

Course details

Course title

History: Queer History - An Introduction

Course code

Q00017285

Course date

Start: 11/11/24

End: 09/12/24

Number of classes

5 sessions

Timetable

Mon 11th Nov, 19:00 to 21:00

Mon 18th Nov, 19:00 to 21:00

Mon 25th Nov, 19:00 to 21:00

Mon 2nd Dec, 19:00 to 21:00

Mon 9th Dec, 19:00 to 21:00

Tutor

Symon Hill

Fee range

Free to £37.00

How you'll learn

You'll join a small group of fellow learners for classes online in video meetings and materials will be provided in our virtual learning environment.

Got it!

Online

Venue

Online

Level of study

Beginners

Course overview

This short course will take you through a whistlestop tour of places ranging from Victorian Britain to ancient Greece to give a snapshot of just a few of the attitudes to sex, sexuality and gender that have existed across centuries and cultures. We will see how such issues relate to power, politics and religion and how they are affected by social change. You will be able to explore the lives and ideas of queer people in past centuries through diaries, newspaper reports and court records. Throughout the course, we will explore what it means to “queer” history – and how a queer approach to history can affect our attitudes today.

Course description

There are still many people who claim that binary gender and heterosexuality have always been the norm. The evidence of history says otherwise. Only in recent years, however, has queer history developed as a subject in its own right. This short course is a chance to delve into the fascinating reality of varied values and social structures around sex, sexuality and gender as we explore examples ranging from ancient Greece to Victorian Britain. Along the way we will encounter gender-non-conforming pirates, secret same-sex weddings, early Christians divided over sex and early socialists championing free love. As we look at letters, diaries, newspaper reports and court records, you will hear of the views and experiences of these people – and their critics – in their own words. Once seen as an insult, the word “queer” has become widely used to refer to people, practices and principles that disturb simplistic binaries and challenge us to see the limitations of our own time and place. During this course we will ask what “queer history” means for us consider just a few of the diverse ways in which sex, sexuality and gender have been understood – and the lives of those who have challenged society to see them differently.

What financial support is available?

We don't want anything to stand in your way when it comes to bringing Adult learning within reach so if you need anything to support you to achieve your goals then speak to one of our education experts during your enrolment journey. Most of our courses are government funded but if you don't qualify or need alternative financial help to access them then let us know.

What other support is available?

All of our digital content, teaching and learning activities and assessments are designed to be accessible so if you need any additional support you can discuss this with the education experts during your enrolment journey and we will do all we can to make sure you have optimal access.

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