

LGBT+ Spring Newsletter 2026

LGBT+ History Month – February 2026

UNISON City of Edinburgh LGBT+ members took part in a Historical LGBT+ tour of Edinburgh Old Town “A trip through the heart of Scotland’s capital to find out how LGBT people carved out a life in a hostile climate, past many important sites in the fight for liberation” The Tour runs from 07:30pm on Friday evenings from the City Chambers until July 2026. Tickets are free to book and are available at **LGBTQ Tour, Pay What You Think It’s Worth (90 Minutes)**

UNISON City of Edinburgh LGBT+ members also joined LGBT+ comrades from throughout Scotland in

Glasgow to take part in the STUC’s LGBT+ History event, **PRIDE POWER & SOLIDARITY**. Archive materials supplied by the **Glasgow Women’s Library** from their own LGBT+ History Month exhibition, Hens Tae Watch Oot Fur were the perfect backdrop to the panel discussions and workshops.



IDAHOBIT DAY (International day against Homophobia, Transphobia & Biphobia) 2026

IDAHOBIT is an annual event that will take place this year on Sunday 17 May. IDAHOBIT was created to draw attention to the discrimination and violence faced by LGBT+ people worldwide.

This day was first conceived in 2005 to highlight the discrimination faced by LGBT+ people around the world and is held on the 17 May in order to mark the World Health Organization’s decision to remove homosexuality from its list of mental illnesses in 1990.

UNISON Edinburgh will have a table at lunch time in

the Courtyard at Waverley Court on Thursday 14 May to mark the day. Please come along, say “Hi!” and pick up a “ask me for my pro-nouns” button if you are around.

If any LGBT+ member would like help with and materials to have a stall in your own workplace, please get in touch with our LGBT+ Officer by emailing ian.ludlam@unison-edinburgh.gov.uk

PRIDE 2026

Some dates for your diary:

PORTY PRIDE Thursday 4 - Sunday 7 June 2026
(Pride March 6 June)

Details are here: portypride.com

PRIDE EDINBURGH will be held over the weekend of 21 – 22 June.
Details are here: **Pride Edinburgh**

UNISON City of Edinburgh hope to be in attendance at both PORTY PRIDE & PRIDE EDINBURGH with marching and stalls. If you identify as LGBT+ and would like to get involved, please contact your LGBT+ Officer.



Scottish LGBT+ Committee



The Scottish LGBT+ Committee had their 2025 AGM on Valentine's Day 2026. While it was late there was a significantly larger turnout than usual. UNISON Edinburgh members were elected. Morgan was elected to one of the six female seats and Ian was elected as one of the Co-Convenors.

The Committee has still a vacancy, the reserved seat for Black

UNISON LGBT+ members (please note, Black in UNISON language includes all people of colour). If you identify as both Black and LGBT+ and would like to put your name forward, please email ian.ludlam@UNISON-edinburgh.org.uk. Your confidentiality is assured.

Due to the lateness of the 2025 AGM, the new Committee held their annual policy weekend a few short weeks later.

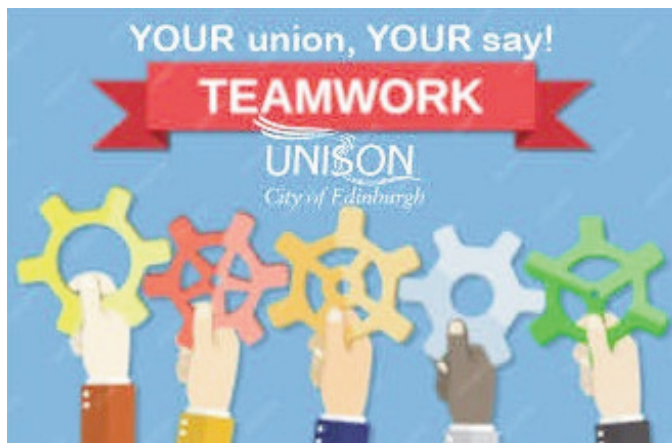
Significantly the Committee agreed to develop a communication strategy. It is hoped that Morgan and Ian can help effect some changes so that the Scottish LGBT+ Committee becomes more relevant to ordinary LGBT+ members with a commitment to more frequent and better communications (hint hint to Ian Ludlam!).



UNISON Self Organised Groups: Women | LGBT+ | Disabled Members | Black Members

To make sure all our members have a voice in the union, **UNISON** members have set up self-organised groups' to provide a voice for people who are traditionally under represented. If you are interested in any of the above then please contact the City of Edinburgh branch office.

Interested in getting more involved with your trade union? Why not become a shop steward or health & safety rep?



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The **UNISON** LGBT+ Members Group is open to all members who identify as gay, lesbian, bi, transgender, non-binary, gender diverse, aromantic or asexual. If you would like to become a LGBT+ Group member, please contact:

ian.ludlam@unison-edinburgh.org.uk for further information or scan QR code below:

