

Stonewall

ABOUT THIS RESOURCE

This resource is produced by Stonewall, a UK-based charity that stands for the freedom, equity and potential of all lesbian, gay, bi, trans, queer, questioning and ace (LGBTQ+) people.

At Stonewall, we imagine a world where LGBTQ+ people everywhere can live our lives to the full.

Founded in London in 1989, we now work in each nation of the UK and have established partnerships across the globe. Over the last three decades, we have created transformative change in the lives of LGBTQ+ people in the UK, helping win equal rights around marriage, having children and inclusive education.

Our campaigns drive positive change for our communities, and our sustained change and empowerment programmes ensure that LGBTQ+ people can thrive throughout our lives. We make sure that the world hears and learns from our communities, and our work is grounded in evidence and expertise.

To find out more about our work, visit us at www.stonewall.org.uk

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Stonewall is proud to provide information, support and guidance on LGBTQ+ inclusion; working towards a world where we're all free to be. This does not constitute legal advice, and is not intended to be a substitute for legal counsel on any subject matter.

'ALWAYS BE PROUD OF YOUR ROOTS AND THE THINGS THAT MAKE YOU DIFFERENT. THOSE ARE YOUR BLESSINGS, NOT A HINDRANCE. OWN WHO YOU ARE'.

CAIRO NEVITT

Cairo Nevitt is a trans man from South London. He is Caribbean and English. Having lived in Spain all of his teenage years, he also speaks Spanish. Cairo was the first ever trans man in the UK to be featured in a mainstream fitness magazine, Muscle and Fitness, August 2018 edition. He is also a trained actor with the National Youth Theatre of Great Britain.



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'YOU
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YOU DO
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DR RONX

Dr Ronx is an Emergency Medicine doctor, public speaker, mentor and tv presenter. She is a proud black, queer intersectional feminist. Growing up she had no role models whom she could identify as Black LGBT and feels that it's imperative that she is unapologetically visible. Being British Nigerian Dr Ronx knows that the stigma within some parts of the African community around being LGBT can have a detrimental effect on the mental health of African / Black LGBT young people. She wants black elders to see her thrive in society as an African queer professional and know that for their children to flourish they must love them unconditionally regardless of their sexuality.



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YVONNE STEWART-WILLIAMS

Yvonne Stewart-Williams is a Black openly lesbian Quaker, and the mother of a male teenage entrepreneur. She works for a homelessness charity in Lambeth and is a political activist and campaigner for LGBT rights. Yvonne plans to establish an LGBT inclusive Quaker Meeting House in Jamaica with her partner.



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ELINA EADY

Elina Eady is a non-practising barrister and was admitted as a Solicitor in 2003. Upon qualification she worked in private practice advising on Immigration, Asylum Law and Family Law. She has worked as a senior Crown Prosecutor for the Crown Prosecution Service in Leeds. Since 2008 she has been a prosecutions solicitor for Calderdale Council. Elina is also a co-author of *Children and Same Sex Families: A legal Hand Book*, published March 2012.



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BO AJAYI-WALMSLEY

Bo is a self-confessed super geek working as a Web developer in London. She creates and develops experiences through websites and apps. Bo's greatest passions are all things music and all things tech and food. She believes visibility of black LGBT role models is really important.



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'FINDING YOURSELF CAN BE HARD, ESPECIALLY WHEN YOUR FEELINGS MIGHT CONFLICT WITH TRADITIONAL IDEAS FROM CULTURE AND RELIGION. IF I'D SEEN MORE PEOPLE LIKE ME GROWING UP, I WOULD HAVE FELT MORE CONFIDENT.'

PC RICHARD GAYLE

Richard Gayle is a police officer for the Metropolitan Police. As a black gay man, he proudly represents both the BAME and LGBT communities and wants people to see that the Metropolitan Police is an inclusive organisation open to everybody. He is extremely proud to be a police officer serving in the Metropolitan Police, following in the footsteps of his father who was also an officer, and his great uncle, who was a Superintendent in St. Lucia.



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