

LGBTQ+ HISTORY MONTH NEWSLETTER

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LGBTQ+ in STEM: Spotlight on David K. Smith

Today, we're highlighting the work of Prof. David K. Smith, a chemist at the University of York.

David's research work focusses on nanochemistry and utilising supramolecular chemistry to produce self-assembling

nanostructures. He completed his PhD at the University of Oxford in 1996, then was awarded a fellowship from the Royal Society before moving to the University of York in 1999.

Since then, David has won [numerous accolades](#) not only for his research work,



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Today's donation link is [Switchboard](#), a helpline run by LGBTQ+ people for the LGBTQ+ community providing a safe, confidential space to discuss anything, on the phone and online. Donate to them [here!](#)

but also for his teaching, outreach, and advocacy of diversity in STEM.

David came out as gay in 2002, and is now a promoter of diversity and inclusivity in chemistry, at York, and in STEM in general. He has written [articles](#), given [talks](#), and been [interviewed](#) on the importance of visibility for the LGBTQ+ community in STEM.

David also has a [YouTube channel](#) with videos about chemistry and LGBT+ in STEM. He also wrote a [cookbook](#) drawn from his experiences as a single dad! You can find David on Twitter as [@professor_dave](#) and learn more about him on his [webpage](#).



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For more LGBTQ+ resources, including links to STEM LGBTQ+ networks and reports, visit <https://cutt.ly/6k3Qhzl>.

EVENTS TODAY

27th Feb, OUTing the Past 2021

On Saturday, [Stockport Libraries](#) are hosting an online session discussing issues such as BAME LGBTQ+ history and the role of the NHS in LGBTQ+ health. This event forms part of the [OUTing the Past festival](#).

RECOMMENDATIONS & RESOURCES

Book for younger readers:

[And Tango Makes Three](#), written by Justin Richardson and Peter Parnell, and illustrated by Henry Cole. Based on a true story of two male penguins at Central Park Zoo raising an egg together! Available at [bookshop.org](#) and [educateandcelebrate.org](#)

Book for older readers: [Trans](#)

[Like Me](#) by C.N. Lester educates the reader on the most pressing issues concerning trans people, drawing from the author's personal experiences. Available at [bookshop.org](#) and [thefeministshop.com](#).

Podcast: [Homo Sapiens](#) with Alan Cumming and Chris Sweeney brings fun and informative conversations

representing LGBTQ+ people. Available on [Spotify](#) and [Acast](#).

Livestream:

MermaidUnicorn is a genderfluid vocalist and multi-instrumentalist who focusses on musical streams and advocates for mental health, chronic illness and LGBTQ+ issues. Check them out on [Twitch](#) and on [Twitter](#).



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Today's key figure in British LGBTQ+ history is [Antony Grey](#), hailed by the Guardian as "arguably the most important British gay rights campaigner of the 20th century".

Born Antony Edgar Gartside Wright in 1927, he [adopted his pseudonym](#) after his mother requested he not embarrass his family with his campaigning. He worked for the Homosexual Law Reform Society and the Albany Trust for decades, with his lobbying efforts leading to the passing of the [Sexual Offences Act of 1967](#), partially decriminalising homosexual acts. For work such as this, Antony was awarded the Pink Paper's Lifetime Achievement Award in 1995, and was named [Stonewall Hero of the Year in 2007](#).

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