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1806

Isabell Gunn of the Orkney Islands assumes the name John Fubbister and joins the Hudson's Bay Company to work as a labourer before giving birth in 1807.

1812

Dr James Barry graduates from the University of Edinburgh Medical School. Following his death in 1865 it is discovered he was assigned female at birth.

1933

Artists Robert Colquhoun and Robert MacBryde meet at Glasgow School of Art and become lifelong partners.

1957

The Wolfenden Report recommends the decriminalisation of male homosexuality. The recommendations are rejected by the UK government.

1971

Scotland's first gay night, Cobweb Disco, takes place in Edinburgh.

1974

Scotland's first Gay Centre opens at 60 Broughton Street, Edinburgh.

1980

Homosexuality is decriminalised in Scotland for people over the age of 21.

1982

Lavender Menace – Scotland's first LGBT bookshop – opens on Forth Street, Edinburgh.

1989

Originally known as Stonewall Youth Project, LGBT Youth Scotland is established in Edinburgh with a mission to empower LGBT young people.

1990

Edwin Morgan – Glasgow's Poet Laureate and Scotland's first Makar – comes out, aged 70.

1995

The Lesbian Archive relocates to Glasgow Women's Library.

1993

The first ever Glasgow! Festival takes place with performances from Ian McKellen and Rhona Cameron.

Celebrate lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex lives and culture by recognising the significant contribution LGBTI people have made to Scotland and the world at large.

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FEBRUARY IS LGBT HISTORY MONTH

2016

At an LGBTI hustings, the First Minister pledges to reform the Gender Recognition Act and consider equal recognition for non-binary people.

TODAY! ↖

2016

Playwright Jo Clifford is the first trans woman to perform 'Reply from the Lassies' at a Burn's Night celebration in Glasgow.

2014

The first same-sex weddings take place at 00.01 on Hogmanay.

2014

The Scottish Government adds intersex equality to their approach to sexual orientation and gender equality.

2010

The UK government passes the Equality Act 2010, providing protection from discrimination on the grounds of sexual orientation and gender identity.

2009

Carol Ann Duffy becomes the first woman, the first Scot and the first openly LGBT person to be the UK's Poet Laureate.

2007

Equal rights are granted to same-sex couples applying for adoption.

2005

The first LGBT History Month takes place in Scotland and the rest of the UK.

2005

The first same sex civil partnerships take place in Scotland on 20 December.

2004

The Gender Recognition Act is passed, providing legal recognition for transgender men and women.

2003

Margaret Smith and Patrick Harvie become Scotland's first out LGBT MSPs.

2001

The age of consent for gay and bisexual men is lowered to 16.

2000

The newly-formed Scottish Parliament repeals Section 28 (Clause 2a in Scotland), the law which prohibited the 'promotion' of homosexuality in schools in Britain.

1998

Inspired by the real life story of jazz musician Billy Tipton, Jackie Kay's Trumpet wins the Guardian Fiction Prize.

1995

Scotland's first Pride march gathers on Barony Street in Edinburgh on 17 June.



Find out more about LGBT History Month, including what's happening in your area, in our full programme of events: www.lgbthistory.org.uk

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