

Temporary exhibition and archive project.

LGBT History Month – Temporary Exhibition and OUR STORY.

Saturday 18th February 2023

Day-time exhibition: 10.30am – 4.15pm

Evening event: 5.30pm – 7.00pm

A collaboration with Congleton Museum and Congleton Pride with awareness materials provided by [Body Positive](#).



Website: www.congletonmuseum.co.uk
www.congletonpride.co.uk

What is LGBT History Month?

LGBT History Month is a month-long annual celebration of LGBTQIA+ history, including the history of gay rights and other related civil rights movements. It was founded in 1994 by Rodney Wilson and lasts the whole of February.

Temporary Exhibition

A selection of twenty LGBTQIA+ gender identity and orientation flags sourced by Congleton Pride will be on display throughout Congleton Museum for one day only on Saturday 18th February 2023. The exhibition is open to all, members of the LGBTQIA+ community are welcomed. The flags will be erected on poles and placed in various areas of the museum simulating a 'museum takeover' to commemorate LGBT History Month. Part of this exhibition includes the display of a costume owned and worn by local drag icon Stella Black. The costume is on loan to the museum for the foreseeable future and marks the first acquisition of a known LGBTQIA+ item to the museum's collection. Materials have been provided by Body Positive - a Cheshire based charity who focus on sexual health and LGBTQIA+ awareness.

Evening Event

There will be an evening event held at Congleton Museum which will provide visitors with a more intimate experience of the exhibition after-hours. The evening event is open to all, members of the LGBTQIA+ community are welcomed. Visitors will have access to the temporary flag exhibition and

be invited to join an informal talk about the archive project titled OUR STORY. The talk will take place upstairs. Complimentary beverages and nibbles will be provided.

OUR STORY



An archive project which aims to collect LGBTQIA+ stories and experiences to raise awareness will be undertaken by Congleton Museum and Congleton Pride. The initiative ties with the museums mission to become more diverse and inclusive in its storytelling and will make the museum's collection representative of the local community. Stories will be collected in numerous ways such as at dedicated project events, drop-off sessions and electronically. Entries will be made anonymous where necessary. Stories will be collected in the form of multiple media outputs such as letters, recordings, emails and interviews. The project will be running for the foreseeable future and become the first archive of its kind in Congleton.

Congleton Museum, along with Congleton Pride, aim to create multiple outputs from OUR STORY. There is potential to include extracts of stories in Congleton Pride's podcast, future exhibitions and more.

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