



**LEEDS QUEER
FILM FESTIVAL**

PROGRAMME

**21ST - 24TH
MARCH 2019**

WELCOME

Welcome to the 2019 Leeds Queer Film Festival!

We are excited to return to Live Art Bistro for the main event of our year: a four-day festival featuring some of the best and freshest feature-length and short films in queer cinema from around the world.

Close to 500 films were submitted for consideration this year. We're delighted that so many great films are being made, and regretful that we can't share them all with you. The programme represents a range of styles, subject matter, countries, and emotions, while always aiming to centre those who are often pushed to the margins.

This has been a very exciting and busy year for us. Our festival opens with *Something Said*, winner of Leeds International Film Festival's first ever Queer Shorts Competition. We are extremely proud to have curated the Queer Shorts programmes in collaboration with LIFF. It is an excellent opportunity to bring great queer films to a wider audience at such a prestigious event, and we will be back to help LIFF again this year.

The first ever Alternative Pride Leeds was also a great success. In partnership with several organisations (Love Muscle, The Bayard Project, Our Space and others), we presented a weekend of workshops, film screenings, discussions, crafts, games and a drag ball to create a space for radical queers to come together and celebrate during Pride.

We were very happy to contribute to the Hear Trans Voices panel which Trans Leeds organised in November, by selecting a few films to show at the start. Trans Leeds is putting on another panel as part of our festival, which will be in the Angela Morley Room.

All of this hard work and collaboration was recognised by Cinema for All when they named us Community Event of the Year. We are thrilled to have been chosen from events around the country, based on the contributions we are making to the queer community of Leeds and beyond.

All of this happens because of the hard work of some tireless volunteers. The people who organise and staff the festival all do so for free; any money we take in from ticket or food sales goes directly into covering the costs of the festival, including financial awards for filmmakers so they can continue their awesome work. We wouldn't have a festival without the talent and passion of these amazing artists. Special thanks also to the folk who helped us screen the film submissions; some watched more than 200!

And none of it would be at all possible without our kick-ass audience: you! So thank you for buying a ticket, watching a film, attending a workshop, visiting a stall, eating a hot dog, dancing at the party, or shouting about us on social media. Keep telling us what we're doing right and what we can do better. We want our festival to be the best it can be!

-The Organising Team

Clare, Emily, Freya, Kit, Mara, Nicola, Olivia and Samra

THURSDAY

18:00

ANGELA MORLEY

Something Said

Jay Bernard, UK, 7:26, English [E]

The New Cross Fire 1981. This audio-visual letter is a queer response to black British archives, and a dialogue with the present. Winner of Leeds International Film Festival's Queer Shorts Competition.

CN: *brief nudity*

Ni De Aqui, Ni De Alla (Neither From Here, Nor There)

Carlos Valdivia, USA, 13:30, English/Spanish [F]

When Jose's financial aid runs out a week before a prestigious interview, his future is put in jeopardy.

Weit Draussen (Far Out)

Jan-Peter Horstmann, Germany, 23:00, German [F]

As Nico and Kai wander the streets of 1987 East Berlin, they realise it will be the start of something very new for both of them.

CN: *explicit sex*

Total running time: 43:56

19:00

ANGELA MORLEY

Leitis in Waiting

Dean Hamer, Joe Wilson & Kumu Hina
Wong-Kalu, Tonga, 72:00, English [D]

Joey Joleen Mataele is a Tongan trans woman (leiti) who organises a beauty pageant, mentors young leitis and battles with fundamentalist Christians over Tonga's antiquated laws.

CN: *homophobic and transphobic language, discussion of homophobic and transphobic violence*



20:00

PRATIBHA PARMAR

QTIPoC Space

This space is for LGB, queer, trans and intersex people of colour to connect, chat, make friends and build community. It will be a closed space, which means that it is only for people of colour. PoC organisers of the festival will be loosely facilitating the space.

Feel free to get in touch in advance if you have specific ideas/discussions you want to see happen: samramayanja@gmail.com

Facilitator: Samra (she/her) is volunteer at LQFF who enjoys slow moving documentaries, hates Love Actually and writes about love.

20:30

ANGELA MORLEY

Stoop on Kent Ave

Alex Leombruno, USA, 7:29, English [F]
On the verge of nineteen, Dakota faces a quarter-life crisis sitting on a stoop. A conversation with a stranger ensues.

Far From the Reach of the Sun

Kevin Gaffney, Ireland, 23:13, English [F]
In the near future, a corporation markets a drug that can alter your sexuality, targeting wealthy straight customers and vulnerable queers.

CN: suicidal ideation, conversion therapy

The Fathers Project

Leo Herrera, USA, 7:37, English [E]
What if AIDS had never happened? This sci-fi short imagines a generation being given the chance to live.

Queer Heroes

Kate Jessop, UK, 5:06 [A] [ND]
A celebration of historical and contemporary queer figures who have helped push forward arts, politics or science.

Total running time: 43:25

21:30

ANGELA MORLEY

Rafiki

Wanuri Kahiu, Kenya, 82:20,
English/Swahili [F]

Kena and Ziki strike up a romance while their fathers fight a bitter political battle in a local election. In Kenya, where homosexuality is still illegal, can their connection survive under the pressure of disapproval from their family, friends, and the law?

CN: homophobic language and violence



FRIDAY

13:00

ANGELA MORLEY

Lähekkäin (Closeness)

Joonas Mötö, Finland, 2:38, Finnish [E]
Two asexual people explore what kind of closeness works for them.

Löftet (The Promise)

Paula Gustafsson, Sweden, 14:30, Swedish [F]
After getting married in their 80s, Maj-Briht and Helle put "in sickness and in health" to the test when Helle suffers a stroke soon after.

Turn it Around

Niels Bourgonje, Netherlands, 9:23, Dutch [F]
During a game of spin the bottle, a teenager takes his fate into his own hands.

Days Off

Filip Blažek, Czechia, 10:47 [E] [ND]
Urban living, unspoken longings, and yogurts of unusual size all come to life in this offbeat animation.
CN: butchering of a fake pig (animated)

Johnny

Hugh Rodgers, Ireland, 7:33, English [D]
A young man reflects on his journey toward acceptance as a gay Irish Traveller.
CN: discussion of homophobia and anti-traveller racism

Total running time: 44:51

13:00

PRATIBHA PARMAR

ASMR

An online community creating ASMR (autonomous sensory meridian response) video content has been growing steadily over the past few years. Increasingly, more people are able to identify the sensation which until recently, has been unnamed. In this workshop we will be both discussing our ASMR experiences and creating our own ASMR content ourselves.

Facilitators: Samra (she/her) is volunteer at LQFF who enjoys slow moving documentaries, hates Love Actually and writes about love. Mara (they/them) is a volunteer at LQFF and freelance graphic designer and photographer.

14:00

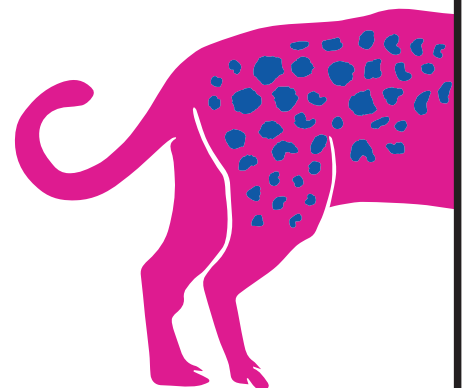
ANGELA MORLEY

The Whisper of the Jaguar

Thais Guisasola & Simon(e) Jaikiriuma Paetau, Brazil, 79:00, Portuguese [F]

This queer-punk road movie flows as freely between performance art, political comment, and fictional filmmaking as the bodies and identities of its characters.

CN: death, drug taking



15:15

PRATIBHA PARMAR

Blindsided

Lisa Olivieri, USA, 60:00, English [D]

Fifteen years in the life of Patricia Livingstone, a feisty artist losing her sight and hearing while trying to survive her abusive girlfriend.
CN: scenes of intimate partner violence and control



15:30

ANGELA MORLEY

Queer Freedom: a brand new LGBTQIA+ screening, celebrating the queer community, love and self expression. These shorts have been selected by Oska Bright, an award-winning film festival based in Brighton. Oska Bright show films made by, or featuring, autistic people and people with learning disabilities or additional needs.

John and Michael

Shira Avni, Canada, 10:48, English [A]
Two men with Down's Syndrome who shared an intimate and profoundly loving relationship.

Pili Y Yo (Pili and Me)

Igancio Garcia Sanchez, Spain, 8:00, Spanish [D]
Pili has Down's Syndrome and her inability to say what she wants makes her nephew reflect on the importance of listening.

Life on Two Spectrums

Elizabeth-Valentina Sutton, UK, 6:11, English [D]
Meet Tia Anna, a drag queen with Asperger's Syndrome from Sheffield.

Versions

Matthew Kennedy, UK, 1:49, English [A] [E]
An exploration of individual identities and family ties using collage and silhouettes.

Total running time: 26:48

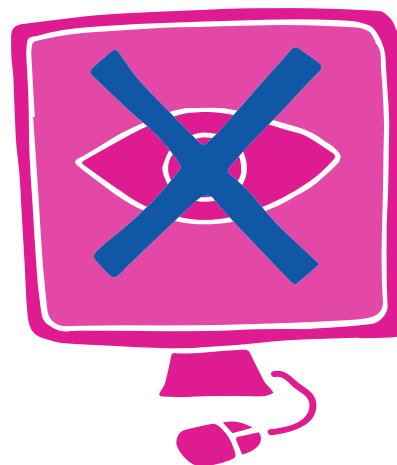
16:10

ANGELA MORLEY

Block and Censor

Awei Chen, China, 65:00, Chinese [D]

Film maker Popo Fan is on a quest to fight China's systemic use of censorship.



16:30

PRATIBHA PARMAR

Queer Love 2k19: Interracial, Cross Cultural and Inter-faith Queer Couples

I believe that love is a verb. It's something that we do with other people. Part of that is trying to understand one another. This will be an open discussion sharing thoughts and feelings on our personal experiences of relationships, intimacy and love across racial, cultural and religious lines.

Everyone is welcome. Feel free to contact Samra the facilitator if you have any thoughts to share or questions before the workshop:
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17:30

ANGELA MORLEY

Dani Boi

Logan Fletcher Mucha, Australia, 5:22, English [D]

Between chaotic onstage performances and their own personal struggles, non-binary dragtivist Dani fights to be a vital voice for a community in need.

Switch

Marion Renard, Belgium, 17:43, French [F]

During her first sexual experience, a teenage girl's body does something she could never have expected.

CN: explicit sex, nudity, blood, vomit, mild self-harm

Regalia: Pride in Two Spirits

Jen Sungshine & David Ng, Canada, 5:18, English [D]

Duane Stewart-Grant, who is from Xà'islak'ala (Haisla) and nuučaanut (Nuu-chah-nulth) First Nations in Canada, explores his identity as someone who is Two-Spirited - a queer, indigenous identity.

Ontem (Before Today)

Thiago Kistenmacker, Brazil, 13:37, Portuguese [F]

This short drama follows a woman after she suddenly runs away from a promising date, and asks the pertinent question: what would you want to tell your younger self?

CN: sex, nudity, transphobia, transmisogyny and dysphoria

18:30

ANGELA MORLEY

Hear Trans Voices

Join TransLeeds for a panel discussion and Q&A featuring voices from the local trans community.

Inspired by the phrase originally coined by disability rights activists “Nothing about us without us,” Hear Trans Voices aims to centre diverse trans people talking about the issues that matter to them.

This is a space for all people to hear from the trans community. Cisgender allies are welcome. The discussion will be moderated and we welcome questions asked in good faith.

*Facilitators: Wren (she/they) is a librarian with Leeds City Council.
Olivia Thomas (she/her) is Outreach Officer for TransLeeds.*

18:30

PRATIBHA PARMAR

Préjugés Coupables (Guilty Prejudices)

Jean-Philippe Tranvouez, France, 84:00, French [F]

A police lieutenant is determined to uncover the truth after a gay man is brutally attacked and his boyfriend is arrested for the crime.

CN: homophobic language and violence



20:30

ANGELA MORLEY

Dirty Sexy Comics: The Uncensored Story of Gay Erotic Comix

Robert Chandler, USA, 96:00, English [D]

A deep dive into the world of explicit gay comics: the artists who create them and the men who learned how to be gay from them.

CN: nudity and sex (illustrations)



20:30

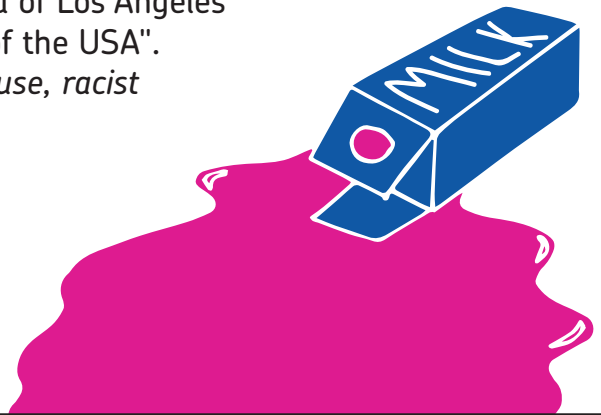
PRATIBHA PARMAR

Game Girls

Alina Skrzyszewska, USA, 85:17, English [D]

Teri and her girlfriend Tiahna try and navigate their relationship through the chaotic world of Los Angeles' Skid Row, aka the "homeless capital of the USA".

CN: scenes of violence and partner abuse, racist language, drug taking



22:30

ANGELA MORLEY

LQFF After Dark: These films contain nudity and strong sexual content.

Scrotalus

Werther Germondari, Italy, 2:20, [E] [ND]

Some unusual creatures come to life in their natural habitats.

Driven

Toni Karat, Germany, 13:07, German [F]

A punk boidyke, handcuffed and facing the wall in a sparse, empty room, breathes heavily with anxiety and expectation.

Lördags Godis (Saturday Sweets)

Tom of Tottenham, Sweden, 5:00 [E] [ND]

Genderqueer bodies enjoy the tender intimacy of BDSM, power exchange and gummy bears in this experimental film, beautifully conveying the intense connection enjoyed through shared desires.

Our Alphabet

Coco Schwarz & Alina Mann, Switzerland, 16:40 [E] [ND]

26 short episodes, taking us through the filmmakers' A-Z of kink and sexuality.

In the Dark

Rory Midhani, Germany, 4:37, English [A] A chance encounter in the basement darkroom of a Berlin cruisebar, set to a track by Russian queer party band Sado Opera.

Piedad (Piety)

Naya (The Outdoor Cat), Germany, 14:00, Spanish [F]

When Rodolfa and Maria Antonieta help their pal Asunción fulfill an unusual promise, they all discover how easily sexual desire can cross the borders between the dead and the living.

Total running time: 55:44



2019 FESTIVAL SCHEDULE

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- SHORTS**
- WORKSHOPS**

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23:00	CLOSE		

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SATURDAY

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12:30	Laissez-moi danser A Bunch of Queers Doing It in Public I'm Sorry Carla and Hayfa Danny Didn't Feel Like Himself Anymore Pinky Gurung Brothers	13:00	A mile of black paper
14:00	Rituals for Change		
14:45	Refugees Under the Rainbow	15:00	Working-Class Queers
15:30	Skoldiscot Passage to Womanhood Stains Tommy Brilho		
16:45	Dyke Jails	16:45	Let's Be Friends Bruce & Daryl Acroasis Foxy Trot
18:30	Dykes, Camera, Action	18:00	Naked Tongues Four Billion Reasons Guillermo en el tejado Splendid Case of Doubt The Brother
			CLOSE
19:45	Audience Choice Dyke Film		
22:00	PARTY: WET CAKE		
03:00	CLOSE		



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SATURDAY

12:30

ANGELA MORLEY

Laissez-moi danser

Valérie Leroy, France, 16:40, French [F]
Cleaners on a ferry throw a party for their colleague Mylène, but someone else has a different kind of surprise in store.

CN: deadnaming, trans slur, vomiting

A Bunch of Queers Doing It in Public

Sandra Sordini, UK, 4:07, English [E]
Strange creatures inhabit cemeteries, backyards and notorious cruising spots in London, in a manifesto of queer aesthetics and politics. (No rubber gloves were harmed in the making of this film.)

I'm Sorry

Lovisa Lara, Iceland, 16:39, Icelandic [F]
Addy and Salka look like they have the perfect relationship, but there's another story behind closed doors. Will Addy be able to ask for (and get) the help she needs?

CN: intimate partner abuse (physical, emotional, sexual)

Carla and Hayfa

David Ng & Jen Sung, Canada, 8:53, Arabic/English [D]

Hayfa shares her coming out story as a queer person to her

Palestinian-Lebanese family; her mother Carla shares her story of coming to acceptance.

Danny Didn't Feel Like Himself Anymore

Johnny Gibbs, UK, 5:10 [A] [ND]

Danny doesn't fit in the box they've been put in.

Pinky Gurung

Gopal Shivakoti, Nepal, 13:00, Nepali [D]

A young trans woman goes door-to-door campaigning to be elected to parliament in Nepal.

Brothers

Mike Mosallam, USA, 8:57 [F] [ND]

From childhood to adulthood, brothers Bilal and Nassim support each other no matter what.

CN: implied homophobia

Total running time: 73:26

13:00

PRATIBHA PARMAR

A mile of black paper: Greg Thorpe

When the New York Times bought its first fax machine, ACT UP New York faxed them a mile of black paper to shut down the machine in protest of the newspaper's silence on the AIDS epidemic.

'A mile of black paper' is a collaborative art project inspired by this action, which explores HIV/AIDS history and activism. This workshop will focus on HIV, AIDS and film; a 'teach-in' session will be followed by an invitation for participants to produce their own pieces of art in response.

Facilitator: Greg Thorpe (he/him) is an artist, writer, curator and arts freelancer in Manchester.

14:00

ANGELA MORLEY

Rituals for Change

Emma Frankland, UK, 44:00, English [E]

A series of rituals created by artist Emma Frankland to explore gender transition and the fluid notion of change.

CN: discussion of sexism and transphobia

Refugees under the Rainbow

Stella Traub, Germany, 31:41, English [D]

Three refugees from Uganda share their stories of courage and hope as they make new lives for themselves in Germany.

CN: discussion of homophobic violence, torture, rape

Total running time: 75:41

15:00

PRATIBHA PARMAR

Working-Class Queers

Beginning with clips from the UK and North America, we examine how LGBTQ+ working-class identities have been demonized, patronized, and romanticized onscreen. Via group discussion, we will then consider the working-class representation that we would like to see in future and how arts and cultural venues/events, can be made more inclusive for working-class people.

Open to working-class people (background/current situation) although allies are welcome to listen and learn. It is interactive, but there is no pressure to actively participate in discussion.

Facilitator: Leanne Dawson (she/her) is a Lecturer at the University of Edinburgh, specialising in LGBTQ+ and working-class representation, and Chair of the Scottish Queer International Film Festival.

15:30

ANGELA MORLEY

Skoldiscot (Slow Dance)

Christian Zetterberg, Sweden, 5:30, Swedish [F]

During a middle school disco, a boy works up the courage to ask his crush for a dance.

Passage to Womanhood

Inaya Graciana Yusuf, Malaysia, 31:08, English/Malay [D]

A group of Muslim trans women stand their ground against social marginalisation in secular Malaysia. Redefining femininity in Islam, they are painting their own portrayal of womanhood.

CN: discussion of transphobia

Stains

Rebecca Weltner, Germany, 6:00 [E] [ND]

An intense relationship between two men explored through movement and colours.

Tommy Brilho

Sávio Fernandes, Brazil, 17:44, Portuguese [F]

Despite being invisible, Tommy Brilho has impeccable style. Will it be enough to get noticed by his crush?

Total running time: 60:22

16:45

ANGELA MORLEY

Dyke Jails

Cecilia Montagut, Spain, 65:30, Spanish [D]

Prisoners and researchers document the reality of women behind bars and how gender inequality affects their lives.
CN: discussion of rape and transphobic violence



16:45

PRATIBHA PARMAR

Let's Be Friends

Ryan Glista, USA, 9:01, English [F]
An examination of masculinity and childhood behavior through the lens of fantasy horror.
CN: homophobic language, gore

Bruce & Daryl

Josh Jacobius & Alisha Tamarchenko, USA, 18:46, English [D]
Two older men ruminate on their life together through love, loss and academia.
CN: discussion of suicide

Acroasis

Konstantinos Chaliasas, Greece, 10:00, English [E]
A young actor looks for a mentor in this dreamy surreal short.

Foxy Trot

Lisa Donato, USA, 14:37, English [F]
Kat and Milo's marriage is in trouble. Will taking a ballroom dance class full of heteros help, or just make things worse?

Total running time: 52:24

18:00

PRATIBHA PARMAR

Naked Tongues

Ernesto Sarezale, UK, 17:20, English [D]
Queers using their queer bodies as creative vessels and political tools on the naked spoken word scene in London.
CN: nudity, erotic language, explicit description of BDSM activity and rape/abuse

Four Billion Reasons

Krissy Mahan, USA, 6:43 [A] [ND]
A journey of 8 metres becomes an epic odyssey, thanks to the inaccessibility of the New York City subway system.

Guillermo en el Tejado (Guillermo on the Roof)

Miguel Lafuente, Spain, 16:05, Spanish [F]
As Guillermo is trying to fix his romantic life by making a film of it, he meets Samir, who will help him gain some much-needed perspective.
CN: discussion of homophobic violence

Splendid Case of Doubt

Daniel Moshel, Austria, 4:09 [E] [ND]

Just your average love story between a furry and a dodgems operator.

The Brother

Kai Fiáin, UK, 4:05, English [E]

You never know when you might accidentally end up as a pallbearer in Bethnal Green.

Total running time: 48:22

18:30

ANGELA MORLEY

Dykes, Camera, Action!

Caroline Berler, USA, 60:58, English [D]

Spanning eight decades this retrospective takes us on a journey to see how far lesbian cinema has come, and where it might be going.

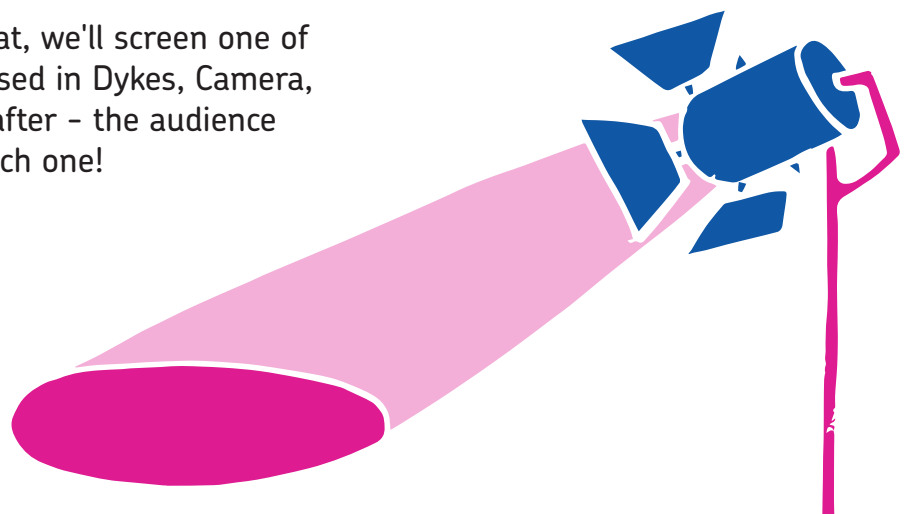


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ANGELA MORLEY

Audience Choice Dyke Film

As a special treat, we'll screen one of the films discussed in *Dykes, Camera, Action* directly after - the audience will vote on which one!



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PARTY: WETCAKE

SUNDAY

13:00

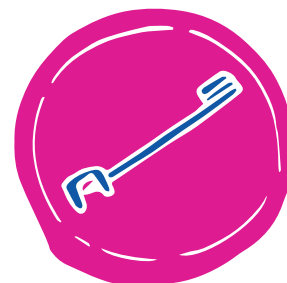
ANGELA MORLEY

Outitude: Irish Lesbian Community

Sonya Mulligan, Ireland, 88:32, English [D]

Tales of coming out, activism and experiences of homophobia offer an insight into the richness of the Irish lesbian community.

CN: discussion of homophobia, violence, misogyny, conversion therapy, sexual assault, racism



13:00

Craft Workshop

PRATIBHA PARMAR

Get creative and have some crafty fun in our drop-in workshop. All materials provided. Open to everyone.

14:45

ANGELA MORLEY

Parenting Shorts: As a prelude to the West Yorkshire Queer Stories workshop happening directly afterwards, we present a series of shorts on the theme of parenting. We encourage you to watch the films and then attend the workshop to continue hearing about some of the issues covered.

Sununú: The Revolution of Love

Olivia Crellin, UK/Ecuador, 24:20, English/Spanish [D]

An intimate and touching portrayal of a couple getting to grips with parenthood while they challenge complex ideas about gender roles.

CN: transphobia

Silvia dans les Vagues (Silvia in the Waves)

Giovana Olmos, Canada, 13:00, French [F]

Noa struggles to honour the identity of his recently deceased parent while his mother tries to uphold the appearance of a conventional family.

CN: death, misgendering, deadnaming

Dubbel Geluk (Double Lucky)

Esmée van Loon, Netherlands, 24:29, Dutch [D]

Children of gay parents talk about growing up, fitting in, coming out, and how their "normal" differed from their peers.

Hi Mrs. Friedman!

Rachel Epstein, Canada, 7:48, English [F]
A comedy where a mother and daughter both show up at a queer sex club.

Mariposa

Candy Guinea, USA, 17:20, English [D]
This documentary follows the challenges of Castro, a masculine-of-centre high school teacher, as she becomes pregnant and grows a family with her wife, Candy.

16:30

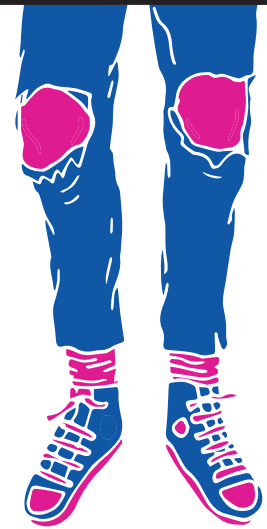
ANGELA MORLEY

Trans Youth

Rebecca Adler, USA, 84:05, English [D]

Filmed over three years, this film introduces us to a seven young trans folk living in Austin, Texas.

CN: discussion of transphobia and transphobic violence



16:30

PRATIBHA PARMAR

Queer Family

Queer families were classed as 'pretended family relationships' under Section 28 and denounced as deviant in the mainstream press. Going back to the 1980s we'll hear from local LGBTIQ+ people who fought to create their own families, on their own terms including; the risks of being a lesbian mum, local DIY self-insemination services and campaigns against Section 28. Join in the discussion afterwards to have your say on what 'family' means to you.

Facilitator: Rachel Larman (she/her) is a Community Development Worker for the West Yorkshire Queer Stories project.

18:15

ANGELA MORLEY

I'm Not There

Ajita Banerjee, India, 12:04, English [D]

Two non-binary activists tell their stories of fighting for trans rights in Bangalore.

CN: discussion of transphobia and possible suicide or murder

Rabbi Knows Better

Elena Osipova, UK, 5:32, English [F]

On the Sabbath, is a wife allowed to spank her husband if he's begging? Are two drag queens allowed to sew if it's an emergency? Avoiding work can be hard work.

Swarm of Selenium

Maude Matton & SJ Rahatoka, Germany, 23:08, English [F]

Shortly after the apocalypse, two rival gangs of queers try to rebuild.

CN: vomiting

Real

Cass Dennis, Australia, 19:47, English [F]

A teen, struggling to find her place, finds comfort and strength from a fictional TV show hero.

Total running time: 60:31

19:25

ANGELA MORLEY

Music Video Premiere

Music Video premiere made by the LQFF Workshop Collective
In the run-up to the festival we ran a two day film making workshop, attended by queer beginner filmmakers. These filmmakers wrote, filmed and edited together this music video.
The track is by Flo. Producer is Olivia.

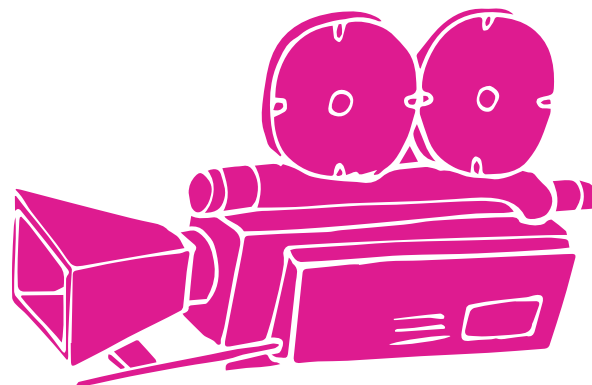
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ANGELA MORLEY

MYSTERY FILM

What would you like to see as the final film of the festival?

In keeping with the overall theme of 'Family' on Sunday we'll have a bunch of related DVDs for you to choose from. Throughout the weekend you get a chance to vote for your favourite. The most popular choice will be screened.



END OF PROGRAMMING

FESTIVAL INFORMATION

AIMS

We create spaces to showcase queer cinema with a focus on independent and DIY films. We screen films that elevate and prioritise the voices and work of those most marginalised within our LGBTQ+ communities. LQFF is run by unpaid volunteers and we are not for profit; money raised from our festival goes towards future events and supporting queer filmmakers. We aim to make our events as friendly, affordable, accessible and inclusive as we can. By bringing people together and building links, we hope to strengthen our communities.

SPACES

The two rooms at the festival are named after local LGBT movie makers:

ANGELA MORLEY

(1924–2009) was born in Kirkstall, Leeds. She composed and arranged music for many films and TV shows including *Watership Down*, *Peeping Tom* and *Dynasty*. In 1977 she was the first openly transgender nominee for an Oscar for her work on the film, *The Slipper and the Rose*.

PRATIBHA PARMAR

(1955–) is an award-winning lesbian film maker. After earning her degree in Human Purposes and Communications from Bradford University she has gone on to make documentaries and feature films. These include *Khush* (1991), about the erotic world of South Asian queers and *Nina's Heavenly Delights* (2006), a Scottish-Bollywood lesbian romcom!

KEY FOR FILM DESCRIPTIONS:

[F] fiction [D] documentary [A] animation [E] experimental [ND] no dialogue

PLEASE NOTE: All films start at the stated times – there are no adverts/trailers.

TICKETS

We are committed to making the festival affordable for everyone.

We decided that a sliding scale was the best way to allow everyone to afford a ticket that is within their financial reach whilst also ensuring the festival can continue each year.

We ask that you be honest with yourself and your financial situation. If you purchase a ticket at the lowest end of the scale when you could afford the higher ticket prices, it makes it harder for us to provide financial flexibility to those who most need it. Tickets are grouped by day and are available on the door.



I frequently stress about meeting basic* needs and don't always achieve them

I have debt and it sometimes prohibits me from meeting my basic needs

I rent lower-end properties or have unstable housing

I sometimes can't afford public or private transport. If I own a car/have access to a car, I am not always able to afford petrol

I am unemployed or underemployed
I qualify for government and/or voluntary assistance including: food banks and benefits

I have no access to savings

I have no or very limited expendable** income

I rarely buy new items because I am unable to afford them

I cannot afford a holiday or have the ability to take time off without financial burden



I may stress about meeting my basic needs but still regularly achieve them

I may have some debt but it does not prohibit attainment of basic needs

I can afford public transport and often private transport. If I have a car/access to a car I can afford petrol

I am employed

I have access to health care

I might have access to financial savings

I have some expendable income

I am able to buy some new items and I buy others second hand

I can take a holiday annually or every few years without financial burden



I am comfortably able to meet all of my basic needs

I may have some debt but it does not prohibit attainment of basic needs

I own my home or property OR I rent a higher-end property

I can afford public and private transport. If I have a car/access to a car I can afford petrol

I have regular access to healthcare

have access to financial savings




I have an expendable** income

I can always buy new items

I can afford an annual holiday or take time off

**BASIC NEEDS include food, housing, clothing and transportation.*

***EXPENDABLE INCOME might mean you are able to buy coffee or tea at a shop, go to the cinema or a concert, buy new clothes, books and similar items each month, etc.*

			
Thursday	£0-2	£3-4	£5-6
Friday	£0-3	£4-6	£7-9
Saturday	£0-3	£4-6	£7-9
Sunday	£0-3	£4-6	£7-9
Party	£0-2	£3-4	£5-6

PASSES

Save over a third off the full ticket price with a Weekend Pass.

For £25 you will receive:

- 📌 Free entry to all films
- 📌 Free entry to all talks/workshops
- 📌 Free entry to WET CAKE party
- 📌 Some official LQFF swag

WORKSHOPS

All workshops are included with the purchase of a film festival ticket for that day and are drop-in unless otherwise stated. Some workshops may have limited capacity so it is first come first served.

VENUE AND ACCESS

Live Art Bistro is an artist led venue and curatorial team based in Leeds. Our common goal is to support the growth of Live Art practices in the region by providing space and opportunities to local artists, whilst also encouraging artists from further afield to present work in the city. Live Art Bistro is voluntarily run and relies heavily on the support given by the local artistic community.

**1 - 2 Regent Street
Leeds
LS2 7QA**

The venue is wheelchair accessible with a single step entrance with ramp. Off-street parking is available nearby (charges may apply). All toilets are for all genders. An accessible toilet will be available.

There is a range of seating available in the screening room: hard backed chairs, sofas, beanbags. If you need to enter the screening room first or need a particular place in the room please let an organiser know.

All films will be screened with English subtitles (unless stated otherwise) and a few will have subtitles and captions. The film schedule is also available in larger print. Please contact us for a copy.

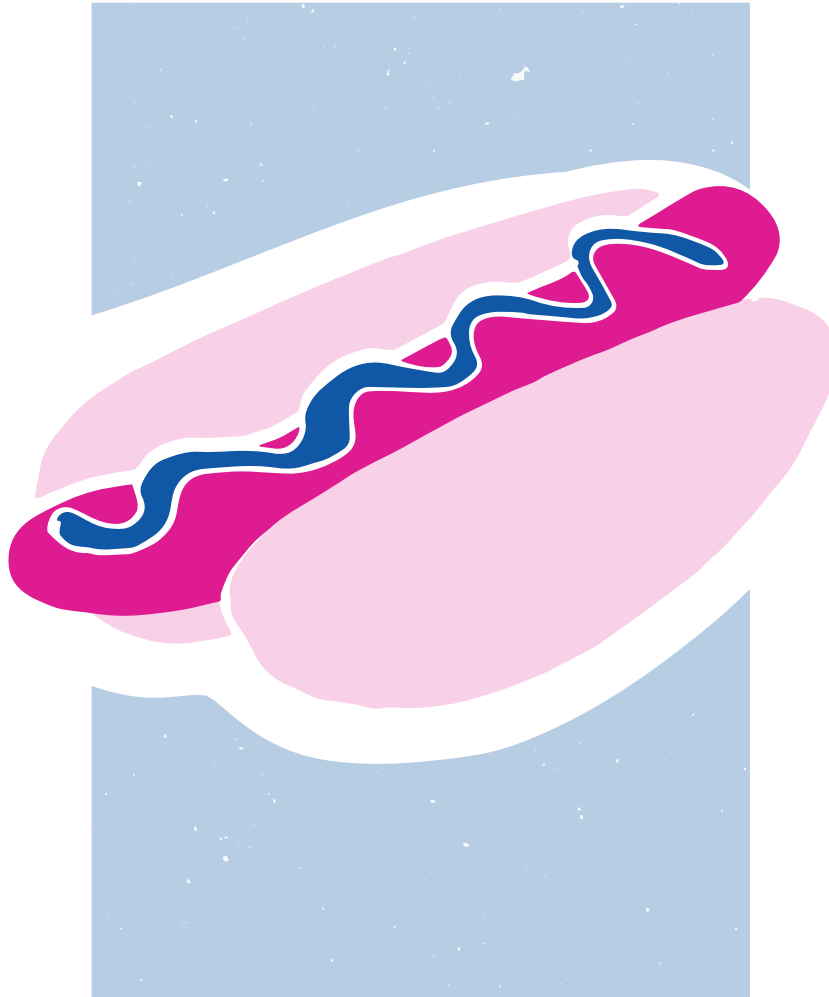
On Sunday, there will be BSL communication support for the introductions to the films as well as the workshops/panels that day. We may be able to provide BSL on other days of the festival as well - please get in touch to discuss.

**If you would like to discuss any specific access needs please contact us in advance:
leedsqueerfilmfestival@gmail.com**

SAFER SPACES

Leeds Queer Film Festival is a community event in a shared space. We strive to make that space welcoming; audience members, organisers, speakers and volunteers are all expected to act with care and respect. We would like people to think about the impact their behaviour may have on others and to act accordingly, and we know that some people do face abusive, oppressive and discriminatory behaviour in queer spaces. The organising team behind Leeds Queer Film Festival have written a safer spaces agreement which can be found on our website and front desk at the festival.

Please take the time to have a read and, if there are any issues, please speak to any of us or email LQFFSaferSpace@gmail.com.



Throughout the weekend there will be vegan hot meals, snacks and cake for sale. The bar at LAB will be selling drinks.

Cash or card payments accepted.

