HARINGEY A LEGACY OF LGBTQ+ ACTIVISM

1967

Homosexuality decriminalised in the UK.

1984

Gay rights included in the Labour Party's manifesto. Haringey is one of 10 councils to donate more than £600,000 to gay projects and groups.

1986

Positive Images organises a march in support of Haringey's gay and lesbian community. 3000 people take part.

The book Jenny lives with Eric and Martin, about a girl living with her dad and his partner, sparks protests on the streets of Wood Green, as local parents complain about gay rights.

1987

Bernie Grant, MP for Tottenham, becomes the first MP to voice opposition to Section 28, which is brought in a year later.

Positive Images and Haringey Black Action organise the first demonstration in the UK to highlight the stories of black lesbians and gay men.

1988

On 23rd May, the night before Section 28 becomes law, four protesters, including Haringey's Booan Temple, storm the BBC 6 O'Clock news, handcuff themselves to equipment, and shout 'Stop section 28'.

1999

Wood Green arts charity Wise Thoughts is established to address social justice issues and the needs of Haringey's BME LGBT communities.

2001

The equalisation of the age of consent is enacted for gay men nationwide.

2002

UK's Adoption and Children Act allowed same-sex couples to adopt.

2003

Section 28 is repealed.

2009

The T-shirt Haringey protester Booan Temple wore when she stormed the BBC is displayed as part of Bruce Castle's From the Closet to the Collection: Haringey LGBT Exhibition.

2010

GIRES (Gender Identification Research and Education Society) is set up to improve the environment in which gender non-conforming people live.

2012

MP for Hornsey and Wood Green, Lynne Featherstone is widely hailed as the architect of the bill that brings same-sex marriage to England and Wales.

2014

Subodh Rathod and Niranjan Kamatkar become the first gay couple to marry in Haringey and the first gay Indian couple to marry in the UK under new marriage equality legislation.

2017

Haringey begins work to make the council a more LGBT+ friendly place, with support from Stonewall.

2018

Haringey Vanguard, an archiving project focussed on the histories of Black, Asian and ethnic minority LGBTQ+ communities in the borough, is launched.