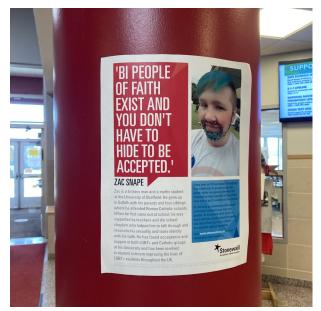


'SO MANY ISSUES WOULD BE SOLVED IF PEOPLE UNDERSTOOD BISEXUAL PEOPLE EXIST.' Libby Baxter-Williams

Libby is the Director of the bisexual women's advocacy organisation, Biscuit. Even after coming out as a teenager it took her a long time to be open about being bisexual, because how can you be something that doesn't exist? Now she works to make sure that experiences like hers are in the past. She hosts events especially for bisexual people, campaigns against bi erasure, and works with LGBT organisations to make their bisexual representation better. [In the blue text box:] Every year on 23 September, Bi Visibility Day celebrates bi people across the globe, while recognising the work still required to make biphobia a thing of the past and to put bi visibility on the agenda. Bi refers to an emotional and/or sexual orientation towards more than one gender. At Stonewall we're proud to work with lots of inspirational bi people and share their stories to achieve acceptance without exception.

Visit <u>www.stonewall.org.uk</u> for more information and resources.



"BI PEOPLE OF FAITH EXIST AND YOU DON'T HAVE TO HIDE TO BE ACCEPTED.' ZAC SNAPE

Zac is a bi trans man and a math student at the University of Sheffield. He grew up in Suffolk with his parents and four siblings where he attended Roman Catholic schools.

When he first came out at school, he was supported by teachers and the school chaplain who helped him to talk through and reconcile his sexuality and trans identity with his faith. He has found acceptance and support in both LGBT+ and Catholic groups at his University and has been involved in student activism improving the lives of LGBT+ students throughout the UK.

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'OTHERS ARE CONFUSED BY WHAT BEING BISEXUAL MEANS BUT FOR ME IT IS THE CLEAR AND SIMPLE IDEA OF BEING ATTRACTED TO PEOPLE REGARDLESS OF GENDER' BENEDICT O'CONNELL

Ben grew up around the west of London. He enjoys playing sports including running and playing for an LGBTQ football team, as well as writing songs and playing guitar. He currently teaches Philosophy and English in a sixth form college and has previously taught English as a foreign language in Belgium, France and China. For Ben, Bi day of visibility is important as often bisexuals are misrepresented as heterosexual or gay depending on their partners or the spaces they occupy.



'THERE IS STILL A LOT OF WORK TO BE DONE WITHIN THE LGBT COMMUNITY AND BEYOND, WHICH IS WHY IT IS IMPORTANT FOR BI PEOPLE TO BE VISIBLE, OUT AND PROUD' CANDACE CHAN

Candace grew up in Hong Kong and always felt like an outcast there, for her moving to London was the best decision she made for herself. London has given her the freedom to be who she wants to be and love who she wants to love. It took Candace a long time to accept who she was and not try to pass as straight/gay. Biphobia and bi-erasure exist in everyday life even within the LGBT community. Candace hopes that sharing her story will help more people find sell acceptance and self love.



'BEING BI IS PART OF MY IDENTITY AND IT IS VALID AND BEAUTIFUL' EMILY EATON

Emily is a student, vlogger and activist from Essex. Taking part in Stonewall's Young Campaigners Programme led her to become a Bi Role Model and she aims to create inclusive safe spaces for support and discussion. Emily is passionate about advocating for the LGBTQ+ community and women's rights; she is a great fan of theatre, Disney, tea and travelling. Having previously felt the consequences of bi erasure, Emily now strives to be visible in the community and challenge stereotypes.



'SHAME IS IN OPPRESSION AND IGNORANCE, NOT IN LOVING BEYOND ONE GENDER'

SURYATAPA MUKHERJEE

Suryatapa is a journalist and writer who is also into photography, and filmmaking. She uses her creativity to question inequality of all kinds. She was interviewed for a series on bi experiences in India which led to the UN including bi content in their global charter on LGBT rights.



'SOME PEOPLE SAY BEING BI IS JUST A PHASE BUT YOU KNOW WHAT YOU'RE REALLY FEELING' JEN YOCKNEY MBE

Jen is a genderqueer bi woman who runs the UK's longest established bisexual support organisation, BiPhoria, and has helped many other people to build bi support in their local area. She's the editor of Bi Community News magazine, and set up BiVisibilityDay.com in 2001 which tracks all the events that mark Bi Visibility Day worldwide. In 2016 Jen was the first person to appear in the Honours List for services to the bisexual community - and the first Mx. You can follow her on Twitter at @jenyockney