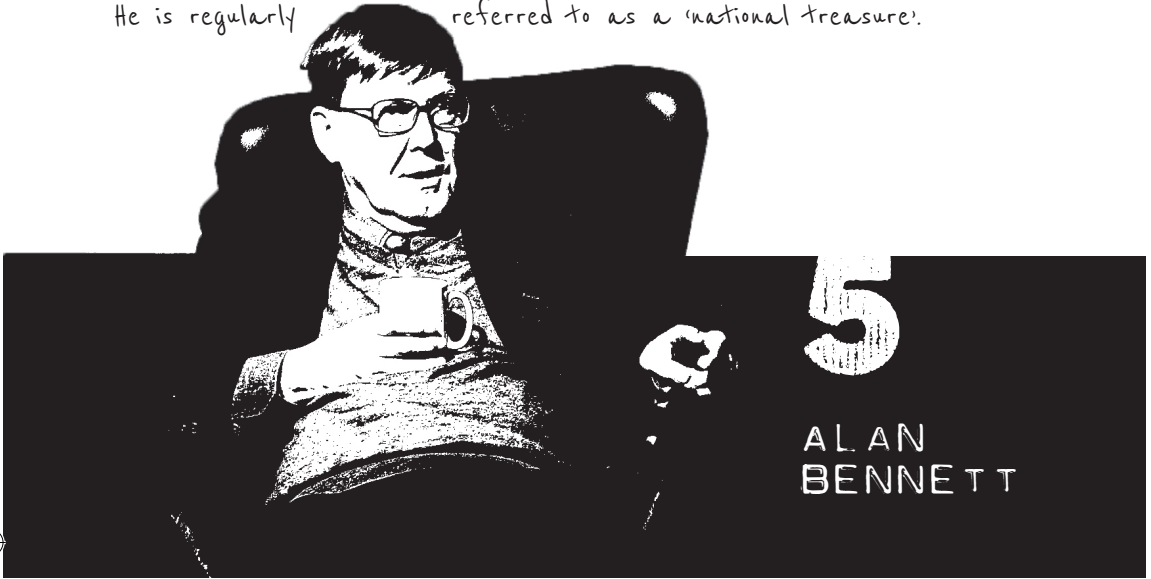
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LINDA BELLOS





Author Alan Bennett (1934-) has written nearly 50 TV shows, 20 stage plays, 13 films and more than 30 books. He turned down a knighthood in 1996, a CBE in 1998 and an honorary degree from Oxford University. He is regularly referred to as a 'national treasure'.



6 CAMP COMICS

Larry Grayson.
 John Inman.
 Frankie Howard.
 Kenneth Williams.
 Danny La Rue.
 Charles Hawtrey.
 All the chatty
 men, Britain
 loves you, Britain
 salutes you.

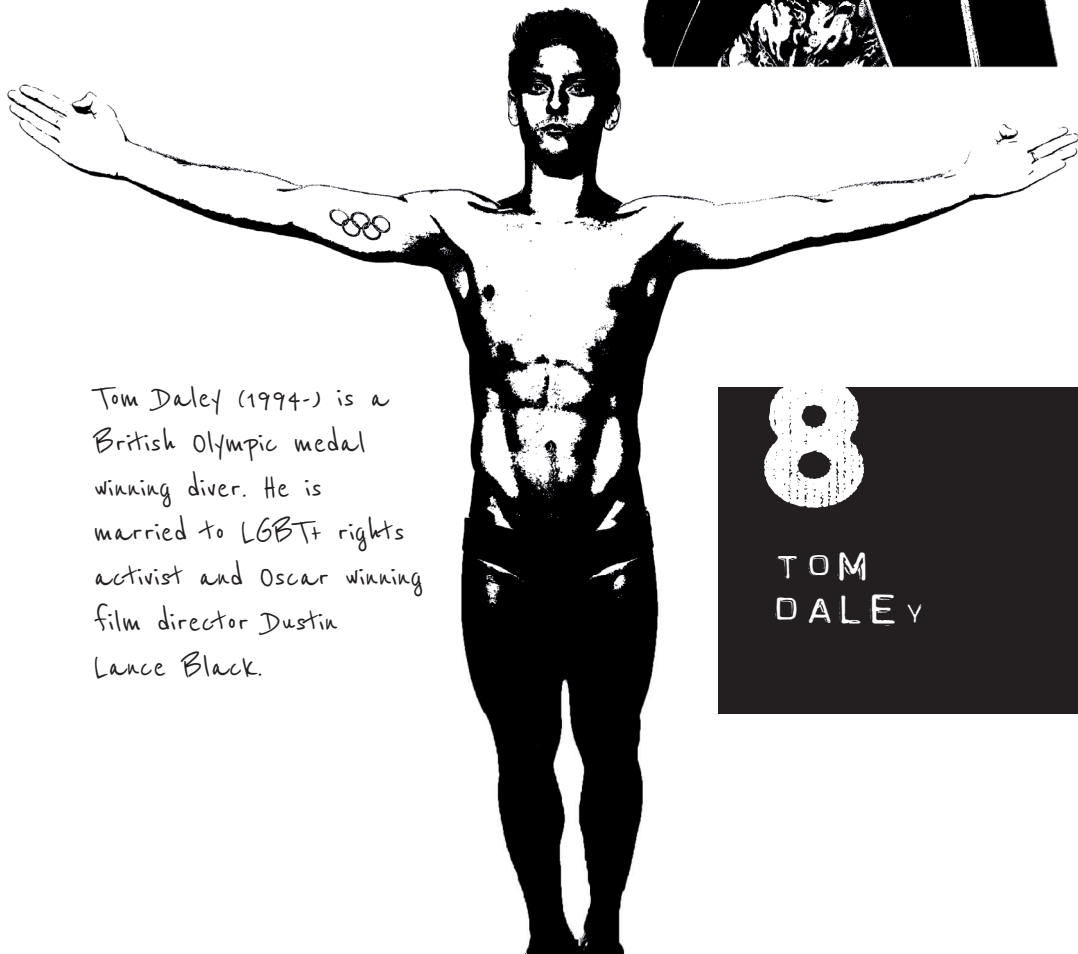




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SABAH CHOUDEY

Sabah Choudrey is a brown Muslim trans youth worker for Gendered Intelligence. Sabah is the author of *Inclusivity- Supporting BAME Trans People*, the UK's first guide dedicated to supporting the Black, Asian & Minority Ethnic trans population of Britain.



Tom Daley (1994-) is a British Olympic medal winning diver. He is married to LGBT+ rights activist and Oscar winning film director Dustin Lance Black.

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TOM DALEY



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GOK WAN

Gok Wan (1974-) is a fashion stylist, presenter and DJ. He found fame on *How to Look Good Naked* on Channel 4 and has gone on to feature in many popular programmes. He recently launched a career as a nightclub promoter and DJ.



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FRANKIE'S VAUXHALL TAVERN

Frankie's Vauxhall Tavern on Hessle Road is Hull's first gay pub. Its illustrious history of drag performers includes Hull mainstay Bobby Mandrell. This vibrant, friendly queer space is a favourite amongst the LGBT community here.

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THE GAY LIBERATION FRONT

The Gay Liberation Front was a radical direct action group based in London. It was formed following the Stonewall Riots in 1969, and its LGBT+ members staged memorable pranks and events that disrupted mainstream culture.



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PAM ST CLEMENT



Pam St Clement (1942-) has played Pat Butcher on EastEnders since 1986, famous for her dangly earrings and no nonsense attitude. A well loved presence on British TV screens, St Clement is proudly bisexual.

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LEIGH BOWERY



Leigh Bowery (1961 - 1994) was an avant-garde Australian performance artist and ground-breaking costume designer. He reconfigured ideas of gender, identity and performance.

His club night Taboo promoted his idea that "it is in the homosexual nature to be subversive".

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CAROL
ANN
DUFFY

Glaswegian Carol Ann Duffy (1955-) is not only the first female Poet Laureate in the role's 400-year history, but also the first out LGBT person to hold the honour. She is uncompromising in her use of language to challenge the establishment and status quo.





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DUSTY SPRINGFIELD

Dusty Springfield (1939 - 1999) is an English pop singer whose voice led to hits across three decades in countries across the globe. An opponent of racism, she refused to play concerts to racially segregated audiences in South Africa and was forcibly deported by the Apartheid government. Many of her songs have become unofficial gay anthems.



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SAILORS

Sailors have been coming into Hull's docks for over 600 years. They were not allowed to stay on shore overnight, so gay men would rush down to meet the sailors as quickly as possible to take advantage of their limited stay and brimming desires.



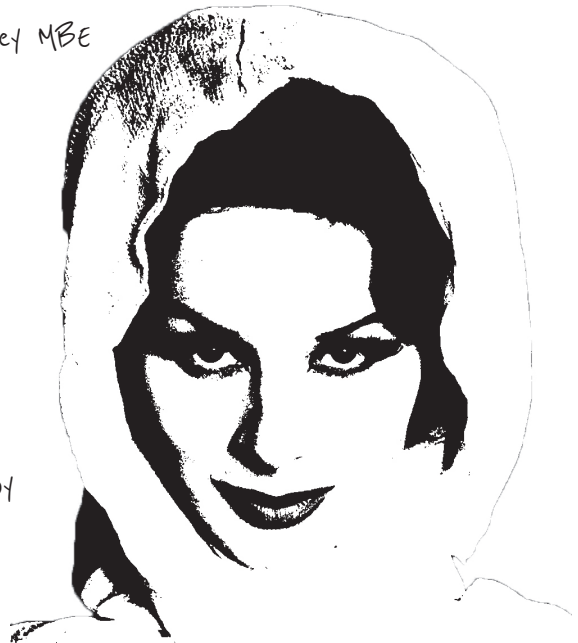


1980's pop band Bronski Beat were out and gay and traced the experiences of being queer and working class when it was unsafe- and unfashionable- to do so.

Lead singer Jimmy Somerville is a vocal campaigner for LGBT+ equality, and described Bronski Beat as "...brave, young and determined, and too OUT to stay in!".

18 APRIL ASHLEY

Performer and model April Ashley MBE (1935 -) joined the Merchant Navy at 15, struggled with her gender identity and was put in psychiatric care. In 1960, she underwent gender surgery in Casablanca. She was the first British woman to appear on the cover of Vogue and worked as a successful model until she was outed as trans by the UK tabloid press.





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BOBBY MANDRELL

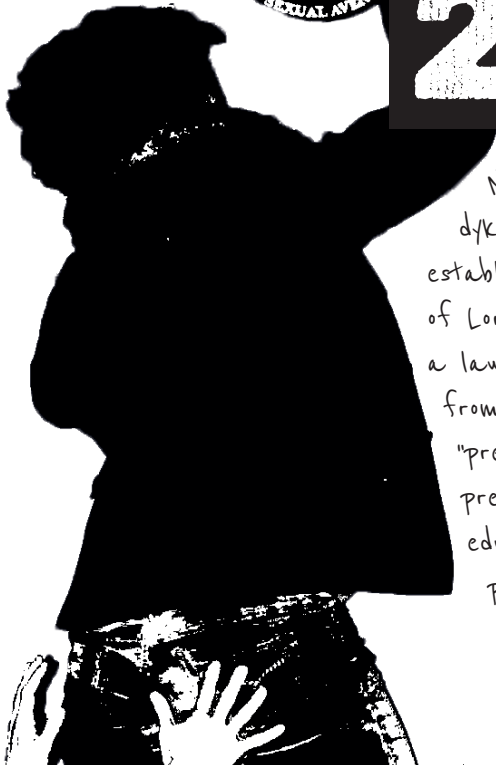
Bobby Mandrell is a living legend and Hull's most famous drag artist. He's been working in LGBT pubs and working mens' clubs for over 40 years to the delight of a wide range of audiences. Bobby has an extensive wardrobe of over 300 costumes and a very cheeky repertoire.



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PROTEST OF SECTION 28

Nearly 30 years ago in 1988, three dykes disrupted Westminster's political establishment by abseiling into the House of Lords' debate in protest of Section 28, a law which prohibited local authorities from "promoting" homosexuality or gay "pretended family relationships", and prevented councils spending money on educational materials and projects perceived to promote a gay lifestyle.





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DAVID HOYLE

David Hoyle, formally known as The Divine David (1962-), is a radical queer performance artist from Blackpool. He is a fierce critic of mainstream gay culture, political apathy and conformity. Based in Manchester, his talent fills the stages of pubs and theatres around the UK.



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THE SILHOUETTE CLUB



The Silhouette Club in Park Street, Hull was a mainstay for the LGBT community and the local community who loved to watch drag shows and dance the night away. Check out the Facebook page dedicated to its memory - and post your old photos and the tunes you used to dance to!



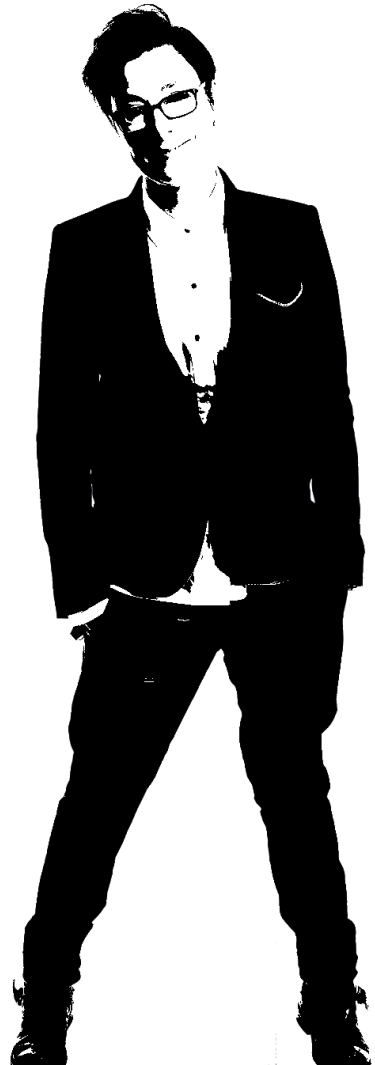
24 SUE PERKINS

Sue Perkins (1969-) is known for her less than innocent double entendres on the Great British Bake Off. An out lesbian, she started her career as a stand up comedian and is now a mainstay of mainstream British TV.

GENESIS P-ORRIDGE

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Genesis P-Orridge is a trans gender fluid singer-songwriter from Hull. Their fame started in a squat in the fruit market, making controversial art that provokes and prods mainstream culture.



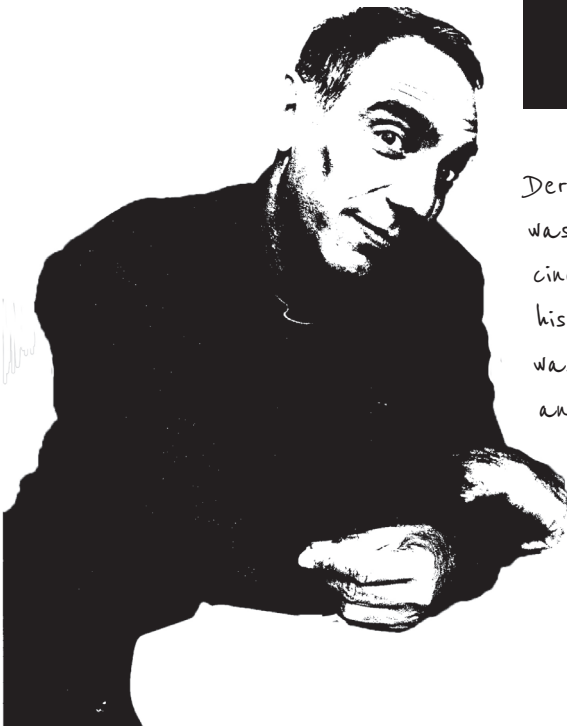


Rikki Arundel is from Hull, a motivational speaker and the first president of the UK Professional Speaking Association. She transitioned in 2002 and faced discrimination, forcing her into a new career. She established Gendershift, and now works as a diversity advocate providing training around gender identity and equity.



25 RIKKI ARUNDEL

26 DEREK JARMAN



Derek Jarman (1942 - 1994) was a director and experimental cinematographer. Jarman was out about his HIV+ status at a time when there was huge stigma surrounding homosexuality and AIDS. He and his partner created a starkly beautiful garden in Dungeness, which continues to thrive.



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GREENHAM COMMON WOMENS PEACE CAMP

In 1981, 36 women chained themselves to the fence of the RAF Greenham Common base to fight against NATO's decision to make it a nuclear weapon site. So began the Greenham Common Women's Peace Camp, a powerful, non-violent, direct action women's protest. When the missiles arrived in 1983, 70,000 women formed a 14-mile-long human chain.



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MAGGIE HAMBLING

Maggie Hambling CBE (1945-) is a provocative artist and sculptor. She created the controversial London statue commemorating Oscar Wilde. Hambling was the first ever artist in residence at the National Gallery and went on to win the prestigious Jerwood Prize.



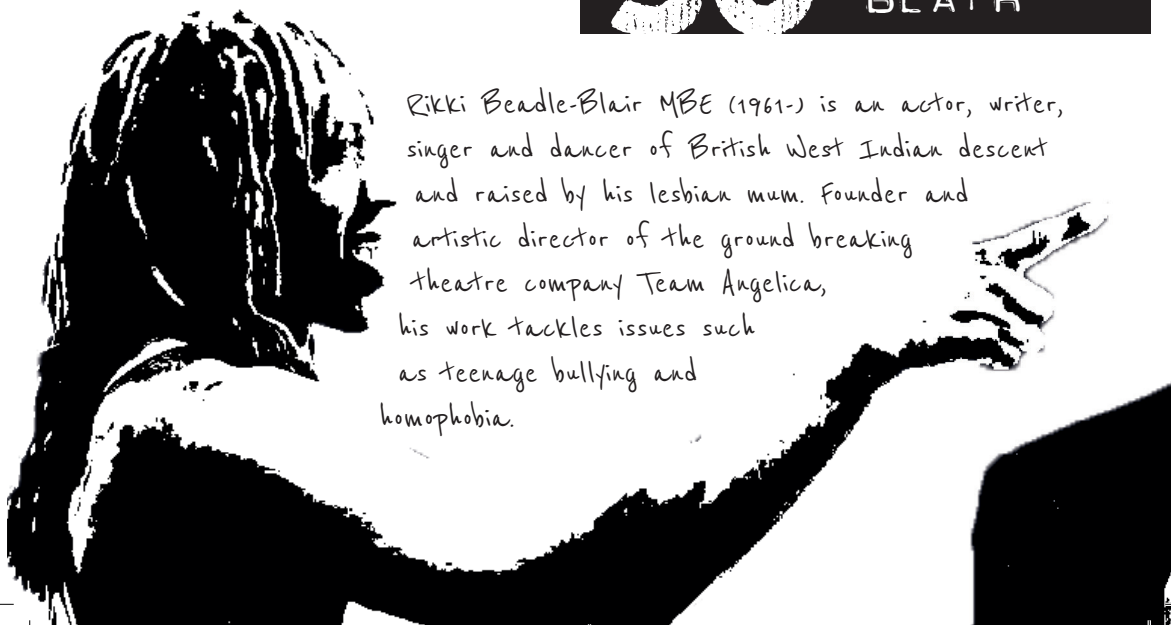
29 MIRIAM MARGOLYES

Miriam Margolyes OBE (1941-) is a BAFTA winning British stage and screen actor well known for playing Professor Sprout in the Harry Potter films. A human rights activist, Margolyes referred to herself on live television as a 'dyke'.



30 RIKKI BEADLE BLAIR

Rikki Beadle-Blair MBE (1961-) is an actor, writer, singer and dancer of British West Indian descent and raised by his lesbian mum. Founder and artistic director of the ground breaking theatre company Team Angelica, his work tackles issues such as teenage bullying and homophobia.





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ISAAC JULIEN

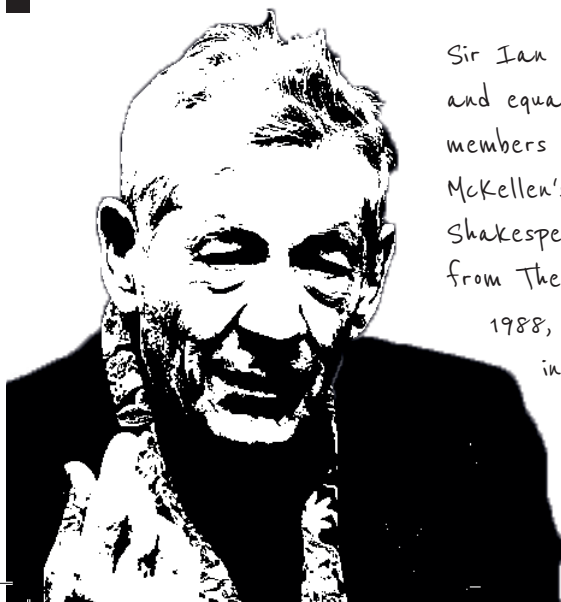
Isaac Julien CBE (1960-) is an artist and filmmaker who explores issues relevant to his real life experience of being gay, black and working class. His film *Young Soul Rebels* won the Semaine de la Critique prize for best film at the Cannes Film Festival in 1991.



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IAN MCKELLAN

Sir Ian McKellan CBE (1939-) is an actor and equality activist. One of the founding members of the LGBT charity Stonewall. McKellan's performance career spans Shakespeare to modern theatre to *Gandalf* from *The Lord of the Rings*. Openly gay since 1988, he was the first LGBT activist invited to meet with a sitting Prime Minister- John Major- in 1992.





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THE DRAKES

The Drakes are a group of queer London butches, transmen, masculine-identified people and gender rebels who joined together in the spirit of solidarity in early 2012. They promote female masculinity and butch pride, and appear elegantly attired in dapper tailoring.



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FUEL

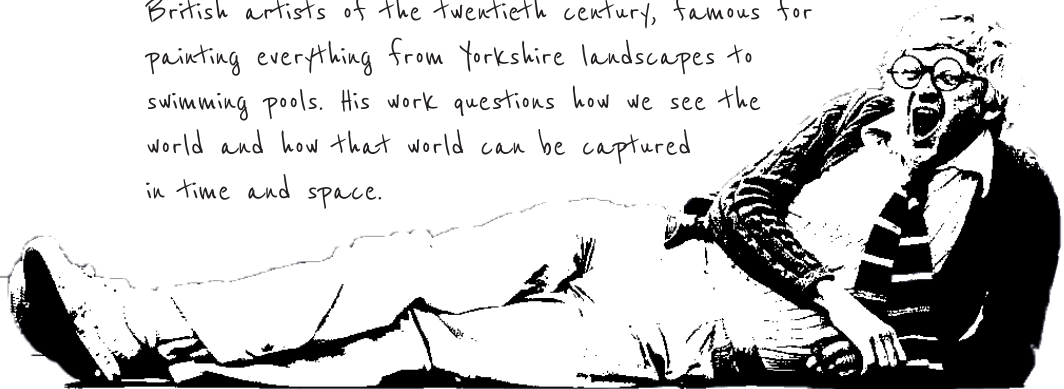


Fuel nightclub is the centre of Hull's contemporary gay clubbing life in Baker Street. It has a reputation for being the most open minded club space in the city, and features dazzling percussion alongside the DJs. Fuel is hosting a Post-Pride party on 22nd July.





David Hockney (1937) is one of the most influential British artists of the twentieth century, famous for painting everything from Yorkshire landscapes to swimming pools. His work questions how we see the world and how that world can be captured in time and space.



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DAVID HOCKNEY

Phyll Opoku-Gyimah is known as Lady Phyll and is co-founder and director of UK Black Pride. She is a trustee of LGBT charity Stonewall, a trade union activist, and a powerful advocate for ending racism. She is widely recognised for her groundbreaking work for equality, and is included in the World Pride Power List.



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LADY
PHYLL





37 QUENTIN CRISP

Quentin Crisp (1908 - 1999) was one of the very few out and visible homosexual men in London in the 1930s and 1940s. A film about Crisp's early life, *The Naked Civil Servant* (1975), brought him fame. Burdened by years of homophobia and discrimination, he left London and made New York his home.



38 RUTH & THE RUDENS

The band Ruth and the Ru Dens is fronted by Hull's crooning butch dyke Ruth, who has swooned her way into the hearts of Hull since the 1980s when the band debuted at the Railway Club on Anlaby Road.



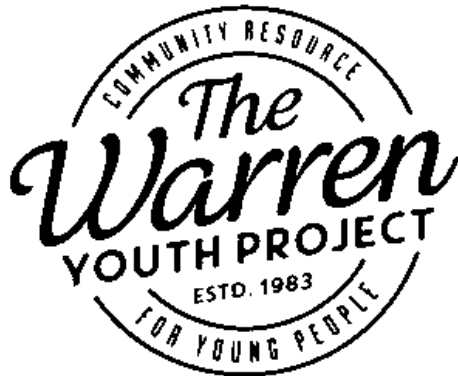


39 AMY LAMÉ

Performer, writer, broadcaster, and activist Amy Lamé co-founded DUCKIE and hosts the club every Saturday night at London's Royal Vauxhall Tavern. She is the author of From Prejudice to



Pride, the UK's first LGBT+ history book for young people. Lamé was appointed London's first ever Night Czar by the Mayor of London.



The Warren, a youth centre in Hull, runs SHOUT - a group offering support to young LGBTQ people for over 25 years. The Warren helps the young queer generation make friends and feel good about themselves.

40 THE WARREN





Paul O'Grady's (1955-) experience growing up in Birkenhead inspired his drag alter ego Lily Savage. Lily did the rounds of London's pubs for decades, and helped launch Paul into the mainstream limelight. Now O'Grady is an author, broadcaster and animal rights champion. Openly gay, perpetually irreverent and the latest host of *Blind Date*, he is loved by the nation.



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LILY SAVAGE



Cosey Fanni Tutti (1951-) was one of the founders of the band COUM Transmissions and Throbbing Gristle with Genesis P-Orridge. She worked in Hull factories to pay for the bands' food when they were squatting in the fruit market.

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COSEY
FANNI TUTTI



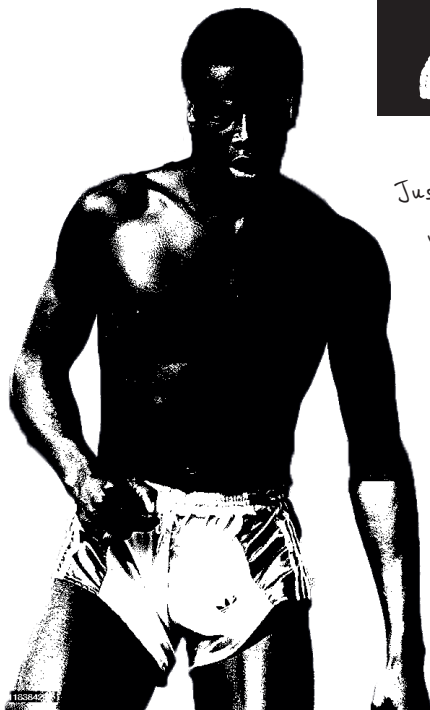
43 SAM FOX

Model and pop singer Sam Fox (1967-) was one of the most famous faces of Britain in the 1980's. Her debut single "Touch Me (I Want Your Body)" hit number one in 17 countries. When she and her partner tied the knot, she said "People say I'm gay, I don't know what I am... All I know is that I'm in love with Myra."



44 JUSTIN FASHANU

Justin Fashanu (1961 - 1998) was the first out gay football player in England. He was hugely talented and successful, yet no football team would sign him after he came out. Fashanu took his own life; he is remembered by the Justin Campaign to end homophobia in football.



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JEANETTE
WINTERSON

Jeanette Winterson OBE (1959-) was adopted by an evangelical Christian couple from Accrington, and became famous for her autobiographical book *Oranges Are Not the Only Fruit*. She is one of the nation's most prolific and outspoken lesbian voices and is married to author and psychotherapist Susie Orbach.



Liz Carr is a performer and disability rights activist. She created the hit one-woman show *Assisted Suicide: The Musical*, has read bedtime stories on *CBeebies*, and plays Clarissa, the witty wheelchair using woman in the popular BBC show *Silent Witness*.



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LIZ
CARR



The Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence are an international order of protestors formed in 1979. They use high camp and drag to combat discrimination against LGBT+ people. The Sisters appear in nun's habits and beards while carrying protest banners and performing parodies of Catholic icons.

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SISTERS OF PERPETUAL INDULGENCE

In recent oral testimonies with LGBT people in Hull, butch dykes recalled there were gangs of working class lesbians who had turfwar scraps in local car parks with bellies full of payday booze. The gangs included the women who worked as fish gutters on the docks, and their rivals- the Bransholme lezzas from the largest council estate in Europe.

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WORKING CLASS LESBIANS





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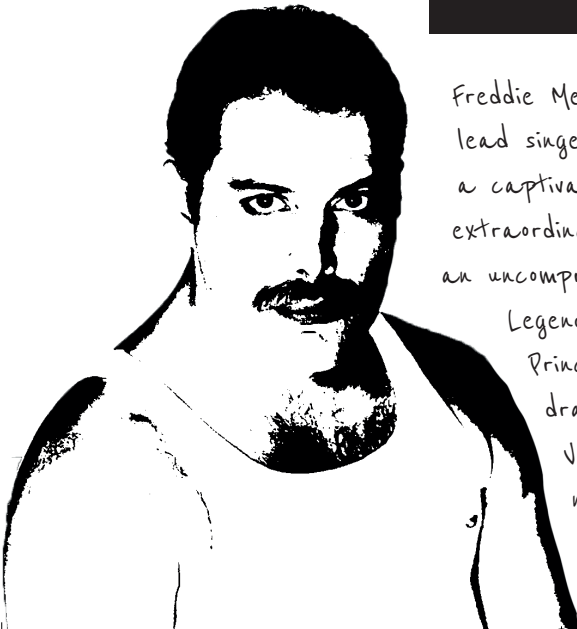
AIDS ACTION

AIDS Action was a community outreach and health promotion organisation in Hull during the health crisis of the '80s & '90s. It was supported by the hard work of many volunteers including Tish Lamb, a local lesbian and activist who is now Chief Executive of Cornerhouse, Hull's sexual health advisory service and a trustee of Pride in Hull. Duckie wants to salute Tish by making her one of the 50 icons.



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FREDDY MERCURY



Freddie Mercury (1946 - 1991) lead singer of Queen, possessed a captivating four octave voice, extraordinary songwriting talent and an uncompromising sexuality.

Legend has it he took Diana, Princess of Wales- in male drag- to London's Royal Vauxhall Tavern for a gay night on the town.



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*Saturday 29 July, 1pm – 6pm,
Free – Victoria Square*

*An afternoon of socialising and dancing welcomes
all generations and genders of the LGBT
community to celebrate their freedom in the city.*





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