

SPOTLIGHT ON

ZANELE MUHOLI

Stonewall

Who are Stonewall?

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.

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

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Zanele Muholi (they/them)

Zanele was born in South Africa in 1972.

They use 'they' and 'them' pronouns because 'she' and 'he' don't feel right for who they are.



Unfair

Zanele grew up during a time where People of Colour in South Africa were treated very unfairly.

They couldn't even use the same part of the beach as white people.



Family

Zanele is the youngest of 8 children.

In 1991 Zanele told their family that they fall in love with women.



Change

In 1991, South Africa became a fairer place.

They got rid of the rules that kept People of Colour and white people apart.



Becoming a visual activist

In 2002 Zanele moved to Johannesburg.

At around this time, Zanele started doing more work as a photographer.



Zanele's work

Zanele's photos celebrate Black LGBTQ+ South African people.

Their work shows the good parts and the bad parts of people's lives.



International success

Zanele's work has been shown in galleries around the world.

Their most famous work is a series of self-portraits.

