



# LGBT+ History Timeline



- 2014** – Scottish Parliament Equal Opportunities Committee votes to scrap spousal veto on gender recognition.
- 2010** – Australia becomes first country to recognise a non-binary gender, lifts the ban on transsexuals serving in the Australian army
- 2009** – Iceland elects first openly gay head of state
- 2005** – NUS LGB becomes NUS LGBT
- 2004** – UK Gender Recognition Act
- 2003** – Repeal of Section 28 in England and Wales
- 2000** – Section 28 revoked in Scotland; End of the ban on homosexuality in UK military; German Bundestag officially apologises to gays and lesbians who were persecuted under the Nazi Regime
- 1998** – Transgender Day of Remembrance founded after murder of Rita Hester
- 1993** – Ban on gays serving openly in the military (Don't Ask, Don't Tell policy); Trans\* man, Brandon Teena, murdered in rural Nebraska
- 1990** – Justin Fashanu is first professional footballer to come out in the press
- 1988** – Section 28 passes in England and Wales
- 1978** – Rainbow flag first used as a symbol of homosexual pride
- 1977** – Harvey Milk becomes first openly gay men elected into public office (San Francisco); Quebec becomes first province to prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation in public and private sectors
- 1974** – Dr Fritz Klein founds first Bisexual Support Group (Bisexual Forum)
- 1973** – American Psychiatric Association removes homosexuality from its Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders
- 1970** – First LGBT Pride Parade in Los Angeles
- 1969** – Stonewall Riots in New York
- 1961** – The Vatican declares homosexuals should not be allowed to take religious vows or be ordained within Roman Catholic Church
- 1954** – Computer genius, Alan Turing, commits suicide after being chemically castrated as punishment for homosexuality

## Legalisation of Civil Unions:

- 1989** – Denmark
- 2001** – Germany
- 2002** – Quebec and Finland
- 2003** – Buenos Aires
- 2004** – Luxembourg, Maine and Tasmania
- 2005** – Andorra, UK, Connecticut, New Zealand and California
- 2006** – Czech Republic and Slovenia
- 2007** – Mexico City, Switzerland and New Jersey
- 2008** – Ecuador, Washington, New Hampshire and Uruguay
- 2009** – Hungary, Colombia, Nevada and Washington
- 2010** – Austria
- 2011** – Ireland, Isle of Man, Illinois, Liechtenstein and Rhode Island
- 2012** – Hawaii
- 2013** – Colorado

## Legalisation of Same-Sex Marriage:

- 2001** – Netherlands
- 2003** – Belgium
- 2004** – Massachusetts
- 2005** – Canada and Spain
- 2006** – South Africa
- 2008** – California (May – Nov) and Connecticut
- 2009** – Sweden, Iowa, Vermont and Norway
- 2010** – Portugal, Iceland, Argentina, Mexico City, New Hampshire and Washington D.C.
- 2011** – New York
- 2012** – Washington, Denmark and Maine
- 2013** – New Zealand, Uruguay, Brazil, France, Delaware, Rhode Island, Minnesota, New Jersey, Hawaii, New Mexico and Utah
- 2014** – England and Wales, Illinois

- 1952** – Christine Jorgensen becomes the first widely published person to undergo sex reassignment surgery (m to f)
- 1937** – First use of pink triangle for gay men in Nazi concentration camps
- 1921** – In England, first attempt to make lesbianism illegal fails
- 1897** – George Cecil Ives organises first homosexual rights group in England (The Order of Chaeronea)
- 1895** – Oscar Wilde prosecuted under Criminal Law Amendment Act sentenced to 2 years hard labour
- 1867** – Karl Heinrich Ulrichs was first self-proclaimed homosexual to speak out publicly for homosexual rights in Munich
- 1780** – Eleanor Charlotte Butler and Sarah Ponsonby ran away together to Llangollen (North Wales) and are widely regarded as the first openly lesbian couple in Wales
- 1649** – First known conviction of lesbianism in North America
- 1535** – King Henry VIII passes the Buggery Act making all male-male sexual acts punishable by death
- 1250 – 1300** – Homosexuality activity (between men) passes from legal in most of Europe to incurring death penalty
- 342 AD** – First law against same sex marriage promulgated by Christian Emperors Constantius II and Constans
- 27 BC** – First recorded same sex marriage
- 326 BC** – Alexander the Great was openly bisexual
- 600 BC** – Sappho of Lesbos writes love poetry addressing women
- 9660 BC** – Rock art in Sicily depicts homosexual male intercourse

