



LGBT+ Faith and BAMER support groups

Buddhist	Lesbian-Buddhist-eSangha	An on-line Sangha for lesbian, bisexual and transgender Buddhists.	groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/Lesbian-Buddhist-eSangha
	Triratna Gender Diverse Buddhists	Buddhist Group for gender diverse people and their allies, within the Triratna Buddhist Community.	www.facebook.com/groups/282677805189496
	Brighton Buddhist Centre	Meditation, Buddhism, Yoga... + inspiration for living in the centre of Brighton.	brightonbuddhistcentre.co.uk
Catholic	Quest	Quest exists to provide pastoral support to lesbian, gay and transgender Catholics. Quest provides information online and by a regular magazine, an annual conference, and provides opportunities for worship, spiritual retreats and supportive fellowship through local groups.	www.questlgbti.uk
Christian	House of Rainbow Fellowship	The House Of Rainbow Fellowship is an inclusive and affirming religious community open and welcoming to all people including lesbians, gays, bisexuals,	www.houseofrainbow.org
	Open Sheffield	Sheffield based LGBTQ-affirming Christian group	www.facebook.com/groups/OpenSheffield
	St Marks Broomhill	LGBT+ affirming church, hosts the Open Sheffield Open Communion	www.stmarkscrc.co.uk
	Changing Attitude Trust	Nationwide charitable organisation working for LGB inclusion and representation in the Anglican Church.	www.changingattitude.org.uk
	Diverse Church	An organisation of online Christian communities of LGBT+ people of all ages, across the UK and Ireland.	diversechurch.website
	OneBodyOneFaith	A UK based ecumenical charity working for justice and equality for lesbian, gay, bisexual and Trans people, across and beyond the Christian churches	www.onebodyonefaith.org.uk
	The Sibyls	A UK-based confidential Christian spirituality group for transgender people, their partners and supporters.	sibyls.gndr.org.uk

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Islam	Imaan	The UK's leading Muslim LGBTQ charity, supporting LGBT+ Muslim people, their families and friends, to address issues regarding LGBT+ identity within Islam. It provides a safe space and support network to address issues of common concern through sharing individual experiences and institutional resources.	www.imaanlondon.wordpress.com
	Naz and Matt Foundation	The Naz and Matt Foundation exists to empower and support LGBTQI individuals as well as their friends and family to work towards resolving challenges linked to sexuality or gender identity, particularly where religion is heavily influencing the situation.	www.nazandmattfoundation.org
	Hidayah	To provide support and welfare for LGBTQI+ Muslims	www.hidayahlgbt.co.uk
Jewish	Keshet	KeshetUK works to ensure a world where no one has to choose between their LGBT+ and their Jewish identity.	www.keshetuk.org
	Laviot	A community for LGBT+ Jewish women and non-binary people.	www.laviot.org
	Imahot v'Avot	A friendly, informal social group for families with children who have one or more parents who identify as Jewish and Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, or Questioning	www.imahotvavot.co.uk
	The Gay and Lesbian Yeshiva Day School Alumni Association (GLYDSA)	Resources for LGBTQ orthodox Jews	www.orthogays.org
	Jewish LGBT+ Group (formerly JGLG)	The longest established Jewish LGBT group in the world, open to Jewish LGBT people from many different backgrounds. Welcomes non-Jewish partners to all events and non-LGBT & non-Jewish guests to certain events. Although group is based in London many members live across the country.	www.jglg.org.uk

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Mormon	Affirmation LGBTQ Mormons Families & Friends	A community of support for LGBTQ Mormons and their family and friends inclusive of all along the spectrums of sexual orientation, gender identity, faith, and relationship with The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.	www.affirmation.org
Quakers	QGSDC Quaker Gender & Sexual Diversity Community	A resource for those currently within the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) and those who are interested in exploring the Quaker way to celebrate the diversity of our gender and sexu-	qgsdc.org.uk
Sikh	Sarbat	Sarbat offers a platform for like-minded Sikhs from all walks of life and aims to promote the LGBT+ Sikh cause in a fair and courteous manner.	www.sarbat.net
Inter/Multi Faith	Twilight People	Twilight People discovers and celebrates the hidden history of transgender and gender-variant people of faith in the UK past and present.	www.twilightpeople.com
	The Faith & Belief Forum	Creates spaces in schools, universities, workplaces and the wider community where people can engage with questions of belief and identity and meet people different from themselves.	faithbeliefforum.org
	Queer Spirit	Providing ways for LGBT+ people to explore spirituality, healing and personal development, and we celebrate the creative and spiritual gifts that the queer tribes bring to humanity.	queerspirit.net
	Radical Faeries	LGBT people looking for a spiritual dimension to their sexuality.	www.radfae.org
	GIN – SSOIE Global Interfaith Network For People of All Sexes, Sexual Orientations, Gender Identities and Expressions	Providing a safe space to convene, document best practices, develop resources and together create local, regional, and international strategies for the decriminalization of LGBTI identities.	www.gin-ssogie.org

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Other BAMER	African Rainbow Family	Support for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer (LGBTIQ) People of African Heritage including Refugees and wider Black and Asian Minority Ethnic Groups	www.africanrainbowfamily.org
	Lesbian Asylum Support Sheffield (LASS)	LASS Lesbian Asylum Support Sheffield is a support group for lesbian, bisexual, trans and queer women who are seeking asylum or are refugees.	www.lassheffield.org.uk
	Gay Asylum Forum Sheffield (GAFS)	Gay Asylum Forum Sheffield (GAFS) is a group for LGBTQ+ refugees and asylum seekers	www.facebook.com/GAFSheffield
	LGBT Pavee	LGBT traveller and Roma re-	www.lgbtpavee.yolasite.com
	The Traveller Movement	Information sheet for Gypsy Roma Travellers (GRT) LGBT+ people	www.travellermovement.org.uk/advocacy-support/lgbt
	Transgender Muslim Support Network	Resources and nonjudgmental support for transgender and gender-nonconforming Muslims.	trans-muslims.tumblr.com
	GIN (Gay Indian Network) London	Connecting (and supporting) the LGBTQ community of Indian Heritage and the wider Disapora with each other and their friends and allies in London and the United Kingdom.	www.meetup.com/GIN-Gay-Indian-Network-London/
	British Asian LGBTI	Support for South Asian LGBTI	www.britishasianlgbti.org

The relationship between the LGBT community and the religious community can be a very complicated one; however it is important to understand the interaction. It is also important to realise that within any community there are voices which may be more progressive or more conservative.

People within each religious community can hold independent view points, so community members may not all hold exactly the same opinion. Overall, religious communities strive to promote love, compassion, tolerance and community spirit. This means that people may still be loving, welcoming and friendly towards LGBT individuals, even if they consider that being LGBT is wrong.

Read more at: www.changingattitude.org.uk/lgbt-and-religion-in-the-uk

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