



[Limmud](#) Conference 2012 is being held between 23rd - 27th December at Warwick University. As last year's conference uncovered the fact that many denominations in the wider community were keen to encourage more LGBT members but unsure about doing so, Keshet UK will be coordinating a program of activities to this affect. See below for sessions being led by Keshet UK volunteers and other sessions at Limmud conference that may interest you. Visit our [calendar](#) or [subscribe](#) for further details.

Keshet UK led sessions;

Nothing Holy About Hatred

David Brown with Dilwar Hussein and Idit Klein, Sunday 23rd December, 16:50 - 18:10, SOC 7
'Nothing Holy About Hatred' is the UK campaign confounding stereotypes about faith & sexuality. It brings together people of all faiths, denominations and non-religious beliefs to speak up against the harm caused by homophobia. Hear Muslim and Jewish activists sharing inspiring and challenging stories from the campaign, while Idit Klein from Keshet US shares perspectives from across the pond.

The same-sex marriage challenge for Judaism(s)

Ariel Friedlander, Samuel Lebens, Haim Shalom, Zvi Solomons, Jonathan Wittenberg Monday 24th December, 14:00 - 15:10, Arts - Conference

This year the UK government consulted on how to implement same-sex civil marriage, a move that met with varying responses from different sections of the Jewish community. This is an opportunity to hear representatives from across the denominational spectrum together discuss the religious, political and social issues surrounding the equal marriage debate.

DIY queerries

David Brown, Tuesday 25th December, 17:00 - 18:10, Hum 3

'Torah Queeries' offers a new approach to Torah portions, making them relevant to particular identities. New liturgies have recently been written for LGBT congregations. This workshop explores some examples of innovative interpretations and creative contributions to our tradition, and for those who are game, will offer the opportunity to create your own. All welcome, it's not just for queers!

Film screening: 'Hineini: Coming out in a Jewish High School'

David Brown, Idit Klein, Tuesday 25th December, 19:00 - 20:10, Hum 2

Hineini is the story of Shulamit Izen's fight to establish what became the first Gay-Straight Alliance at a Jewish high school in the States. Using interviews with Shulamit, her family, her teachers, and other students - those who support her campaign and those opposed - Hineini allows the members of the community to tell their story of struggle and transformation.

Pride and prejudice? Being young, Jewish and queer

Dalia Fleming, David Brown, Wednesday 26th December, 12:20 - 13:30, Soc 5

These interactive talks by young Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual or transgender members of our community offer a personal perspective on life being young, Jewish and Queer. They share challenges and opportunities they have encountered and take questions. Come experience some talks and join a discussion on addressing these issues within Jewish education.

Why LGBT inclusion is a Jewish issue

Dalia Fleming, Idit Klein, Alma Smith, Wednesday 26th December, 18:30 - 19:40, Sci 2

What does a 13-year-old need to feel safe to come out to her youth group advisor? How might a camp counselor respond when kids tease a boy for having two dads? Join us to hear about challenges and opportunities for LGBT inclusion in Jewish life and talk together about the changes we need to see in a 21st century Jewish community.



Other sessions of LGBT interest;

Risk and responsibility: a professional queer Jew's take on activism

Idit Klein, Sunday 23rd December, 10:30 - 11:40, Soc 3

My journey from secular Israel to Orthodox day school to over 10 years as a leader in the LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender) rights movement in the States. I will discuss the specific challenges and opportunities in working for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender inclusion in Jewish life and offer concrete steps for making change in your own community.

Orthodox Judaism and homosexuality: never the twain shall meet?

Daniel Anderson, Samuel Lebens, Raymond Simonson, Sunday 23rd December, 22:10 - 23:20, Sci 8

Two Orthodox Jewish thinkers with two very different views on the issue of homosexuality discuss how they each believe that Orthodox Judaism can and should respond to the issue, which is one of the biggest challenges for traditional Judaism in modern times.

Queering Eden: another look at Bereishit

Idit Klein, Monday 24th December, 09:20 - 10:30, Ram 5

For many LGBTQ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer) people, the hetero-normative and gender-normative tropes of the Genesis story are equally as challenging as the 'clobber texts' of Leviticus. We'll read the Creation text together and see how LGBTQ people and straight allies can find our perspectives and sensibilities in this most core text of our tradition.

Open queer space

Limmud Social Events Team, Monday 24th December, 22:10 - 23:20, Ram 6

A time to meet old and new friends from around the queer Jewish world. All are welcome, this isn't just for the Jewish LGBTs out there!

Coming out as gay in Jewish music

Y-Love, Tuesday 25th December, 12:20 - 13:30, Ram 1

My coming out this year debuted at #1 on OUT Magazine and made it to the front-page of CNN Entertainment, and definitely started buzz in the Jewish world. What I saw and learned from coming out as a Jewish entertainer, and what that has meant to me as part of the Jewish community and LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender) community at large.

Some of the 2011 sessions included:

- [Mummy and Ima, Daddy and Abba: the Growth of Same-Sex Jewish Parenting](#)
- [Keshet UK - a New Forum for LGBT Jews](#)
- [Out of the Closet But Still in the Community: Facilitating Inclusion for LGBT Jews](#)