



Welcome to your Big LGBTQ+ Brew Host Kit!

Thank you so much for opening your doors, putting the kettle on, and hosting a Big LGBTQ+ Brew. By bringing people together for a cuppa, you are doing something truly wonderful for our community.

Holding a Big LGBTQ+ Brew isn't just about great coffee and raising funds for OUT North East, it's also about starting conversations. Whether you are hosting at work, college, in your local community, or simply around the kitchen table with friends, your event is a space for people to connect, share stories, and celebrate allyship. Bake some cakes, tackle our quiz, and get everyone together for a fantastic cause. Make it as big, small, silly, or serious as you like!

Every single pound you raise makes a massive difference. Your support helps us keep our vital activities completely free, allows us to reach more people across the region, and funds the ONE Centre in Gateshead, our dedicated LGBTQ+ community hub where people can safely connect, find support, and, most importantly, belong.

What's Inside Your Download Kit:

- Event Poster: Write in the details of when and where your brew is happening and display it with pride.
- Fundraising QR Code: Use this to collect donations! If you raise £30, we'll send you an exclusive Big LGBTQ+ Brew pin badge. Raise £50 or more, and you'll get a Big LGBTQ+ Brew mug as well!
- LGBTQ+ Quiz Sheet: A brilliant, fun way to get your guests working together.
- Conversation Ideas: Use these to get the chatter flowing.
- Bunting: Get decorating your room

Get Featured on the Radio!

Don't forget to tell us when and where you are hosting your Big LGBTQ+ Brew! Email ben@outnortheast.org.uk with your event details, and we will give you a special shout-out live on Pride Radio.

We also love seeing your events in action. Please tag us in your photos on social media at OUT North East and use the hashtag #BigLGBTQBrew.

Thank you once again for supporting our charity, and have a truly great cuppa!

The OUT North East Team



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You're invited to pop the kettle on, grab a cuppa and join us for a fun, relaxed get together in support of OUT North East, a charity supporting LGBTQ+ people and their allies across the region.

It's a chance to take a break, catch up with friends, test your knowledge with the Big LGBTQ+ Brew Quiz and raise funds for a charity making a real difference across the North East.

★ **Good brews. Good company. A great cause.** ★



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Round 1: LGBTQ+ History

1. The Stonewall uprising of 1969 took place in which city?

- A) London
- B) San Francisco
- C) New York
- D) Chicago

Answer: C – New York

Did you know? The uprising followed a police raid on the Stonewall Inn in Manhattan in June 1969. Protests continued over several nights and Stonewall became a major catalyst for the modern LGBTQ+ rights movement, inspiring new activist groups in the US and beyond.

2. What was Harvey Milk's profession before becoming a politician and LGBTQ+ rights campaigner?

- A) Lawyer
- B) Teacher
- C) Camera shop owner
- D) Journalist

Answer: C – Camera shop owner

Did you know? Harvey Milk opened Castro Camera in San Francisco in 1972. The shop became a meeting place for the local gay community and a base for his political campaigns. In 1977, Milk was elected to the San Francisco Board of Supervisors, becoming one of the first openly gay elected officials in the United States. He was assassinated in 1978.

3. Which Second World War codebreaker was prosecuted for homosexual acts in 1952?

- A) Alan Turing
- B) Stephen Hawking
- C) Tim Berners-Lee
- D) Alexander Fleming

Answer: A – Alan Turing

Did you know? Alan Turing, known as the father of the modern computer, played a crucial role at Bletchley Park in breaking German Enigma codes during the Second World War. Some historians estimate that the intelligence work at Bletchley Park shortened the war by around two years and potentially saved millions of lives. Despite his extraordinary contribution, Turing was prosecuted in 1952 simply for being gay and subjected to hormonal treatment, commonly described as chemical castration. He died in 1954, aged just 41, from cyanide poisoning, with an inquest concluding that he had taken his own life. He received a posthumous royal pardon in 2013.

4. Before becoming one of Britain's earliest high-profile trans women, what was Roberta Cowell's profession during the Second World War?

- A) Worked as a nurse
- B) Flew fighter aircraft
- C) Worked as a codebreaker
- D) Served in the Royal Navy

Answer: B – Flew fighter aircraft

Did you know? Roberta Cowell was an RAF fighter pilot who flew combat missions during the Second World War and was captured after her aircraft crashed in Germany. She was also a successful racing driver and later became one of Britain's earliest high-profile trans women, bringing trans lives into the public eye during the 1950s.

5. What was Section 28, introduced in 1988, associated with?

- A) Banning Pride marches
- B) Restricting local authorities from "promoting homosexuality"
- C) Banning gay people from television
- D) Preventing same-sex couples living together

Answer: B – Restricting local authorities from "promoting homosexuality"

Did you know? Section 28 created fear and confusion around discussing LGBTQ+ lives, particularly in schools. Many teachers felt unable to support LGBTQ+ pupils or challenge homophobic bullying. It was repealed in Scotland in 2000 and in England and Wales in 2003.

6. Which pioneering lesbian organisation was founded in Britain in 1963?

- A) Minorities Research Group
- B) Stonewall
- C) Gay Liberation Front
- D) Switchboard

Answer: A – Minorities Research Group

Did you know? The Minorities Research Group provided a social and support network for lesbian and bisexual women. It also published Arena Three, a pioneering magazine which allowed women to share experiences and connect at a time when many LGBTQ+ people faced considerable isolation.

7. Which famous actor was among the founders of Stonewall UK?

- A) Ian McKellen
- B) Patrick Stewart
- C) Hugh Grant
- D) Derek Jacobi

Answer: A – Ian McKellen

Did you know? Stonewall was established in 1989 following the introduction of Section 28. Its founding figures included Ian McKellen, Michael Cashman and Lisa Power. The organisation went on to campaign for major changes including an equal age of consent and same-sex marriage.



8. In which year was the London Bisexual Group formed?

- A) 1971
- B) 1981
- C) 1991
- D) 2001

Answer: B – 1981

Did you know? The London Bisexual Group created a dedicated space for bisexual people at a time when they could experience exclusion from both heterosexual and gay and lesbian communities. It was an important early step in establishing a distinct bisexual movement in Britain.

9. What major change happened in the UK Armed Forces in 2000?

- A) Pride uniforms were introduced
- B) Same-sex weddings were recognised
- C) The ban on lesbian, gay and bisexual people serving was lifted
- D) The first LGBTQ+ regiment was created

Answer: C – The ban was lifted

Did you know? Until January 2000, lesbian, gay and bisexual personnel could be investigated and dismissed from Britain's Armed Forces because of their sexuality. Many lost careers, medals and pensions, and LGBTQ+ veterans have since campaigned for recognition, apologies and financial redress.

10. Which 19th-century woman, sometimes described as the “first modern lesbian”, wrote detailed diaries about her relationships with women?

- A) Anne Lister
- B) Emmeline Pankhurst
- C) Florence Nightingale
- D) Jane Austen

Answer: A – Anne Lister

Did you know? Anne Lister lived at Shibden Hall near Halifax and recorded her relationships with women in extensive diaries, with some passages written in a secret code. Her life inspired the BBC/HBO drama Gentleman Jack, starring Suranne Jones, bringing her remarkable story to a new generation.



Round 2: Pop & Music



1. Freddie Mercury was the lead singer of which legendary band?

- A) Queen
- B) Wham!
- C) Erasure
- D) Culture Club

Answer: A – Queen

Did you know? Born Farrokh Bulsara in Zanzibar in 1946, Mercury became one of rock's most recognisable performers. Queen's legendary 1985 Live Aid appearance is regularly celebrated as one of the greatest live performances in popular music history.

2. Complete the title of Lady Gaga's LGBTQ+ anthem: "Born This ____"

- A) Time
- B) Way
- C) Life
- D) Day

Answer: B – Way

Did you know? Released in 2011, Born This Way explicitly celebrates different sexual orientations and gender identities. Gaga has been a prominent supporter of LGBTQ+ equality throughout her career and launched the Born This Way Foundation with her mother in 2012.

3. In what year did George Michael publicly come out as gay?

- A) 1992
- B) 1995
- C) 1998
- D) 2001

Answer: C – 1998

Did you know? George Michael publicly came out as gay in 1998, although his sexuality had been known to family and friends for years. He later became increasingly open about his experiences as a gay man, challenged homophobia and supported LGBTQ+ and HIV/AIDS charities, including through significant donations that were often made privately.

4. Which singer had a huge hit in 1980 with "I'm Coming Out"?

- A) Diana Ross
- B) Cher
- C) Tina Turner
- D) Donna Summer

Answer: A – Diana Ross

Did you know? Written by Nile Rodgers and Bernard Edwards of Chic, I'm Coming Out became an enduring LGBTQ+ anthem. Rodgers was inspired after seeing several drag queens dressed as Diana Ross while visiting a New York nightclub.



5. Which artist helped take voguing into mainstream pop culture with a 1990 hit?

- A) Kylie Minogue
- B) Madonna
- C) Cher
- D) Janet Jackson

Answer: B – Madonna

Did you know? Madonna didn't invent voguing. The dance style developed within New York's predominantly Black and Latino LGBTQ+ ballroom culture. Her 1990 hit Vogue introduced it to a huge international audience and featured dancers from the ballroom scene.

6. Which LGBTQ+ campaign group featured alongside Jimmy Somerville in the 1987 music video for "Read My Lips"?

- A) Stonewall
- B) ACT UP
- C) Lesbians and Gays Support the Miners
- D) Gay Liberation Front

Answer: C – Lesbians and Gays Support the Miners

Did you know? Jimmy Somerville was a prominent gay activist as well as a pop star. Read My Lips was released during the height of the AIDS crisis and challenged the fear and stigma surrounding HIV/AIDS. Somerville had also been a supporter of Lesbians and Gays Support the Miners, the movement later portrayed in the film Pride.

7. Amy Ray and Emily Saliers make up which music duo?

- A) Tegan and Sara
- B) Indigo Girls
- C) Shakespears Sister
- D) The Veronicas

Answer: B – Indigo Girls

Did you know? Amy Ray and Emily Saliers have performed together as Indigo Girls since the 1980s and are both openly lesbian. Alongside their music, they have supported LGBTQ+ rights, environmental campaigns and numerous social justice causes.

8. Which Bronski Beat singer performed the 1984 LGBTQ+ classic "Smalltown Boy"?

- A) Marc Almond
- B) Jimmy Somerville
- C) Andy Bell
- D) Boy George

Answer: B – Jimmy Somerville

Did you know? Smalltown Boy tells the story of a young gay man forced to leave home following homophobic violence and rejection. Bronski Beat's album The Age of Consent also highlighted Britain's then unequal age of consent for gay men.



9. Which openly gay pop star released the hit single "Rush" in 2023?

- A) Olly Alexander
- B) Troye Sivan
- C) Sam Smith
- D) Lil Nas X

Answer: B – Troye Sivan

Did you know? Troye Sivan came out publicly as gay in a YouTube video in 2013, aged 18. He has since become one of the most prominent openly gay artists in modern pop, with his music and videos frequently celebrating queer relationships, sexuality and self-expression.

10. Which singer came out as bisexual in a 1976 Rolling Stone interview?

- A) Elton John
- B) George Michael
- C) Freddie Mercury
- D) Rod Stewart

Answer: A – Elton John

Did you know? At a time when few major stars spoke openly about same-sex attraction, Elton John's comments were significant. He later identified as gay and established the Elton John AIDS Foundation in 1992, which has raised hundreds of millions for HIV programmes worldwide.





Round 3: TV & Film

1. Which Netflix series follows the relationship between Charlie Spring and Nick Nelson?

- A) Sex Education
- B) Heartstopper
- C) Young Royals
- D) Elite

Answer: B – Heartstopper

Did you know? Heartstopper began as a webcomic by Alice Oseman before becoming bestselling graphic novels and a Netflix series. It has been praised for portraying LGBTQ+ teenage relationships, friendship and coming out with warmth and optimism.

2. Who created both Queer as Folk, It's a Sin and Tip Toe?

- A) Russell T Davies
- B) Sally Wainwright
- C) Steven Moffat
- D) Jimmy McGovern

Answer: A – Russell T Davies

Did you know? Queer as Folk caused a sensation when it arrived on Channel 4 in 1999, putting young gay men's lives at the centre of a mainstream British drama. More than 20 years later, Davies explored the AIDS crisis in It's a Sin.

3. Which sitcom featured gay best friends Will Truman and Jack McFarland?

- A) Friends
- B) Frasier
- C) Will & Grace
- D) Modern Family

Answer: C – Will & Grace

Did you know? Will & Grace launched in 1998 and became one of America's most successful sitcoms. Having openly gay lead characters on a major US network show helped make LGBTQ+ characters increasingly visible in mainstream television.

4. Which trans woman became a household name after appearing on Celebrity Big Brother in 2004?

- A) April Ashley
- B) Christine Burns
- C) Nadia Almada
- D) Paris Lees

Answer: C – Nadia Almada

Did you know? Nadia Almada won Big Brother in 2004, becoming the first trans contestant to win the UK series. Her victory was a significant moment for trans visibility on mainstream British television, with millions of viewers watching the final.



5. Which soap featured the first gay kiss in a British soap, between Colin Russell and Barry Clark in 1987?

- A) Coronation Street
- B) EastEnders
- C) Brookside
- D) Emmerdale

Answer: B – EastEnders

Did you know? The scene featured Michael Cashman as Colin and Gary Hailes as Barry. Although it was a kiss on the forehead, it was groundbreaking for 1987 and provoked considerable press controversy simply for showing affection between two gay men.

6. Which US series starring Laverne Cox was set largely inside a women's prison?

- A) Pose
- B) Orange Is the New Black
- C) Euphoria
- D) Transparent

Answer: B – Orange Is the New Black

Did you know? Laverne Cox played Sophia Burset and became the first openly trans person nominated for a Primetime Emmy in an acting category in 2014. Her success helped bring trans actors and trans stories to a much wider mainstream audience.

7. Which soap featured a landmark lesbian kiss between Beth Jordache and Margaret Clemence in 1994?

- A) Coronation Street
- B) EastEnders
- C) Brookside
- D) Emmerdale

Answer: C – Brookside

Did you know? The kiss between characters played by Anna Friel and Nicola Stephenson became a major moment for lesbian visibility on British television. Footage of the kiss was later included in the BBC's coverage of the London 2012 Olympic opening ceremony.

8. Which comedy series features the pansexual character David Rose?

- A) The Good Place
- B) Schitt's Creek
- C) Brooklyn Nine-Nine
- D) Ted Lasso

Answer: B – Schitt's Creek

Did you know? David, played by Dan Levy, explains his sexuality with a memorable wine analogy: he's interested in the wine, not the label. The programme was also praised for depicting a community where homophobia simply wasn't part of the story.

9. Which actor came out as trans in 2020 and plays Viktor Hargreeves in The Umbrella Academy?

- A) Elliot Page
- B) Kit Connor
- C) Emma Corrin
- D) Bella Ramsey

Answer: A – Elliot Page

Did you know? Page was already an Oscar-nominated actor, known for films including Juno, before coming out as trans in 2020. The Umbrella Academy subsequently incorporated Viktor's transition into the programme rather than recasting or removing the character.

10. Which film became the first LGBTQ+-themed movie to win the Academy Award for Best Picture?

- A) Milk
- B) Moonlight
- C) Brokeback Mountain
- D) Philadelphia

Answer: B – Moonlight

Did you know? Moonlight won Best Picture in 2017 and follows Chiron through childhood, adolescence and adulthood as he explores identity, masculinity and sexuality. The film also became the first Best Picture winner with an entirely Black principal cast.

Tie-breaker

In what year did the rainbow flag make its first appearance at a Pride event?

Answer: 1978

Did you know? Artist and activist Gilbert Baker created the original rainbow flag for San Francisco's Gay Freedom Day celebration in 1978. The first flags were hand-dyed and featured eight colours, each representing something different, including sexuality, life, healing, sunlight, nature, magic, serenity and spirit. The design was later simplified to six colours and became one of the most recognisable symbols of LGBTQ+ pride and visibility around the world.

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LET'S HAVE A CHAT

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Whether you are catching up with old friends or meeting new faces, coming together over a hot drink has always been a powerful way for our community to connect, share stories, and build lasting bonds.

To help break the ice and get everyone talking, here are some topics that might help the conversation flow:

1. LGBTQ+ Icons

- Lead Question: Who is your ultimate LGBTQ+ icon, whether it's a global superstar or a local hero?
- Follow-Up: How have they inspired you or changed the way you see the world?

2. LGBTQ+ Media & Representation

- Lead Question: What is your absolute favourite queer TV show, movie, or book right now?
- Follow-Up: How do you think queer representation on screen has changed since you were younger?

3. Memorable Pride Moments

- Lead Question: What is your favourite or most memorable experience from a Pride event?
- Follow-Up: If you could design your dream Pride celebration anywhere in the world, what would it look like?

4. Creating Inclusive Safe Spaces

- Lead Question: What is the number one thing that makes a venue or social group feel genuinely safe and welcoming to you?
- Follow-Up: What is a simple thing allies can do in everyday life to help create those spaces?

5. Queer Anthems & Playlists

- Lead Question: In your opinion, what is the single greatest queer anthem of all time?
- Follow-Up: What is the secret ingredient that makes a song a true LGBTQ+ anthem—is it the artist, the lyrics, or just the beat?





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