



LGBTSTEM Day

EVENT BRIEFING

THE MESSAGE

WE ARE CELEBRATING THE INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR LGBTQ+ PEOPLE IN SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, & MATHS!

WE WANT TO CELEBRATE THE ACHIEVEMENTS AND HIGHLIGHT THE STRUGGLES OF THE MEMBERS OF SAID COMMUNITY

WHERE AND WHEN

JULY 5TH / WORLDWIDE

LGBTSTEMDAY.ORG

WHY IT MATTERS

- LESS THAN **60 PERCENT** OF LGBTQ+ PEOPLE IN STEM ARE OUT
- RESEARCH SHOWS THAT **ONE IN THREE** US PHYSICISTS HAVE BEEN ADVISED TO REMAIN IN THE CLOSET
- **50 PERCENT** OF TRANS/GENDER NON-CONFORMING PEOPLE WERE HARASSED IN THEIR DEPARTMENT
- LGB STUDENTS ARE **10 PERCENT** LESS LIKELY TO ENTER A STEM CAREER THAN HETEROSEXUAL PEERS

WHAT WE ARE DOING

WE BELIEVE THAT A DAY OF RECOGNITION COULD BE A NEW AND IMPORTANT COMPONENT OF THE GLOBAL PUSH TO INCREASE DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION IN STEM.

WE ARE ORGANISING OR PROMOTING EVENTS ACROSS FOUR CONTINENTS AND WE WILL PRODUCE A DOCUMENTARY ABOUT LGBTSTEMDAY.

MORE INFO ON WHAT'S HAPPENING IS IN OUR TOOLKIT.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

YOU CAN HELP BY FOLLOWING AND CONTRIBUTING TO THE **#LGBTSTEMDAY #LGBTSQSTEMDAY #LGBTQIASTEMDAY** HASHTAGS ON SOCIAL MEDIA.

RETWEET AND COMMENT. SHARE STORIES, IMAGES AND VIDEOS OF YOURSELF OR YOUR LGBTQ+ ROLE MODELS.

HELP US BOOST THE VISIBILITY AND WORK OF LGBTQ+ PEOPLE IN STEM.

FOR THE MEDIA

LGBTQ+ PEOPLE HAVE ALWAYS WORKED AT THE FOREFRONT OF STEM. YOU MIGHT HAVE HEARD OF ALAN TURING, SALLY RIDE, BEN BARRES, RACHAEL PADMAN, MARGARET MEAD, TIM COOK. NOT ALL OF THEM ARE HOUSEHOLD NAMES, BUT ALL OF THEM HAD, OR CONTINUE TO HAVE, A HUGE IMPACT IN AND OUT OF STEM,

A DAY OF RECOGNITION HONOURS THE MEMORY OF THOSE WHO CAME BEFORE US AND SHOWS THOSE WHO ARE CURRENTLY IN STEM, THAT IT IS POSSIBLE TO FOLLOW YOUR PASSION WHILE BEING YOURSELF.

FOR MORE INFO/INTERVIEWS PLEASE CONTACT LGBTSTEMDAY@GMAIL.COM

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