



# Rainbow Heroes

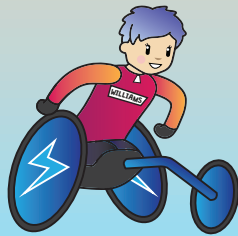
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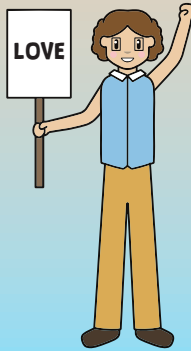
Elton John



Sylvia Rivera



Lizzie Williams



Barbara Gittings



Jameela Jamil



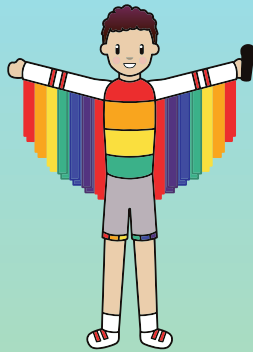
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Laverne Cox



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Oly Alexander



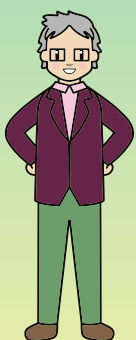
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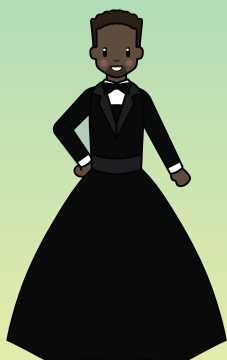
George Takei



Jack Monroe



Sue Sanders



Billy Porter



Juno Dawson



Elliot Page



Thomas Beattie



David Hockney



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Angela Davis



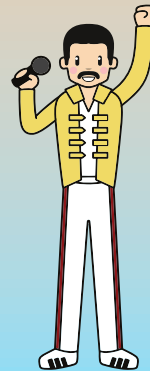
Frida Kahlo



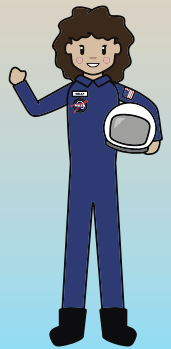
Bayard Rustin



Ian McKellen



Freddie Mercury



Sally Ride



Harvey Milk



Justin Fashanu



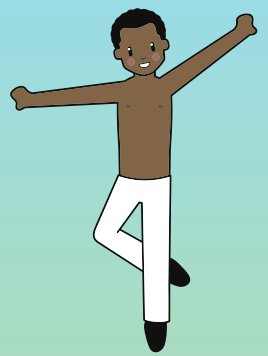
Alan Turing



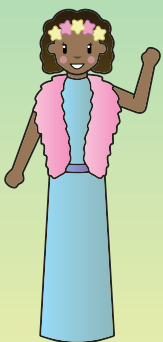
Audre Lorde



Andy Warhol



Alvin Ailey



Marsha P. Johnson



Gilbert Baker



Peter Tatchell



Gladys Bentley



RuPaul

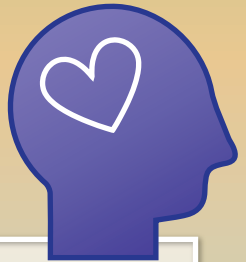
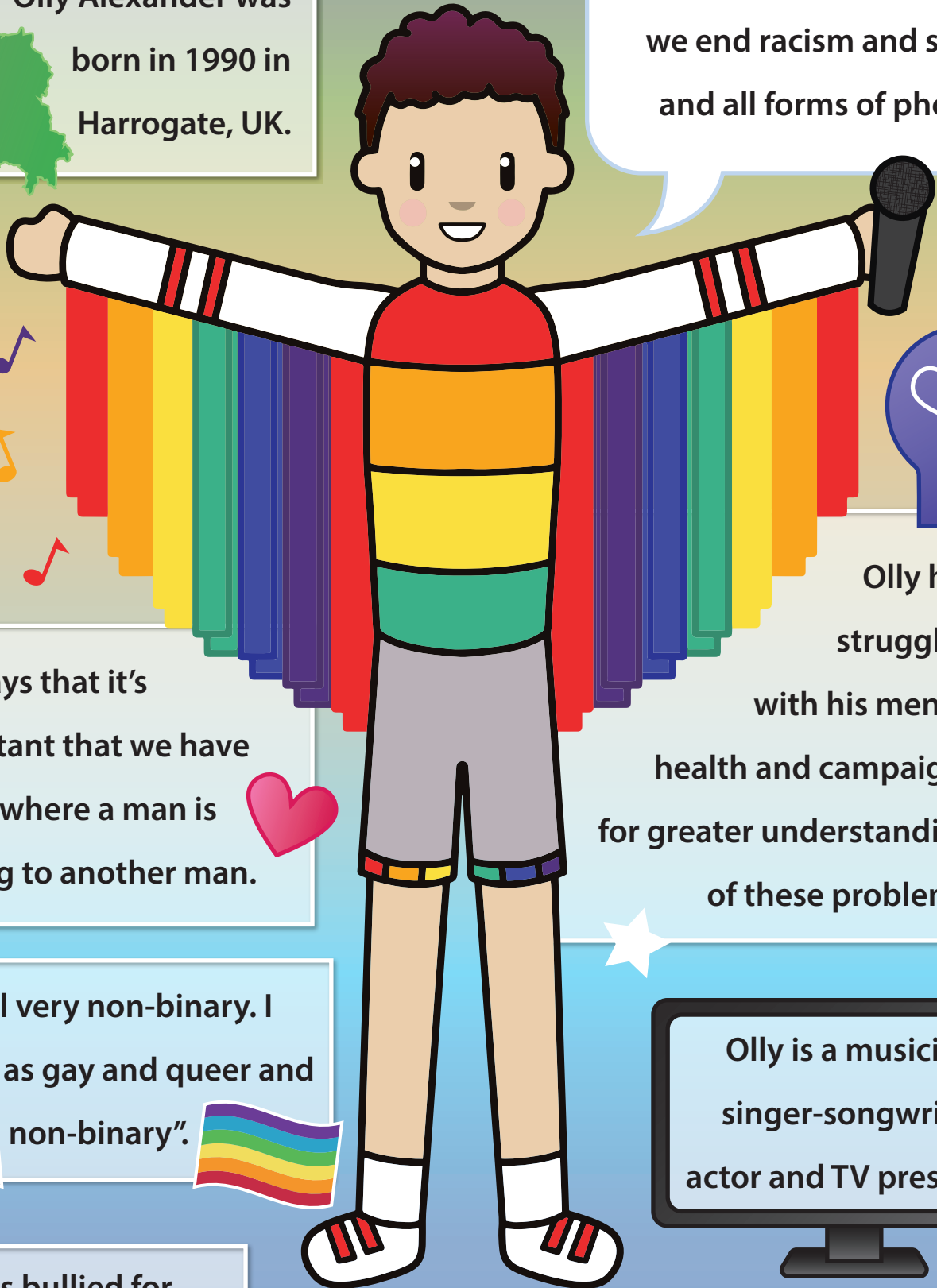


Oscar Wilde

# Olly Alexander

Olly Alexander was born in 1990 in Harrogate, UK.

"We don't get equality until we end racism and sexism and all forms of phobia".



Olly says that it's important that we have songs where a man is singing to another man.



Olly has struggled with his mental health and campaigns for greater understanding of these problems.

"I feel very non-binary. I identify as gay and queer and non-binary".



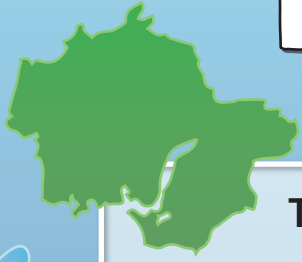
Olly is a musician, singer-songwriter, actor and TV presenter.

Olly was bullied for being feminine and wearing make-up.



"Queer people exist in every community in every country".

# Tom Daley



Tom grew up in Plymouth, Devon.

Tom said "I feel incredibly proud to be an out gay man and an **Olympic champion.**"

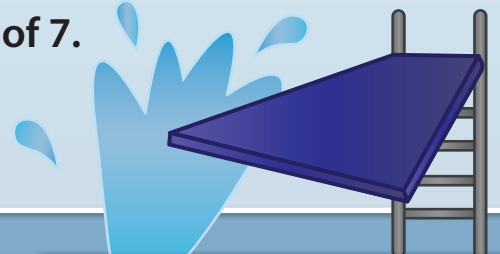


Tom's husband is film-maker and activist **Dustin Lance Black.**

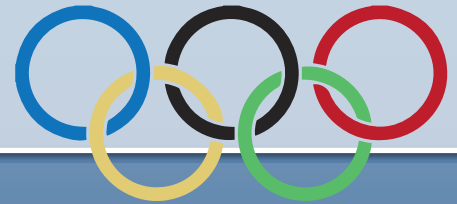


Tom and Dustin have two children together.

Tom Daley is a British Diver. He started diving at the age of 7.



Tom has participated in four Olympic Games, both as a solo diver and as a duo.



Tom has four Olympic medals – three bronze and one gold.



Tom is a keen knitter.



# Michael Gunning

Michael started swimming at age four and qualified for Team GB at age fifteen.



Michael has dual-nationality and has swum at elite level for both Team GB and Team Jamaica.



Michael was worried about coming out as an LGBT+ elite sportsperson but is now glad he did.



"No matter the colour of your skin, the race you were born or your sexual orientation we must all strive to live in this world as ONE with our hearts beating together!"



Michael hopes that he has inspired others, especially other black and mixed-race people to take up swimming, because swimming is really good for you!



Michael identifies as gay.



"If you're just starting to think about your own self-discovery then there are lots of people who can and will support you."



# Stormé DeLarverie

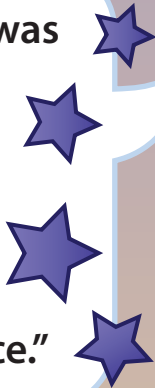
Stormé was born in New Orleans, USA in 1920.



Stormé identified as a lesbian and she helped to keep other young lesbian women safe.



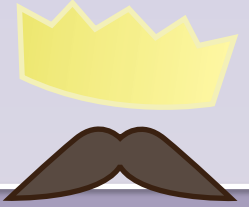
"Stonewall was a rebellion, an uprising, civil rights disobedience."



Stormé was unfairly arrested at the Stonewall Inn. She inspired the crowd to fight back by shouting "Why don't you guys do something!?"



Stormé was a Singer, Circus Performer, Bodyguard, Bouncer and a Drag King.



Stormé liked to wear a suit around town, not just on stage. Other women liked her style and did the same.



"All I had to do was be me...I was still a woman. I cut my hair and changed my clothes, I walked the same and talked the same. I was king of the mountain."

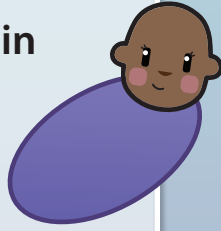


She won awards for her activism and a film was made about her life.

# Marsha P. Johnson

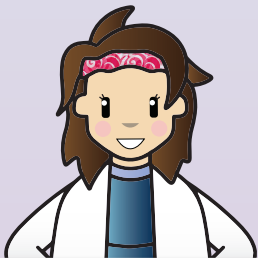
Marsha was born in

**1945.**



Marsha self identified as a drag queen  
“I was nobody from nowheresville  
until I became a drag queen.”

Marsha and her friend  
Sylvia, set up an  
organisation that helped  
young, homeless  
transgender people.



Marsha was an activist  
– she said she wanted  
“gay people to have  
equal rights with  
other people across  
America.”



It's believed that  
Marsha was part of  
the rebellion at The  
Stonewall Inn in 1969.

STONEWALL  
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Marsha loved to  
wear crowns  
made of flowers.

The **P** in Marsha's name  
stands for 'Pay it no mind'  
– (don't worry what people think of you).

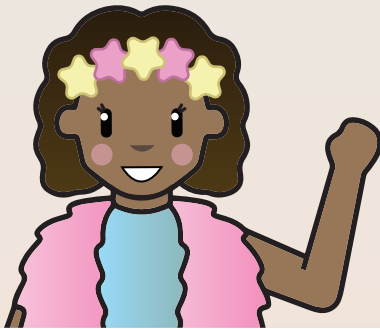
# Sylvia Rivera

At first Sylvia identified as a drag queen, but throughout her life her gender identity would vary.

Sylvia ran away to live as her true self and to find her people.

I'm  
**ME!**

Sylvia and her friend Marsha set up an organisation that helped young, homeless transgender people.



Sylvia was an outspoken activist for LGBT rights.

Sylvia had a loving partner, Julia, who was transgender.



In the 1970s some gay people didn't want to fight for trans rights, but Sylvia kept fighting.



Sylvia may have been at the Stonewall Inn when it was raided in June 1969.

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Sylvia once jumped out of a moving police car to escape!



# Aaron Philip

Aaron is pronounced **A-ron**.

Aaron was the first black, transgender, disabled woman ever to be represented by a major modelling agency.



Aaron used her social media to highlight the lack of representation of trans women of colour in fashion, let alone those with a disability.



Aaron was born in 2001 on the island of Antigua, but grew up in The USA.



Aaron is the first wheelchair user ever to model for a major luxury brand.

At age 14 Aaron published an autobiography about her experiences growing up with cerebral palsy.



My disability is a part of me, but it does not define my whole identity.

# Frida Kahlo



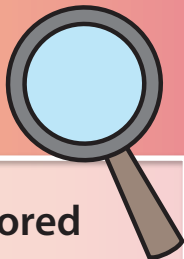
One of Mexico's most famous artist.

Her art 'style' was considered surrealist.



She taught herself to paint.

She loved to paint her own portrait.



Her work explored ideas of gender, race, identity and class.



She was disabled.



She was a feminist.



Frida was bisexual.

She loved using bold and vibrant colours.

