

Rainbow Laces - 28th November 2018

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Help make sport everyone's game - join Coleg y Cymoedd in supporting this year's Rainbow Laces campaign.

Stonewall's Rainbow Laces campaign promotes LGBT inclusion in sport. Whether or not you love sport, it plays a huge part of many people's lives. Last year the Rainbow Laces campaign inspired millions of sports fans to support lesbian, gay, bi and trans (LGBT) people in their sporting community, in their team and on the pitch.

Between 17th November and 7th December 2018, sports teams are encouraged to show their support by wearing rainbow laces at their matches. It's not just sports teams that can get involved. To help build momentum for the campaign, everyone is encouraged to support **'Wear Your Rainbow Laces Day' (#WYRLD2018) on 28th November.**

This year's call to action is **'it's down to you to be an active ally'**.

You may have heard about Gareth Thomas (former Wales rugby union captain) who fell victim to a homophobic attack in Cardiff last weekend. The French Rugby Union team have announced they will be wearing rainbow laces during their match against Fiji this weekend in support of Gareth.

Here is a link to Gareth's recent video post <https://youtu.be/-6RzFWAHvuY>.



Gareth Thomas: 'A lot of people want to hurt us, but more want to help us heal'

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Former Wales rugby union international Gareth Thomas has said he was the victim of a homophobic attack in Cardiff in a video on social media. Thomas, who cam...

The Football Premier League clubs will also be uniting during November and December to celebrate the Rainbow Laces campaign, in a show of support for all LGBT people in football and beyond. All Premier League matches will feature a bespoke Rainbow Laces pitch flag, ball plinth and substitutes board. Rainbow captain's armbands and laces will be available for the players to wear, and LED boards and big screens will be highlighting the campaign.

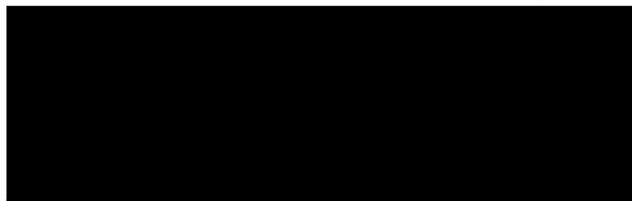
You can inspire the people around you to show their support and demonstrate that our community welcomes and accepts LGBT people. You can inspire them to be an active ally - a good team mate. Get your Rainbow Laces now and show your support for LGBT people in sport. You can purchase Rainbow laces at the College from your campus office.

If you have a story to share about how you, as an ally, has positively impacted your community, please contact [REDACTED]

For more information on the campaign, and resources to help you spot and challenge anti-LGBT language, please access the link below:

<https://www.stonewall.org.uk/our-work/campaigns/rainbow-laces>

Mark 28th November in your diary: Wear Your Rainbow Laces Day.



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