

LGBT HISTORY MONTH 2018



Organising for international
LGBT equality



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LGBT History Month, which runs throughout February, will look at mapping our world in relation to LGBT equality.

Around the globe there have been many successes in advancing the LGBT equality agenda, however for some being LGBT remains not only a crime but a threat to their very lives.

PCS recognises that international solidarity and organising with local campaigners remains a vital tool to challenge such injustice.

QUICK FACTS:

- Today over 70 countries around the world criminalise their LGBT citizens on the basis of sexual orientation and/or gender identity
- Of those countries, around half (36) are current members of the Commonwealth of Nations
- Punishments range from imprisonment (including life sentencing) to the death penalty
- The UK is currently ranked 3rd in Europe for LGBT equality*
- Malta and Norway, 1st and 2nd respectively, are considered to provide greater protection to their trans and intersex communities, including provision for self determination

- Azerbaijan, Russia and Armenia are ranked as the worst three countries for LGBT equality in Europe.

**Based on 2017 ILGA-Europe Report*

Did you know?

PCS represents members in the UK but also many who may be posted overseas, ensuring appropriate measures to protect members around the world. Our union also organises alongside international organisations on issues including human rights.

Visit pcs.org.uk/campaigns/pcs-international for more details.

How can I get involved?

- Organise an event in your branch/ workplace – resources available from PCS Equality
- Join Proud, PCS' LGBT Members' group – pcsproud.org.uk/join-proud
- Use the photo opp cards to support LGBT History Month. Pictures can be sent to equality@pcs.org.uk
- Contact your regional PCS hub for events in your area
- Visit lgbthistorymonth.org.uk/event-calendar to find other events taking place
- Not already a member? Join PCS, the campaigning union today – pcs.org.uk/join