National Ambulance LGBT Network

Celebrating LGBT History Month: LGBT History Quiz

Match the LGBT equality event to the year in which it happened

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Answer Sheet

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Answers

The Quiz Answers

1967: 'Homosexual acts' between men decriminalised The Sexual Offences Act was changed to decriminalisation consenting acts between two men over the age of 21. It took ten years to get this change invoked by Parliament

1972: First Pride march in London

The origins of Pride marches were to campaign for equal rights for LGB people. The 'T' element was incorporated much later and the first Trans Pride took place in Brighton in 2013.

1984: First openly gay politician speaks out

Former labour MP for Islington South and Finsbury, Chris Smith, was the first to publicly declare his sexuality and support the movement for equal rights. In 2010 he became Lord Smith of Finsbury and is often celebrated as a gay icon.

1999: Age of consent for gay people equalised at age 16

It took years of campaigning to get an equal age of consent. In 1994 it was debated and reduced from 21 to 18. Five years later it was finally reduced to 16.

2000: Government lifts ban on gay people in the armed forces Before this date, personnel proven to be gay or lesbian were

immediately discharges from the military.

2002: Equal adoption rights for same sex couples introduced Pressure on fostering and adoption services helped the cause and it was recognised LGBT people could legally become parents.

2003: Discrimination on grounds of sexual orientation made illegal

Up until 2003 there was no legal protection for LGBT people in the workplace. In effect, you could be dismissed for being gay.

2004: Gender Recognition Act introduced to support trans people

This landmark act was introduced with the purpose of the Gender Recognition Act is to provide transsexual people with legal recognition in their acquired gender

2014: First same sex marriages took place

In 2004, civil partnerships were introduced for same sex couples, offering the same legal rights and protections. It wasn't until ten years later, after some fierce debating in Parliament, that same sex marriage was allowed.

2015: National Ambulance LGBT Network established

After two failed attempts to start a national network, a meeting in Brighton in August 2015 paved the way for the creation of the network we have today. We are a little piece of LGBT history!

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Other resources are available to help Ambulance Services celebrate LGBT History Month. This can be found at our website: www.ambulanceLGBT.org/resources

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