



Annual Report 2022

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Thank you

1. The objects of OutStories Bristol are:

- a) To promote social inclusion for the public benefit of people in Bristol and neighbouring districts who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender by gathering and recording the experience of people who are socially and economically excluded on the grounds of their gender identity or sexual orientation
- b) To promote the needs of such people and supporting their participation in society through the publication of their common history
- c) In furtherance of these objects, the trustees shall:
 - I. Increase, co-ordinate and provide information about opportunities for LGBT people in Bristol and neighbouring districts to record their individual and collective stories
 - II. Give LGBT people a voice and facilitate their engagement with relevant agencies that record the history of the City, in order to influence the quality and relevance of local services and provisions and so better meet the needs of LGBT people
 - III. Research or participate in research into the causes and effects of social exclusion of LGBT people in Bristol and neighbouring districts
 - IV. Promote activities that support the health and well-being of LGBT people in Bristol through the collection and publication of shared history

[OSB Constitution, Section 3, adopted 9th May 2017]

2. Membership of the Association

Membership of OutStories Bristol is open to anyone who is interested in furthering its purposes, and who, by applying for membership, has indicated his, her or its agreement to become a member and acceptance of the duty of members set out in sub-clause iii of this clause. A member may be an individual, a corporate body, or an individual representing an organisation which is not incorporated.

[OSB Constitution, Section 9, adopted 9th May 2017]

Membership at 23rd September 2022:

75	Registered members (75 in 2021)
412	Names on the e-mailing list (339)

3. Trustees and roles

The Trustees manage the affairs of OutStories Bristol, decide policy and oversee activities.

The Trustees normally meet every two months. For practical reasons Trustees held four video conferences during the year and two in-person meetings.

Trustees since 4th October 2021:

	<i>First elected or co-opted</i>	
Chris Leigh	10/10/2011	Web Administrator from 10/10/2011
Jacob Bouyer	16/3/2021	Secretary from 1/4/2021.
Jenny James	10/10/2020	
Marek Barden	25/03/2019	Treasurer from 25/03/2019
Robert Howes	4/10/2021	Collections lead

4. Activities in the period October 2021 to September 2022

Events

The 2021 AGM and 8th John Addington Symonds Annual Lecture, 4/10/2021.

Due to the Covid pandemic this was an online event. Hosted by the University of Bristol Institute of Greece, Rome and the Classical Tradition, the lecture was titled *The Song of the Cinaedus: Deviant Performers in Ancient Rome* and given by Dr Tom Sapsford, Assistant Professor in the Department of Classical Studies, Boston College, USA.

OutStories Bristol in association with Bristol's M Shed Museum held four online talks in February 2022 for LGBTQ+ History Month:

- 12/2/2022: Quiyan Chen: *From China to UK, Quiyan Chen's journey as a LGBTQ+ activist.*
- 16/2/2022: Andrew Foyle: *An Anglo American Love Story – John Judkyn & Dallas Pratt of the American Museum in Britain.*
- 17/2/2022: Norena Shopland: *Allan Gordon, a ship's boy.*
- 24/2/2022: Cheryl Morgan: *Girls on Stage.*

OutStories provided a speaker on LGBTQ+ history to Bath Off the Record LGBTQ+ youth group 'Space', 2/3/2022.

Andrew Foyle of OutStories gave a LGBTQ+ history commentary on a boat trip around Bristol Harbour organised by Bristol Pride, 25/6/2022.

Robert Howes led two Bath LGBTQ History walks as part of the Bath Walking Festival, 12/9/2021 and 11/9/2022. He was interviewed by BBC Radio Somerset about Pride on 1/7/2022.

We had stalls at Trans Pride South West Community Day (20/11/2021) and Bristol Pride (9/7/2022).

Website and social media

The OutStories Bristol website www.outstoriesbristol.org.uk provides a permanent record of LGBTQ+ people, places and events in the Bristol region. It averages 600 visitors/month.

A feature is the *LGBT+ Life Map* which presents stories in geospatial form. The data can also be viewed on Bristol City Council's *Know Your Place* website and a *Mapping LGBT+ Bristol* app available from the Apple App store (iOS).

We have 900+ followers on Twitter (@OutStoriesBris) and 400+ Facebook members.

Oral history

To date we have recorded audio stories of 65 people. Recordings are deposited with Bristol's M Shed museum as part of the city's archives; most are publically available.

Research

Andrew Foyle researched the story of Dallas Pratt and John Judkyn, a gay couple who in 1961 founded the American Museum in Britain at Claverton Manor, Bath. Andrew delivered an online talk for M Shed's LGBT History Month program in February 2022, using unpublished archive photographs from the couple's private collection held at the American Museum. This was the first three-way collaboration between OutStories Bristol, M Shed and the American Museum and was a great success, attracting an audience of around 200 including sign-ins from the USA.

Collections

Robert Howes collected a variety of printed material at Bristol Pride 2022. This and recent Gay West material will be deposited in the Bristol Archives.

Robert has donated all his photographs of Pride events and protest marches since 1978 to the Bishopsgate Institute for their Pride archive. In addition copies of his digital photos of Bristol, Bath and Weston Super Mare Prides, 2010-2022 have been given to OutStories.

5. Financial report

Our financial year runs 1st July to 30th June.

We began the year with an Opening Balance of £2,715.72. Our total Income was £906.00 and included a large donation from Allford Hall Monaghan Morris Architects, a payment from Bristol City Council for delivering LGBT History Month, and ongoing donations from our members.

Our total Expenditure was £351.19 (bank charges, website hosting, domain name registration, 'Osbox' data cloudstore, and Trans Pride SW community stall fee).

The Surplus for the year was £554.81. The Closing Balance was £3,270.53.

The accounts were independently checked and verified by Mike O'Callaghan; our thanks to him for his help.

6. Thank you

Thank you to members, trustees and supporters of OutStories Bristol for their invaluable contributions that made it all happen. Thanks also to our regular donors.

We wish to give special thanks to two people who have made enormous contributions to OutStories Bristol but now relinquished leadership roles: Cheryl Morgan who has moved out of the area and Charles Beaton who is taking a well-deserved break.

End of the Annual Report