Bisexual Visibility Week

Bisexual Visibility Week aka #BiWeek is a week in September that celebrates bisexual people and the history behind the group. The week starts on September 16th and ends on the 23rd which is bisexual celebration day!

The official celebration of the week first happened in 2014 but the day started in 1999, it was chosen to be in September because of Freddie Mercury's birthday. The reason bisexual people need a visibility week and celebration day is because of the biphobia and erasure they get from straight people and queer people.
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Are Trans Men Ignored By Society?
A discussion piece by Lee Weinhauer

The life of a transgender man is not something that someone typically thinks about or talks about. When you think about the word transgender, different things can come up, bathrooms, athletes, pronouns, or even just people you know.

People never really think about transgender men though. Almost all shows with transgender characters have trans female characters, like Orange Is The New Black, Transparent, Euphoria, and many more.

You never see a trans man on screen and if their is one then they are usually a white cis passing one who is only their for an episode. Many people don't realize that trans men are often ignored by the community.
People also don't seem to realize that they deal with transphobia differently. Within the community, they often get put down for being too manly or too feminine. They also get treated differently by transphobes, with trans women, they often get treated very physically and are constantly hit with hate and anger. With transgender men, it's a bit more sexist and depressing, most transphobes see trans men as confused girls who have some sort of mental illness that makes them think they are men.

They are given fake concern and are babied by transphobes. They are called butch lesbians even if they are gay trans men. They get told to embrace their femininity and that they don't need to be forced into a man. Which can be incredibly triggering. When they call out fake concerns it can quickly turn to anger and they'll insult you. Calling you every name in the book and making fun of you.
People in the queer community even sometimes think that trans men shouldn't be in the community because they think all transgender men are cis passing white men. When a majority of trans men can't get hormones, or sometimes aren't white, or they don't pass well.

It all really comes down to the fact that trans men are often excluded from talking about their issues and are pushed out of every conversation while being talked over. So, how can we fix this? Easy, we start listening to trans men and we support them, like we would with any other identity in the community, because they are like any other part of the community.
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**METROpolitan**: Queer looks of the Met Gala

The Met Gala is an annual fundraising gala. It was founded by Eleanor Lambert and it's organized by Vogue. Celebrities are invited to the gala and they must dress up as the theme. This year's theme was American fashion.

A. Lil Nas X who was attending for the first time this year, did a three in one look which shocked people.

B. Elliot Page decided to show homage to Oscar Wilde with a green carnation, which some people overlooked.

C. Nikkie De Jager, who is a youtuber, did an entire look on the trans activist, Marsha P. Johnson.

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Thank You!

We could not have a newsletter without our readers. Also, a special thanks to all of our amazing artists who submitted to this issue! submissions for the October issue will be due on October 20th 2021, send your entries via discord! it's a great way to share your work as a queer youth! We accept poetry, articles, short prose, visual art, comics, fake advertisements, etc. Be sure to show up to the youth nights and peer supports that are coming this month! They are gonna be awesome! Also check out the art market coming up which is happening on the 9th from 12 to 4. Remember to stay safe and have a great month, until next time!

from The METRO Youth Advisory Council.
1. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bisexual_Awareness_Week

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