

LGBT



history month

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What is LGBT+ History Month?

- It is an annual month-long observance of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender history, and the history of the gay rights and related civil rights movements.
- In the UK LGBT+ History Month came in the wake of the abolition of Section 28 in 2003, a law that banned any education of homosexuality by local authorities and in schools.

What is Section 28?

- Section 28 was a clause enacted in 1988, during the transition in British society from homosexuality being illegal to legal but still discriminated against.
- Stated that local authorities "shall not intentionally promote homosexuality or publish material with the intention of promoting homosexuality" or "promote the teaching in any maintained school of the acceptability of homosexuality as a *pretended* family relationship"

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In fact, it wasn't long ago
that many of the rights we have today
were completely denied from us.

Legislature took time to reform...

- Section 28 was repealed in Scotland first in the year 2000, and took the rest of the UK until 2003 to repeal, but the effects of the clause are still prevalent today. Reform only happened recently:
- 1967 - male homosexual acts were decriminalised for men over the age of 21, in England and Wales.
- 2000 - The Labour government stops banning homosexuals from the armed forces
- 2001 - The age of consent for homosexual acts lowered to 16
- 2002 - Same-sex couples are granted equal rights to adopt.
- 2004 - The Gender Recognition Act 2004 is passed.
- 2014 - Same-sex marriage becomes legal in England and Wales



Conversing is key.

It's important to learn about the history, even if you don't remember all the dates, because opinions affect decisions, decisions affect laws, and laws affect lives.

We all have our own moral compass, shaped by the news, our friends, our family, and none of us share the same compass.

The more we talk with people outside of our comfort zone, get outside our echo chamber, cause that's when opinions change, decisions change, and laws change and become more inclusive so that our LGBT friends can breathe a little easier.

Even if you don't agree with the personal aspects of someone's life, you can still let them be themselves. Support schools in teaching kids about having two mums or two dads, or a dad who's now a mum, or a mum who's now dad.

Conversations can feel uncomfortable, and it can be tricky, but if it helps to create safe spaces like Kendrick where people are free to just be themselves, then conversations about LGBT+ issues are worth it.