



## Nicola Adams

Nicola is an Olympic boxer for the UK. She won two gold medals in 2012 and 2016, and was the first woman to win an Olympic boxing title. Women's boxing was only made legal in 1997, as before that it was thought that women would be too unpredictable. Nicola is bisexual.



## Laverne Cox

Laverne is an American actor, model and LGBT advocate. She has been in lots of TV programmes and Netflix series including Orange is the New Black. She is a transgender woman, and has used her platform and fame to speak out against discrimination and fight for trans rights.



## Caster Semenya

Caster is an Olympic runner from South Africa. She has won two Olympic gold medals. Caster is intersex and identifies as female. For some years she was not allowed to race and was made to undergo tests to confirm her gender. She has a wife called Violet.



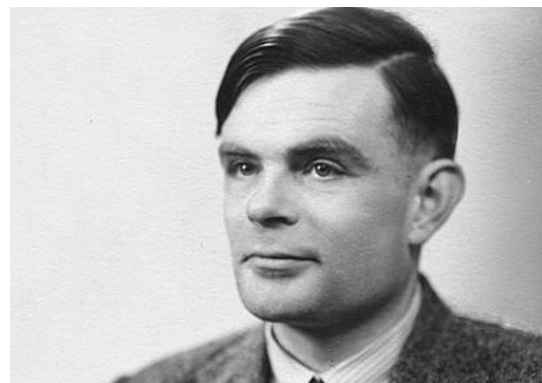
## Frank Ocean

Frank Ocean is a rapper and singer who has won awards for his albums. He got six Grammy Award nominations for his debut album. He is bisexual and writes songs about both men and women. He had huge support when he came out, with one music magazine writing, "your decision to go public about your sexual orientation gives hope and light to so many young people still living in fear."



## Alok Vaid-Menon

Alok is a performance artist, writer and activist. They are gender non-conforming and use they/them pronouns. Their spoken word performances and poems often talk about the discrimination that gender non-conforming and non-binary people experience in public spaces.



## Alan Turing

Alan was a computer scientist. He created one of the first ever computers and in doing so cracked Nazi war codes so that UK intelligence could read them. Many say that this helped win WW2 and saved over 14 million lives. He was arrested for being gay in 1952 and was forced to follow conversion therapy. He died two years later.



## Marsha P. Johnson

Marsha was among those who started the Stonewall Riots in New York in 1969, which started the first ever Pride parade (which was a protest). She fought for LGBT rights. Marsha was a transgender woman. The 'P' in her name stood for 'pay it no mind', which is what she said in response to hateful comments. Marsha was killed in 1992, and even though there were witnesses, the police did not follow the case.



## Virginia Woolf

Virginia Woolf was a writer and a poet, who wrote about love between women in her novels. She has a long relationship with a woman called Vita, but was not able to be open about it as this was not acceptable at the time. She was a feminist, and wrote about how women writers weren't recognised.