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# FREEDOM SCHOOLS PROJECT

EMPOWERING LGBTQ+ EQUALITY IN EDUCATION



## COMING UP:

IDAHOBIT

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FREEDOM  
FAVOURITES

Hello!

It's issue 3 of the Freedom newsletter - and we've got loads of cool stuff for you!

This weekend it's IDAHOBIT - find out more about that, and how you can show your support, on the next page.

We've got some activities and lots of ways that you can connect with us too - plus, remember that OTR are offering loads of great things online. Check us out - [www.otrbristol.org.uk](http://www.otrbristol.org.uk)

# IDAHOBIT

## What is IDAHOBIT?

IDAHOBIT is International Day Against Homophobia, BiPhobia, IntersexPhobia and TransPhobia. It takes part every year on May 17th, and is celebrated across the world.

This year, it has been described as 'International Day Against LGBT Phobia for the first time, encompassing all LGBTQ+ identities.

## How do people celebrate?

IDAHOBIT is celebrated in lots of different ways. This year, the theme is 'Breaking the Silence,' and people are being encouraged to speak up about LGBTQ+ identities. Whether you're LGBTQ+ yourself, or you're an ally, IDAHOBIT is a chance to raise awareness of the LGBTQ+ community.

## How can I get involved?

Freedom have got loads of things happening this weekend to celebrate IDAHOBIT. We're releasing our Freedom25 film, and we'll have lots of content online. Like and share our content if you can - and visit [may17.org](http://may17.org) for more info about global campaigns.

*Find these online this weekend!* →

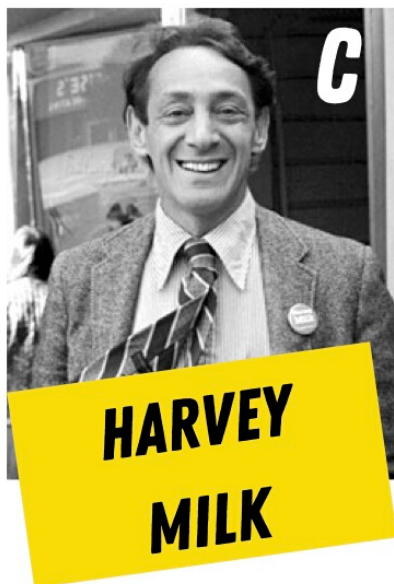


# Who Said What?



1 - You don't have to live a lie. Living a lie will mess you up. It will send you into depression. It will warp your values

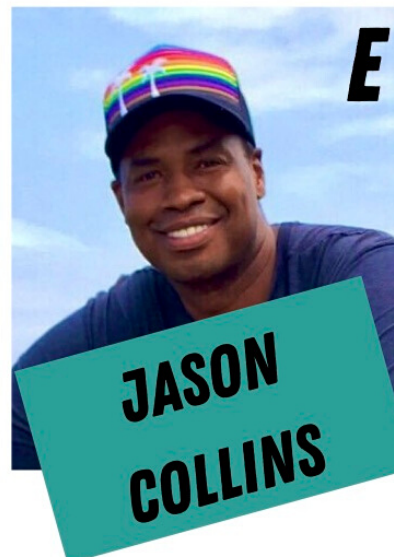
2 - I believe that telling our stories, first to ourselves and then to one another and the world, is a revolutionary act.



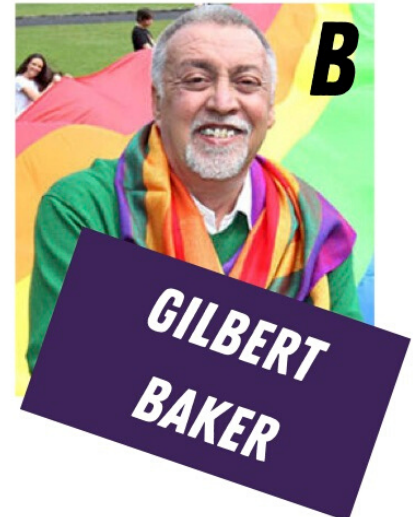
3 - Openness may not completely disarm prejudice, but it's a good place to start

4 - Hope will never be silent

5 - We are powerful because we survived



6 - We are pitted against each other in order to keep us from seeing each other as allies. Genuine bonds of solidarity can be forged between people who respect each other's differences and are willing to fight their enemy together





# Freedom Favourites

There are loads of things happening at the minute that you can get involved in, if you're able to access LGBTQ+ content at home, Here are just a few suggestions for you to get started:

## **Run your own walking tour with LGBT+ Scotland**

For you, or for a group of friends.

Take a look online and via the magic of Google maps, visit LGBTQ+ landmarks through the ages:

<https://lgbtyouth.org.uk/get-involved/campaigns/idahobit-2020/>

## **Allsorts Zine: IDAHOBIT edition**

A range of other videos and helpful information are available from Allsorts in Brighton.

<https://www.allsortsyouth.org.uk/resources/zines>

## **'My Genderation'**

<https://www.youtube.com/user/MyGenderation>

A set of films from trans, non-binary and gender diverse people based in the UK. My Genderation works to increase representation and visibility of LGBTQ+ people.

Content warning: some films approach challenging topics.

## **'It Gets Better' Project**

<https://www.youtube.com/user/itgetsbetterproject>

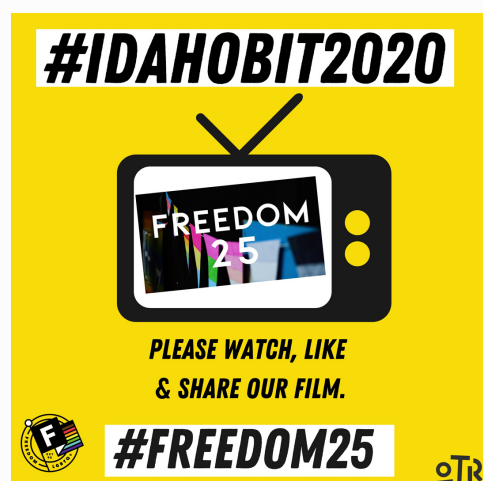
An international collaboration channel sharing videos and content from LGBTQ+ people and allies from around the world. Inspirational and supportive stories and experiences relating to identity





# Ways to Get Involved

## The #Freedom25 Film



Last year, we made a short film with our members and some local filmmakers, celebrating 25 years of Freedom. It's launching this weekend! If you're able to, please watch it online and like and share it.

We hope you love it!

<https://tinyurl.com/idahobit25>

## The Batik

We're making a big piece of art to celebrate 25 years of Freedom Youth - and we want you to help!

The Batik will have 25 panels, each one representing 1 year between 1995 - 2020. We need some designs for the panels - and then we'll put them all together to create one big patchwork Batik.

Email [LGBTQ@otrbristol.org.uk](mailto:LGBTQ@otrbristol.org.uk) for more info





## A NOTE FROM FREEDOM



We know that things might be especially hard right now. You may not be able to talk to close friends as much, or maybe you're not out to the people you're in lockdown with. This is a note to say that the LGBTQ+ community is still here, even if you can't see us right now. We also want to remind you that Freedom is still here to support and validate you when you need it.

If you'd like to join Freedom, email us at **LGBTQ@otrbristol.org.uk** - we're still running our group sessions online, and there are a few ways you can get involved

Remember to check out OTR too for loads of things to get involved with  
**[www.otrbristol.org.uk](http://www.otrbristol.org.uk)**

## OTHER PLACES FOR SUPPORT

A few useful places to go if you need some support:

**LGBT Switchboard: 0300 330 0630**  
**[www.switchboard.lgbt](http://www.switchboard.lgbt)**

**Mermaids: 0808 801 0400**  
**[www.mermaidsuk.org.uk](http://www.mermaidsuk.org.uk)**

**Mind Out:**  
**[www.mindout.org.uk](http://www.mindout.org.uk)**

**Kooth:**  
**[www.kooth.com](http://www.kooth.com)**

## WHO SAID WHAT? ANSWERS

- 1) B - GILBERT BAKER
- 2) D - JANET MOCK
- 3) E - JASON COLLINS
- 4) C - HARVEY MILK
- 5) A - AUDRE LORDE
- 6) F - LESLIE FEINBERG

