### UNIVERSITY OF BRIGHTON, GRAND PARADE CAMPUS: MORNING

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QUIET SPACE  
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CEO Statements
Introduction to the Annual Brighton Trans and Non-Binary Conference 2017

University of Brighton
Professor Debra Humphris, Vice Chancellor

We are delighted to be hosting the Annual Brighton Trans and Non-Binary Conference 2017, this year’s conference is part of Trans Pride and falls on the eve of Brighton Trans Pride.

I am especially pleased that our alumni Fox Fisher, Juno Roche and EJ Scott are all taking key roles in this conference. In 2016 the University recognised another alumnus with an Honorary Doctorate, the wonderful journalist Paris Lees who continues to make a major contribution to the understanding of trans identity in contemporary society.

In 2014 the University of Brighton was proud to be involved in the Trans Needs Assessment and to work with others to undertake the community needs assessment. For over a decade our academics have worked on trans and non-binary questions and working towards inclusions. We are proud to have many doctoral graduates who have worked on trans and non-binary issues, including Jens Schneider’s work on Narrative of transgender individuals from an occupational perspective; H. Howitt’s ‘How we fuck’: exploring the way trans people navigate bodies in sex and Ana Carretero Trans in Bolivia: Journeys of violence and survival. We recently promoted Katherine Johnson, to Professor in part relating to her work on Trans issues.

Our work on trans and non-binary inclusions is one important part of our commitment to providing a fair environment that embodies and promotes equality of opportunity, we value the different contributions and experiences of all who make up our community. We are working towards our vision of being the University of choice for Trans and non-binary students as well as an employer of choice for Trans and non-binary people.

To that end the University of Brighton has ensured that gender neutral toilets are available on all of our campuses and new builds. Trans Awareness training by Allsorts LGBT Youth Project has been rolled out to all Student Services staff. We have expanded student data collection at online enrolment to include students’ gender identity and included Mx as an option on all forms. The University is now developing guidance for staff on supporting trans and non-binary students, and guidance on supporting staff who are seeking to transition.

We are all on a journey and there is much to do, so I look forward to meeting some of you and discussing key issues at this fantastic conference. Can I wish you all every success for the conference and Trans Pride.
The Annual Brighton Trans and Non-Binary Conference offers us an opportunity for exchange. It is an important opportunity for us to listen to a variety of voices and perspectives and to extend the reach of the conversation to include national and international perspectives.

As the Vice Chancellor of the University of Sussex, I am deeply committed to an inclusive environment in which all in our community can enjoy freedom from discrimination of any kind. Transgender people experience multiple forms of discrimination in our society and are subject to shocking levels of violent abuse and other forms of hate crime. Through a number of initiatives that challenge gender-conforming privileges and improve protections for transgender individuals, we are driving change in our institution. We are creating spaces for honest exchange that can unearth some of the myths and misconceptions that surround gender identity and expression. We are raising awareness, and countering prejudices.

Working with campus student activist group Gender Liberation, we have established a staff-student transgender support network, appointed a transgender outreach convenor and are working on a package of guidance materials that will help us be as effective in staff and student support as possible. Our Student Life Centre is ever better equipped for working with transgender students. Our LGBT+ staff network and student society are ever more active and connected with local, national and international movements, engaging this year in awareness-raising activities to mark the International Day against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia and of Transgender Remembrance.

On behalf of the council I am delighted to support the 2017 Trans and Non-Binary Conference being held here in Brighton & Hove.

The city council has been a proud supporter of people with diverse gender identities for a number of years now. We supported the Trans Equality Scrutiny Panel in 2013 which set out to identify how to make things fairer for trans people to live, work and socialise in the city. This award-winning work enabled us to build better relationships with trans people and groups across the city and to work together to identify problems and find solutions.

Realising we did not have enough information to fully understand the city picture we then collaborated with trans and non-binary people on the Trans Needs Assessment in 2015. This gave us one of the most comprehensive insights available into the experiences of trans and non-binary people.
It highlighted many ways in which Brighton & Hove recognises and welcomes gender diverse people and where the council is responsive and supportive. However, it also clearly pointed to many areas for improvement for us and for all organisations, businesses and voluntary and community groups in the city.

The recommendations from this assessment are still being implemented and many new actions and activities are being identified and put in place. A full report on completed work is provided to the Neighbourhoods, Inclusion, Communities and Equalities Committee annually (latest report January 2017). Staff from council teams will be at the conference to explain the work we are doing, ask for your views, and look for where we can do better.

This will be a varied, fascinating and thought-provoking conference, bringing together trans and non-binary people, allies, service providers and researchers to learn and share experiences together. It will contribute to raising awareness and understanding of gender diversity and help make all aspects of the city more welcoming, safer and more inclusive for all trans and non-binary people.

Brighton & Hove LGBT Switchboard
Daniel Cheesman
Chief Executive Officer
Brighton and Hove LGBT Switchboard is honoured to be supporting the conference again this year as we remain, as allies, committed to ensuring that we support individuals who identify as trans and non-binary.

Over the last twelve months we have engaged with the trans community in a number of ways through our projects and activities and supported many individuals through the services that we provide. We have worked in partnership with the Trans Alliance on a number or projects aimed to ensure that the views of trans and non-binary people are heard and local policy influenced. This joint working has included the review of the CCG guide for GP’s supporting trans patients as well as developing the LGBT Inclusion Award. This has been jointly funded by the CCG to work with four GP surgeries to train clinical and non-clinical staff in some of the barriers that LGBTQ patients face in accessing health care. This partnership project is an area that we are keen to develop over the next year, working with health and social care providers to raise awareness and recommend changes in policies to ensure that they are more inclusive.

In the past year we have also worked in partnership to offer a dedicated time on our helpline were we offer support to trans survivors of sexual violence. Working in partnership with the Survivors Network, this is the first project of its kind nationally and we are delighted that this will continue into the next year. Run by trans identifying volunteers, the support is available every Sunday afternoon from 1-4pm.

As we look to the future Switchboard wants to continue to work with and raise awareness of the issues that face the trans people. Some of the projects that we are working on include the experiences that older trans people face in relation to housing issues and liaising generally with older peoples services. It is so important that we work together to continue to raise awareness of
The needs that trans and non-binary people face and develop this work as allies challenging discrimination and promoting positive change.

The Clinical Commissioning Group
Adam Doyle
Chief Accountable Officer

The Trans Conference recognises and builds on the excellent work that has been carried out in the city, and I am pleased to indicate the CCG’s full support for this event. We are committed to hearing from and working with local trans communities to increase equality and inclusion for trans individuals, and to help address the health inequalities that are unique to this group. The CCG has worked with key statutory and voluntary sector partners to build on the trans needs assessment, and take forward the recommendations. We have worked with local trans people and organisations to co-produce information on the CCG’s website, directed at GPs and other clinicians, which helps inform and guide them in their care of trans individuals: [http://www.gp.brightonandhoveccg.nhs.uk/GPTransGuidance](http://www.gp.brightonandhoveccg.nhs.uk/GPTransGuidance). We have also, in response to identified need, produced a leaflet about screening for trans people, which will again help support our GPs and other clinicians to give the best possible care and support: [http://www.brightonandhoveccg.nhs.uk/your-health/staying-well/screening](http://www.brightonandhoveccg.nhs.uk/your-health/staying-well/screening). We have been working closely with LGBT Switchboard to develop and pilot a “kitemark” scheme to help increase awareness of LGBT issues and therefore improve care, including at GP surgeries. We will continue to extend this across all of our GP practices should the pilot prove successful.

We are committed to continue to hear from the trans community, and we have funded engagement work in order that we do hear from individuals about their experiences and views. We will continue to engage in the future, and ensure that feedback is incorporated into our ongoing planning for healthcare and—where appropriate—included in our discussions with NHS England about the services for trans people that they commission.

Sussex Partnership
NHS Foundation Trust
Samantha Allen
Chief Executive

One of our values at Sussex Partnership is ‘everyone counts’: we value, respect and appreciate each other.

We place a great deal of importance on ensuring everyone is treated fairly and valued equally, whether they use our services, work here or work with us. This means people should be able to achieve their full potential irrespective of issues such as gender identity.
We know people with Gender Identity Disorder and who identify as trans are more likely to be affected by mental health problems. We would like to see more specialist services commissioned and provided to meet this need in Sussex.

We have been constant members of the EquiP Trans Sub-Group since its inception and were proud to be asked to submit evidence to last year’s Women & Equalities Select Committee Inquiry into Transgender Equality. We are also looking at how we can improve the experience of trans and non-binary people who work for us and use our services.

It’s important through our actions, as well as words, we are inclusive, supportive and respectful of every individual who comes into contact with our organisation. This is something I remain personally committed to as CEO.

Sussex Community NHS Foundation Trust
Siobhan Melia
Chief Executive

At Sussex Community NHS Foundation Trust we are committed to increasing equality of care, equality of employment, and equality of health for trans and non-binary people.

I believe this is central to our organisation’s vision of ‘Excellent Care at the Heart of the Community’. In practice that means that we’re delivering targeted action to improve support for trans people.

Every day our expert teams provide essential medical, nursing and therapeutic care to over 8,000 people in Sussex. This includes a range of services that relate to the findings of the Brighton & Hove Trans Needs Assessment including sexual health and contraception services, special care dental services, Time to Talk (talking therapies), school nursing, and community HIV specialist nurses. We take our responsibilities in this area very seriously.

As part of that commitment we’ve launched our new LGBT+ Staff Network, provided new guidance for staff on caring for and supporting Trans people in our services and within employment, and appointed a Board-level champion for Trans equality. We are also developing new patient guidance targeted at Trans people for our AAA (Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm) Screening Programme and are starting a new initiative to improve therapeutic outcomes for LGBT+ people using our ‘Time to Talk’ psychological therapies.

You can find out more information by visiting our equality webpage at www.sussexcommunity.nhs.uk/equality-diversity.htm or contact Jourdan Durairaj, our Equality and Diversity Lead, by email on jourdan.durairaj@nhs.net
We are really pleased, on behalf of the Executive Team of Brighton and Sussex University Hospitals NHS Trust (BSUH) to be able to re-affirm the commitment we made last year at the Trans Conference held on 22nd July 2016 to continue to learn and educate ourselves so we can serve our growing Trans, Gender Fluid and Non-Binary Communities to the best of our ability.

We at BSUH value the diverseness of our patients, staff and service users and strive to ensure that we treat all with the respect and dignity everyone deserves.

We continue to work with the Equality and Inclusion Partnership, and our Equality, Diversity and Inclusion team ensure that they feedback their learning throughout the organisation, whether by small group sessions, overarching Equality Awareness or bespoke training. Currently one such programme is running in the Royal Alexandra Children’s Hospital – Allsorts are providing training for all our staff so they are better able to meet the needs of our young Trans patients. Feedback has been very positive from our workforce and we hope that this helps us to better meet the needs of our patients.

We aim later in the year, working with individuals and groups from the local Trans community, to provide training for staff in our adult services – this will then ensure a joined up approach to how we better meet the healthcare needs of our Trans Community of whatever age.

As part of our commitment to share best practice wherever possible we have shared the ‘Supporting Trans Staff and Patients’ guidelines with several other NHS organisations to give them a starting point on the conversations they need to be having with their communities.

We are fortunate to be living in a very vibrant part of the country with a population that is largely accepting of each other’s differences. Through the links we have with the community, and the learning that is shared, we continue to strive to ensure that our healthcare meets the needs of all those who use our services.
Sussex Police
Chief Constable Giles York QPM

Chief Superintendent Lisa Bell, Divisional Commander
Brighton and Hove

Superintendent David Padwick, Sussex Police LGBT Equality Champion

Sussex Police believes that one of the values of diversity is that it enables individuals to bring varying perspectives and rich experiences into the workplace. It is vital that our officers and staff reflect the communities we serve in order for us not only to be a legitimate service, but also to police effectively. We are committed to seeing the diversity in our communities reflected in the organisation we lead. In order to do this, we need to ensure the barriers to inclusion are removed.

Our Trans working group, along with members of the public who act as advisors, have identified a number seemingly small, yet significant ways in which Sussex Police can become a more trans friendly organisation. Over the past year, we have continued to make changes that make the workplace more accessible to staff who identify as trans or non-binary. We have changed policy regarding uniform, so that officers can choose, rather than their gender dictate, what kind of headwear they are issued. We have converted the majority of our staff toilets to single occupancy, gender neutral facilities and are working to make our changing facilities provide more privacy. Our LGBT staff support network has fully embraced trans as part of its work and contributes to the action plan.

Brighton and Hove has a wonderfully diverse and well established Trans community. We recognise the unique contribution the community has to the fabric of the city and we will protect those most vulnerable across all communities. We really welcome the opportunity for Sussex Police to work closely with the Trans Advisory group, along with the wider community in developing strong and influential relationships

Police and Crime Commissioner

PCC Katy Bourne

In April 2015, Police & Crime Commissioners became responsible for commissioning support services for victims of crime and, importantly, these services can be accessed by Sussex residents without the need to contact the police first.

Like many, I have no time for bigotry and believe that no one should be singled out and victimised because of their race, faith, sexuality, gender or disability.

Now, more than ever, it is important that the police engage with every diverse community in Sussex in order to build public confidence in policing.
Eighteen months ago I launched a bespoke hate crime reporting app as part of my commitment to tackling hate crime to make it easier to record and report all strands of hate crime. The Self Evident crime reporting app was an existing piece of technology developed by a social enterprise, Just Evidence. However, I funded custom-built software to be added to the app; this added functionality allows users to send a report straight to victim support services without the need to report it to the police first. After a campaign to promote the app during Brighton Pride 2016, I am pleased that use of the app increased by 400%.

I have also developed an online directory of local specialist support services that offers Sussex residents a one-stop shop to find all the information you need at your fingertips. Within http://www.safespacesussex.org.uk/ you can search for support services most relevant to you, using your location, your needs or the crime you have suffered to find out what is available.

The http://www.safespacesussex.org.uk/site can also help to demystify the process for people when they may be at their most vulnerable, offering information about what happens at each stage of the criminal justice system.

The site was built in close consultation with local services to meet victims’ needs, whatever stage they have reached in their recovery. Whether you’ve reported it to the police or not, Safe:Space Sussex can provide a secure environment where people who may be feeling unsafe can find out what local help and support is available to them.

We still want to do more for victims and witnesses in Sussex and I am keen to better understand the barriers for those who identify as trans and non-binary face to seeking support when victimised. We’re holding a workshop at the conference today and you can always contact my office for further information.
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Keynote speakers
Name: Juno Roche | TITLE: At Risk?

ABSTRACT: Juno Roche, Writer and Campaigner, talks about being a woman living with HIV who also happens to be trans in a world that defines her, and others like her as being 'high risk and hard to reach'. She seeks to challenge the structures that inherently impose risks on others through witting and unwitting ignorance and often fear. The fear of the unknown and the fear of truly including others who seem utterly different to us. Juno openly uses her experiences to question marginal spaces and the marginalised experience.

Name: Emile Devereaux | TITLE: Visual Knowledges and Tactics of the Unseen

ABSTRACT: Systems of classification, always imperfect, that determine and account for individual lives, also produce invisible categories. As Bowker and Star argue, each of us navigate these systems, almost on a moment by moment basis in our daily lives--some categories appearing more evident than those that we separate out by default. As the ordering of human interactions produces invisible systems, how might we, as individuals ‘act with’ media technologies rather than just be ‘acted upon’ media forms and technologies? This paper discusses approaches that challenge visual categorizations through Devereaux’s role in the gender-bending Barbie Liberation Organization and recent cases where trans* individuals have emerged via social media from the situational trap of ‘non-category’.

BIO: Emile Devereaux is a Senior Lecturer in Digital Media at the University of Sussex where they also direct the Research Centre for Material Digital Culture. Through the lens of critical gender studies their work interrogates embodied and situated interactions with digital technologies. As an early tactical media practitioner, their interdisciplinary research draws upon over twenty-five years of experience in the creation of site-specific interventions and media works that have been shown internationally.
Name:  Meg-John Barker | TITLE: Non-Binary Gender So Far

ABSTRACT: In this presentation Meg-John Barker gives a whirlwind tour of non-binary gender so far, based on their chapter on the British non-binary movement - with Ben Vincent and Jos Twist - in Christine Burns’s new book Trans Britain. Starting with deep history, this talk makes the vital point that non-binary gender is not a recent thing as it is often imagined to be: indeed rigid ‘opposite sex’ thinking about gender can be regarded as a relatively new, western invention. The current non-binary movement also has historical roots in earlier feminist, queer, and trans activism where attempts have been made to understand gender in less binary ways dating back to the 1960s and 70s. Turning to the current situation, the presentation touches on the ways in which non-binary gender is being experienced and identified today, and on some of the key aims of the non-binary movement going forward. In this year that has seen the first non-binary actor/character on a mainstream TV show (Billions), the first non-binary memoir (CN Lester’s Trans Like Me), and the #thisiswhatnonbinarylookslike hashtag trending on twitter, the talk ends with a consideration of the risks of non-binary normativity, and the importance of insisting on an intersectional understanding of (non-binary) gender.

BIO: Dr. Meg-John Barker is a writer, therapist, and activist-academic specialising in sex, gender and relationships. Two of their books, Rewriting the Rules and Queer: A Graphic History, explore the problems with binary understandings of gender for everyone. This year will see their publication of a co-edited book on working with non-binary and genderqueer people for clinicians and other practitioners (with Christina Richards and Walter Bouman), as well as a self help guide to understanding your own gender (with Alex Iantaffi).

Website: www.rewriting-the-rules.com | Twitter: @megjohnbarker

Name:  Sabah Choudrey |

ABSTRACT: As a person whose identity sits on the intersections of many visible oppressions and privileges, Sabah will be talking about the intersection of queerness and trans/gender and race, navigating a white heteronormative world with a gender non-conforming body with brown skin, with a focus on being Muslim – an identity that is misrepresented, misunderstood and misjudged. Sabah will be starting a dialogue that is now more relevant than ever between Muslims and non-Muslims on community and pride. Pride events have often been the marker of progress for a community, and a call to action for more. Who really makes up this community? Who is allowed to be out and proud? Sabah will draw
upon their experiences of founding Trans Pride Brighton and creating Queer Picnic, London and talk about what true inclusion looks like, how we can empower our community and redefine pride.

BIO: Sabah is a queer Muslim social justice fighter, and currently works with METRO Charity and Gendered Intelligence in London delivering Trans Youth Support Work. Sabah gave a TEDx talk in Brixton 2015 sharing their experiences of being a hairy brown girl, an angry brown man and a queer brown person. One of the co-founders of Trans Pride Brighton. Sabah has been published on The Huffington Post, Black Girl Dangerous and writes on www.sabahchoudrey.com

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Trans Pride Brighton has been running since 2013 and providing a great day where trans people, friends, allies and family can meet and have an amazing time in a fun and safe space. This year is going to be our fifth anniversary and we really want to celebrate!

Trans Pride Brighton and Hove is a registered charity in England & Wales (number 1162738). We are a grass-roots, community-led organisation staffed entirely by unpaid volunteers.

By promoting equality and diversity through visibility, we will educate and eliminate discrimination we face, and also to celebrate our unique history and gender diversity.

Trans Pride Brighton, now in its 5th year, have an amazing array of events in July.

As a registered charity run solely by volunteers, Trans Pride aim to inspire all trans, intersex, gender variant and queer people to help make a real difference by celebrating trans lives and gender diversity.
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Abstracts
REMAKING SEX AND GENDER

NON-BINARY GENDER IDENTITIES; CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR RE-MAKING GENDER

TRACEY YEADON-LEE

ABSTRACT: Recently, there has been a notable rise in the number of people coming out as non-binary. While attracting significant media interest, non-binary gender is an under researched area within transgender studies and little is known about how these identities are being lived in everyday life. To address this gap, this paper reports on a qualitative research project exploring experiences of non-binary gender identities, drawing on on-line blogs and forums.

The paper discusses academic debates concerning ‘doing, undoing and redoing’ gender and evaluates both the challenges and usefulness of this framework in the context of research on non-binary gender. Drawing on on-line data, the paper foregrounds the need for an interactive and agentic approach, and highlights how a range of identity management techniques are employed by non-binary people in order to create liveable and intelligible living spaces, and engage in social activism. The paper argues that at the level of the everyday, non-binary people move in and out of all three social processes involved in ‘doing, undoing and redoing’ gender, rather than just one, and proposes that attention to how gender is also being ‘remade’ is now fully considered.

BIO: Tracey Yeadon-Lee is a senior lecturer in sociology at the University of Huddersfield. Their current research interests centre around non-binary trans people’s use of online communities.

(UN) DOIN’ IT: FUCKING WHILE TRANS

H HOWITT

ABSTRACT: According to the dominant discourse, to be trans is to experience a misalignment between the sexed physical attributes of the body, and one’s internal sense of gender. Several axioms constitute clinical diagnostic criteria, and are presumed present (and essential) in all trans people, resulting in a singular, narrow and static understanding of how to ‘do’ trans. These axioms include feeling ‘trapped in the wrong body’; a strong desire to be the ‘opposite’ sex; and, crucially, a persistent discomfort of natal sexed attributes – specifically the genitals. Barely changed since their inception, these axioms constitute what trans is, and whilst some trans folk do experience their gender in this way, this framework eschews the stories of many.

Implicit in the medico-social understanding of trans is the troublesome relationship we, as trans people, have with sex. Not biological sex. Sex as in fucking; as in doin’ it. This paper looks at how this relationship became reified over fifty years of medical discourse and explores the cultural shifts that challenge it. Examples which foreground and affirm diverse trans sexualities are found in small
pockets of scholarship, alongside an ever-growing resource of zines, feminist pornography, and even the odd TV show. In this paper I question: if constructing our trans narratives no longer includes mandatory rejection of our bodies, then in what ways might we experience sex and sexuality? This forms the basis of my PhD research project, in which I seek to explore the range of tools and practices trans people use to mediate sexual embodiment.

**BIO:** H is a non-binary, trans identified, queer porn performer, sex educator, and PhD candidate. H teaches and learns from a sex-critical, intersectional perspective that embraces our varied, plural and complex relationships with sex and our bodies. H researches trans sexualities at the University of Brighton.

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Performance and Performing

DEAD FOSSILS: EXPLORING DEATH, DIVINITY AND UNBORN GENDER

NIC LACHANCE

ABSTRACT: my experience of being non-binary has been fraught with death: dead womanhood, femininity, an illusory binary (and the broken comfort it brought with it), old narratives, trauma, grief and a list of sophisticated inadequacies. Through poetry and tender rants, I explore what has happened and continues to happen when I let my gender die; when I occupy my scars and give way the stories of failure. Following and in conjunction with this continual process of death has allowed bigger, unformed ideations of divinity, bigness and unborn genders to be born. Themes of trauma, survivorship, forgiveness and wilderness anchor the fortitude of my subjectivities.

This is an unapologetically un-academic, non-hierarchical interactive performance that is made up only of my own experiences of gender.

BIO: Nic uses it/they pronouns and is a yt/ablebodied/middle class backgnd/queer/non-binary virgo with dreams wetter than moss. It finds refuge in cracking open old selves, making shit jokes, writing, charming the pants off ur moms and yelling at the wind. They are currently trying out vulnerability and finding ways to make gluten free vegan cake not shit

THERE IS NO WORD FOR IT – A READING FROM PUBLICATION OF THEATRE SHOW

HOTPENCIL PRESS/LAURA BRIDGEMAN

ABSTRACT: There Is No Word For It is a publication of a theatre show The (Trans) Mangina Monologues. This contemporary collection of trans masculine stories was taken from interviews with guys living in London, the UK, France and Southeast Asia, the company have played theatres, sex shops, nightclubs, schools and bookshops in London, New York and Ljubiana.

Funded by The Arts Council of England and wowing audiences with its explicit content, poetic language and sly wit. "This is The Vagina Monologues on steroids, literally." Kate Bornstein. "It is poignant, bawdy, lyrical and sometimes terrifying." Roz Kaveney.

There Is No Word For It is for everyone. It aims to challenge prejudice and discrimination. Both a useful tool for students and actors and a fascinating insight into a much publicised, but little understood, subject matter.

BIO: Laura Bridgeman and and Serge Nicholson formed hotpencil press in 2010 to promote high-quality, unique, contemporary and re-visited works largely ignored by the mainstream. They have published There Is No Word For It and co-published The Butch Monologues (2017) with Vital Xposure and The Drakes.
TRICYCLIC TRANSFORM – A GENDERQUEER MUSICAL CABARET (30 MINS)

MELANIE MENARD

ABSTRACT: 'Tricyclic Transform' is a solo queer musical cabaret show. Recognising singing and the invention of alternate persona as key catalysts in the creation of queer identity, it theatricalizes the genderqueer experience by documenting the creation and self-destruction of my 'biologically-challenged drag-queen' alter-ego Miss Liliane. They try to negotiate restrictive gender-roles by performing symbolic rituals and re-enacting iconic songs, but the inability of their mind to comfortably inhabit any predefined role causes them to get trapped in an endless loop of repeated, pointless gestures. 'Tricyclic Transform' presents gender as a cyclical spectrum: Miss Liliane tries on gender identities as they try on clothes and pitches. But each time new inner conflicts arise, propelling them further round the gender wheel, until they come back full circle, to a genderless, endlessly questioning, naked body. The songs span 4 parts: Sacrificial femininity, Lilith (Predatory Femininity), Androgyne, Dionysos (Broken Man), united by a dramatic character-focused delivery. The theatrical presentation draws from alt-drag and body-art aesthetics including: on-stage costume change signifying gender transitions, breast binding, destroying make-up.

BIO: I work across photography, video, digital and performance. I explore the tensions between the individual and the place and circumstances they inhabit, and the human mind in conflict with itself. In any media, I design an aesthetic representing an individual’s thought processes, using a precisely crafted audio-visual mood and rhythm to trap the audience into their subjective experience. I hold a MA Digital Art from Camberwell College of Art and trained as a jazz and cabaret singer with Paul Sand
ABSTRACT: With a growing visibility for gender diverse identities, there is a greater need for trans and non-binary identities to be therapeutically supported within a societal system that still fails to adequately provide the acceptance, protection and services for trans and non-binary peoples.

Greater referral rates within the GICs of several hundred percent means that more often than not, many trans and non-binary people are waiting for longer periods before they receive treatment; 18 months is an average waiting time. Consequently trans and non-binary people wanting medical intervention are left in limbo and are poorly supported emotionally or therapeutically where limited specialist counselling is available.

When counselling is available very few therapists have the specialist knowledge, understanding, or awareness to provide appropriate and beneficial support. Could this be a call to encourage the opportunity for more trans and non-binary identified people to train as therapists within their community? What about the trans, non-binary therapists who do work within their community? How often are they encouraged to work as therapists within a specialist gender/sexual health services? Can there be therapeutic value to sit opposite another who has the lived experience of being trans and non-binary? I would argue that this kind of therapeutic mirroring can be empowering and healing for many trans/non-binary people that moves beyond just psychological and intellectual understanding.

BIO: Jake is a trans masculine counsellor living in East Sussex. Having previously worked as a volunteer counsellor for Metro Counselling services, London, LGBT Switchboard in Brighton he currently sees clients in a private practice in the locations of Brighton, Lewes and Central London. Jake previously worked as a counsellor until recently for ‘All Sorts’, a Brighton Charity that supports LGBT youth. Jake has over 6 years experience working as a counsellor. He is trained in Integrative Psychosynthesis therapy, with further trainings in Somatic Trauma therapy, Gender and Sexual diversity at Pink Therapy he has just completed a year training at the Centre for Psychosexual Health as an advanced trainee in Integrative Psychosexual Therapy. He also works part time at an NHS psychosexual service in London and teaches Gender and Sexual diversity courses to student psychotherapists at the Minster Centre, London. His current attention of focus is to set up a collective of privately managed LGBT identified therapists that can offer low cost therapy to Sussex LGBT community in response to the recent decrease in low cost LGBT public counselling services in Sussex.
NON-BINARY GENDER IDENTITY NEGOTIATIONS: INTERACTIONS WITH QUEER COMMUNITIES AND MEDICAL PRACTICE

BEN VINCENT

ABSTRACT: This presentation summarises the first ever completed doctorate on contemporary UK non-binary identities. Examining how non-binary individuals are involved with and integrated into LGBTQ communities exposes important nuances. This is also true regarding the negotiation of medical practice by non-binary people in relation to gender transitions, and more generally. Eighteen participants with non-binary gender identities were recruited to record ‘mixed media diaries’ for a four month period, with a follow-up interview to discuss their experiences and views, relating to broad conceptions of queer communities and medical practice. The objectives were to understand how non-binary people are integrated into queer communities and negotiate medical practice, as well as what the emergence of non-binary gender identities implies for these contexts. Particularly important themes included not feeling ‘trans enough’, and the impact of time. The study concludes that the improvement of a wide range of medical policies and practice is needed, together with community support initiatives to better recognise and serve non-binary people.


THERE’S A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN KNOWING THE PATH AND WALKING THE PATH? TAKING BACK CONTROL OF RESEARCH ON TRANS COMMUNITIES

JOSIE HENLEY/EDITH ENGLAND

ABSTRACT: As trans people, our lives and experiences are pathologised, problematised and exoticised by researchers from outside the community. The resulting product is seldom ours. Trans identity is increasingly normalised, but trans people continue to be marginalised in the research process. As a community, how can we address this? Should we do our own research, and how? What does it mean when non-trans people are researching us? How much say should we get in how research on us is used? What happens when trans researchers are centred in a study, not just as objects of study but as directors of research? As trans individuals involved in researching our own community, both independently and as part of a wider research team, we have engaged with research as community members. This has impacted our own perception of ourselves, our gender identities, careers and communities. Drawing parallels with the film The Matrix, we argue that the time has passed for research that furthers the notion of trans people as disempowered. Rather, trans people should be centred in the research process, involved in decisions about what, who and how to research, involved in data collection and interpretation, and in dissemination.

BIO: Josie is a Research Associate in Cardiff University Healthcare department, with a PhD in dreaming. Edith is a community worker who has worked with trans people, LGBT asylum seekers and gypsies/travellers, and whose MSc explores trans parenting experience. Both
are peer interviewers on the Trans Ageing and Care Study (Swansea University) and worked together on other research projects of interest to trans communities. Both identify as trans.
Youth and Young People

IT’S NOT THAT HARD TO JUST SAY ‘THEY!’ YOUNG PEOPLE’S RESISTANCE TO TRANSPHOBIA, AND THE EMPOWERING ROLE OF SUPPORT GROUPS

LUCY JONES

ABSTRACT: In this presentation I will share some of my research into language, identity and transgender youth. Specifically, I will report on a case study conducted with young trans people, the findings of which are relevant to policy makers and service providers. I will report on my analysis of the spoken language used by members of a trans support group; this analysis shows how the young people worked together to create a mutual sense of identity. Specifically, the young people’s discussions reveal their strategies of managing and negotiating the othering and ignorance that is part of their everyday lives. They create a sense of solidarity through their talk which, in turn, allows them to fight against marginalisation and feel validated. By analysing this group talk, I will show how important the support group has been in providing these youths with the tools they need to resist the transphobia surrounding them. The data collected as part of this study therefore acts as evidence of how empowered young people can be if appropriate support is available to them: with access to information, knowledge and advocacy, they can become less vulnerable.

BIO: I am a researcher based at the University of Nottingham, where I study the relationships between language, gender, and sexuality.

WHAT EVERYONE CAN DO TO HELP TRANS PEOPLE

JOSHUA MEASURE-HUGHES, KATHRYN WALSH

ABSTRACT: We are two teenage trans people, Josh (FTM) and Kathryn (Non-binary), currently on gap years, who have experienced secondary school, sixth form, various employments and some NHS GIC treatment. Our experiences have not been the best, or worst, and we would like to firstly share these with those attending. We know that people can often feel guilty and miserable over problems with most organisations and treatments not as trans-friendly as they should be, so we plan to offer constructive and simple solutions people from all walks of life can implement. These include organisations like UCAS and employers emailing/referring to people in chosen names where possible; for those who work in a building with toilets (everyone), suggesting the male bathroom had a bin in the cubicle (almost none do); and for all who have contact with schools (teachers, parents, students, PSE undergrads) to ask for a PSE lesson on trans-people. These and many more would be discussed so that everybody attending the conference have options in how they could help make Brighton more trans-friendly, as hopefully share the message that, with all that is going on for trans-rights, especially the USA, there are still ways we can all help to spread acceptance.

BIOS:
Joshua Measure-Hughes: 18 year old FTM transgender man.
Kathryn Walsh: 19 year old Non-binary transgender person.
Both will be attending University in September and are currently on gap years in part-time employment. Together have been giving talks to Colleges, Terrence Higgins Trust, and..., providing information about trans experiences through employment, education and the NHS, as well as information on trans people and terminology.

**SUPPORT FOR TRANS INCLUSIVE EDUCATIONAL SETTINGS**

**RYAN GINGELL, SAM BEAL**

**ABSTRACT:** A short presentation on the work delivered by Allsorts Youth Project and Brighton and Hove City Council to create trans inclusive spaces and practise in primary and secondary schools.

This will include a brief overview of the updated Trans Inclusion Toolkit for Schools and how this is implemented in educational settings. We will explore the ways in which Allsorts and BHCC work in conjunction with schools in order to support a trans or gender questioning child on their journey, including examples of good practise through whole school approach and individual staff. We will also discuss the positive working relationship between Allsorts, schools and Brighton and Hove City Council and the benefits of this for all children and young people.

**BIO:** Allsorts work with local primary and secondary schools to provide short and long term support for children and young people and the professionals working with them.

**TRANS. EDU. SCOTLAND: THE EXPERIENCES OF TRANS APPLICANTS, STUDENTS AND STAFF IN FURTHER AND HIGHER EDUCATION**

**MATSON LAWRENCE**

**ABSTRACT:** Whilst there is increasing recognition of the barriers and challenges that trans people may face in the education sector, there is currently a dearth of empirical evidence to assist colleges and universities in meeting their statutory and ethical responsibilities. This paper will outline the ongoing Trans.Edu Scotland research, which examines the experiences of and current provision for trans (incl. non-binary) applicants, students and staff in Further and Higher Education across Scotland.

This paper will report on the thematic findings from the empirical research undertaken with over one-hundred trans applicants, students and staff. Particular attention will be given to the ways in which operational, administrative and interpersonal practices across institutions can serve to disadvantage, exclude and even erase trans people. This paper will also consider the distinct challenges face by trans staff, postgraduates and early-career researchers, with particular focus on navigating professional and peer relationships, and securing adequate leave for affirming healthcare. To close, this paper will reflect upon examples of positive practices within the sector that serve to enhance provision for trans applicants, students and staff.
BIO: Dr Matson Lawrence is a Research Associate at the University of Strathclyde in Glasgow. Matson is currently working on Trans.Edu Scotland – nationwide research investigating the experiences of and provision for trans people in Further and Higher Education. He has an interdisciplinary Doctorate in Law and Applied Social Sciences from Durham University, and has extensive experience of working with trans communities in the third sector.

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Intersectionalities

LIFE IS TOO SHORT TO BE SOMEONE ELSE
MORGANS MARTINS

ABSTRACT: Morgan Martins become deaf at 38 years old and at 44 started the transition to non-binary after being the victim of a homophobic attack in London.

Morgan will motivate you to live your life fully and accept who you are whatever society tells you should be!

BIO: Morgan Martins is a regular speaker, an Ambassador for Action on Hearing Loss, a mentor for Med-El HearPeers programme an inspiring speaker affectionately called by her colleagues as "the Portuguese Tasmanian Devil".

NAVIGATING THE INTERSECTIONALITY BETWEEN DISABILITY AND TRANSITION
TYLER AUSTEN

ABSTRACT: In a world where being queer is publicly seen as something that only able bodied folk can be, is it time for more disabled people to be at the forefront of the agenda?

We talk about how intersectionality is important and how in a world where gatekeeping services for trans and non binary folk still exist, but when you throw in the fact that you are not able bodied, how hard it is to get the support we actually need. This talk may have discussions on disability that might be hard to hear, as well as swearing.

BIO: Tyler is the chair of Navigate (a trans AFAB and intersex support service for over 18s) as well as a disability and transgender activist. They have been known as the angry bitter queen of complaints for three years since they started being writer for a self titled blog, which struck notariety with the queer dating series. They are autistic, a tourettes sufferer, osteoarthritic, hypomobile and epileptic as well as having chronic mental health issues. This has not stopped Tyler from doing what they have wanted, existing.
ABSTRACT: What has fat activism got to offer trans people? Plenty, but it might take some changes in fat activism’s cis-centred politics before trans fatties get on board. This talk will address the ways fat activism can help challenge fatphobia in trans communities and consider how listening to fat trans people’s experiences might generate new kinds of fat activism.

Critical thinking around fat and transgender has thus far existed in largely separate spheres, each remaining ignorant of the others’ insights. This has led to an inability to account for the embodied experiences of people who are both fat and trans. A key example of this concerns transgender activism predicated on the idea of the body’s inherent malleability, and fat activism that has politically insisted on the body’s non-malleability and its right to exist as fat. Caught between these conflicting approaches, fat trans people have often felt excluded by both sides. In asking questions about how fatness figures in experiences of gender dysphoria or incidences of passing/misgendering, and how it shapes interactions with healthcare professionals and GICs, this talk will attempt to move beyond existing approaches and imagine new ways of thinking the fat/trans intersection.

BIO: Dr Francis Ray White is a senior lecturer in Sociology at the University of Westminster where their teaching is mainly on gender and feminist theory and LGBTQ studies. Francis likes to research the terrible things said about fat people in media and medical discourses, and also gives occasional talks on (trans)gender issues for Gendered Intelligence. The rest of the time you can find them generating propaganda for the queer/fat club night Unskinny Bop. They are non-binary.
OLDER TRANS AND NON-BINARY SPACE/WORKSHOP

CHRYSSY HUNTER AND JACOB BAYLISS

ABSTRACT: What are the needs of older trans and Non Binary people over 50? Facilitated by Chryssy Hunter from Opening Doors London, Jacob Bayliss Trans Alliance Brighton, and supported by Helen Bashford Older LGBT Project, Switchboard Brighton. A workshop to hear from older people what support and care is and isn’t working for them. Are their needs being met by services like, health, social care and housing? What’s good, what isn’t and what needs to change?

EXPLORING PREGNANCY AND FEEDING OPTIONS FOR TRANSGENDER INDIVIDUALS

EVA HARKNESS

ABSTRACT: Trans and non-binary people become parents and families in a number of different ways and the route of pregnancy and birth is becoming more widely thought and talked about. This will be an informal workshop where we can discuss the different options in pregnancy, birth and feeding and how these may impact on individuals and families lives. My hope is that people will leave the workshop with knowledge and tools to consider in shaping their own families. This workshop is for trans or non-binary people who would like to think about the options of pregnancy and feeding a baby and others who are interested in this area, such as healthcare professionals. Those attending can be at any stage of this thought process, whether it is years away or you already have children. Information will be shared from and shaped by research, trans and non-binary experiences of pregnancy, birth and parenting and my own experience as a midwife and member of the queer community. Questions and discussion is welcomed. Resources for further research will be provided.

BIO: Eva Harkness I am a midwife with a particular interest in the experience LGBTQ parents have going through pregnancy and birth, including how their interaction with healthcare professionals affects their experience. Recently I have been more specifically looking at trans and non-binary parents’ experiences. My aim is to raise awareness, support parents and help educate health care professionals so that they can practice with knowledge and respect. I am also currently working on a website to be used as a resource for those interested in the topic.
TRANS ADVOCACY –MINDOUT’S TRANS AND NON-BINARY MENTAL HEALTH ADVOCACY SERVICE
(OPEN TO TRANS AND NON-BINARY DELEGATES ONLY)

MAEVE DEVINE

ABSTRACT: Brighton & Hove aims to be a ‘Restorative City’ and is committed to meeting the needs of those harmed by crime and conflict, by ensuring safe, secure and effective restorative practices are embedded throughout the city. Brighton & Hove’s Partnership Community Safety Team continually seeks to reduce barriers that our diverse communities may experience in reporting hate crime.

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The workshop will be co-facilitated by Anabel & Tim from the Team together with Maeve Devine, Trans Advocate at MindOUT.

BIO: They both have significant experience in supporting Trans & Non-Binary people to report hate crime in a safe and inclusive way and have both received Trans awareness training. Anabel has been tackling hate crime for over ten years and Tim is a former Vice-Chair of Brighton & Hove LGBT Switchboard and was part of the council’s Trans Scrutiny team to engage staff to participate.

TRANS POWER! THERAPEUTIC STEPS TO LIVING IN THE DRIVING SEAT OF OUR LIVES
(OPEN TO TRANS AND NON-BINARY DELEGATES ONLY)

ELLIS MORGAN

ABSTRACT: This presentation/workshop is about what we all want and need more of in our lives; happiness, healthiness and the power to live as we want to. These things are never straightforward, but when it comes to being trans and non-binary we often face very real and significant challenges. Our lives can often resemble creative projects where our identities, relationships and even our ordinary daily grind is managed against the changeable and stormy tide of other people’s opinions.

I will share what I’ve learned about living with agency and power in this context, from my experience as a psychotherapist working with trans people (currently at cliniQ in London), as a researcher and writer about identity and emotions – as well as from my own life experiences as a trans man.
I will present data from a four-year study I conducted with Strathclyde University on themes of resilience and power in trans people’s lives and we will explore ideas about how we can apply this learning in our own contexts.

Sadly there is no magic wand out there that can change life’s more harsh realities, but perhaps there are some steps we can take whatever our contexts to more firmly occupy the driving seat of our own lives.

**BIO:**  
Ellis is a psychotherapist with cliniQ, London’s Trans* sexual health and wellbeing service and is also Research Associate for Scottish Transgender Alliance. His written publications span work on transgender marginality, trans issues in schools and trans inclusive social research practice. In 2011 he established Scotland’s first LGBT Mental Health Service. He is also the former co-chair of the UK trans organisation TransBareAll.

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**TRANS AND NONBINARY INCLUSION IN SPORT & PHYSICAL ACTIVITY - PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE**

**TARA STONE**

**ABSTRACT:** Research indicates many Trans and Nonbinary people do not engage in sport and physical activity due to a range of intersectional barriers impeding their participation.

Trans and Nonbinary people suffer minority stress as a result of societal marginalisation resulting in long term negative health outcomes in both physical and mental health.

The health and wellbeing benefits of sport and physical activity are well established. Trans and Nonbinary people suffer a form of double discrimination in that they are discriminated against by society for simply being who they are. Trans and Nonbinary people are then unable to access positive coping strategies in the form of sport and physical activity to minimise the impacts of their discrimination.

In this workshop we will review Trans and Nonbinary people’s relationship with sport and more broadly physical activity in the recent past. Outline the current picture of gender diversity in sport and physical activity. And finally explore the future to see how we can ensure sport and physical activity is inclusive for all gender diverse people so they can enjoy the health and wellbeing benefits of participation.

**BIO:** Tara Stone is Managing Director of Be Trans Support & Development North, a Pride Sports Associate, and a member of Stonewalls Trans Advisory Group, Chair of Trans Pride North and a Trustee of Willow Tree Karate (The LGBT Dojo). They are a passionate advocate of LGBT rights and Trans community support and development work, an educator and campaigner in the North East and West of England and nationally. Their background prior to their LGBT community based work was in management, learning and development within the private sector.

Tara is genderqueer, they live in Newcastle Upon Tyne with their partner Charlotte. In their occasional spare time they’re a keen runner and yoga teacher in training.
TRANSGENDER LIFE IN SLOVENIA - DOCUMENTARY FILM

ANJA KOLETNIK AND EVAN A. GRM

ABSTRACT: The documentary movie Transgender life in Slovenia, which is a presentation of 10 transgender and gender variant persons from various locations in the country, portrays diverse experiences regarding one’s gender identity and the stance of being a transgender person in Slovene society. The movie will contribute to awareness raising about transgender persons in Slovenia, and mostly increase visibility and legitimization of both out and non-out transgender persons.

The movie was created in collaboration between Institute TransAkcija, a non-governmental organization which provides support and advocacy for rights of transgender persons in Slovenia, and Sanctuary Studios Inc (Canada), an international video production company which primarily produces documentary films specializing on human rights issues, particularly LGBTI rights.

BIOS:
Anja Koletnik is a transfeminist non-binary queer activist from Slovenia, with 9 years of experience in LGBTQ+ activism. They are the founder and director of Slovenia’s first transgender specific NGO Institute TransAkcija. They have been working in the fields of LGBT+ human rights, feminisms, youth work, mental health and gender based violence. Anja holds an MA in Gender Studies.
Evan A. Grm is a nonbinary feminist activist from Slovenia. They are the co-founder and programme coordinator of Institute TransAkcija, who also works as a youth programme coordinator at Association Legebitra. They have been involved in LGBT+ and transfeminist activism in Slovenia for the past 5 years.

RESTORATIVELY REDUCING BARRIERS TO REPORTING HATE CRIME - A COMMUNITY WORKSHOP TO SAFELY SHARE EXPERIENCES AND LEARN FROM EACH OTHER
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TIM READ

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HELP SHAPE YOUR SUPPORT SERVICES

SARA JONES - OFFICE OF THE SUSSEX POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER

ABSTRACT: Since April 2015 PCC’s have been responsible for commission support services for victims of crime, which can be accessed by Sussex residents without needing to contact police. As we look to commission more support services, this workshop provides an opportunity for participants from our trans and non-binary community to give their views on what a good support service would look like.
The Museum of Transology is a bold, brave and profound collection of artefacts and photographic portraiture that began with donations from Brighton’s vibrant trans community. It is now the largest collection representing trans people in the UK – if not the world. This highly intimate exhibition challenges the idea that gender is fixed, binary and biologically determined, by exploring how the objects reflect the participants’ self-determined gender journeys.

Collected and curated by E-J Scott, and made possible by those who donated their stories and personal objects, the display will feature photography by Bharat Sikka and Sharon Kilgannon, My Generation films by Fox Fisher and Lewis Hancox, Sexing the Transman and Mr Angel documentaries by adult film star Buck Angel, and behind the scenes footage from Born Risky by Grayson Perry.

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Delegates are invited to attend the private viewing Wednesday evening 19th July (18:30 – 20:30) that will launch the 2017 Trans Pride Brighton festival. There will also be a curator’s tour of the exhibition after the conclusion of the Annual Trans and Non-Binary Conference, 20th July 2017. Numbers are strictly limited.

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