



Your monthly update of news, views and interviews from the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (FASS).

In this edition of our Podmag we focus on recent OU/BBC co-production television programmes which include *The Met*, *Crossrail* and *Prejudice and Pride: the people's history of LGBTQ Britain*. Both *The Met* and *Crossrail* are available on iPlayer and *Prejudice and Pride* will be televised in July.

Karen Foley caught up with Louise Westmarland, George Revill and Jacqui Gabb about their involvement as our nominated academics with the production of the programmes.

To listen to the full edition (approx. 17 minutes) click [here](#)



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Diary

Student Hub Live Open Day

Tuesday 4th July
11am – 3pm

This is a live and interactive event where you can find out about studying with the Open University. You can also meet other OU students and pose questions to our live panelists.

Join in at: [Student Hub Live](#)

OUSA Event London Pride Meet Up

Saturday 8th July
9am – 11am

A London Meet Up for all OU Students and Open University Staff hosted by PLEXUS. This year OUSA have an entry in the Pride in London Parade and will be meeting up a couple of hours beforehand. Why not stay and watch the parade or the multitude of acts performing later at Trafalgar Square. Event details can be found on the [OUSA Facebook page](#).



Dr Louise Westmarland

Dr Louise Westmarland has been working as the nominated academic on *The Met: Policing London*. This fascinating documentary follows the officers of Britain's biggest and busiest police services as they deal with life, death, crime and its victims. Louise tell us how this enlightening experience differs from her involvement with working on exams and writing books. She talks about the processes behind the scenes and the difficulties involved in making a television programme with criminals, witnesses, gaining their permissions and considering ethical implications. Louise also talks to us about her exciting new role with the National Crime Agency.

Listen to Louise's interview on the [Podmag](#).

If you haven't managed to watch *The Met* so far you can still view most of the episodes on [BBC One iPlayer](#).

OpenLearn also has extensive content in connection with the series. You can also order your free poster. Visit the [OpenLearn](#) website to find out more.



Dr George Revill

Dr George Revill tells us about his involvement as the nominated academic on the programme *Crossrail*. This series followed more than ten thousand engineers and construction workers as they raced to complete the brand new railway directly

underneath the city. He explains why he thinks social scientists who are concerned with the environment should be interested in infrastructure. George also tell us how this programme fits in to the new module that he's working on *DD213 Environment and Society*, which is available from 2018J.

The full, informative interview can be found on the [Podmag](#).

To find out more about the *Crossrail* programme and to view programmes, visit the [BBC Two website](#).

Explore all the related content and to order your free poster visit our [OpenLearn](#) website.



Professor Jacqui Gabb

Karen Foley talks to Professor Gabb about the groundbreaking BBC documentary which is coming out soon where five decades of LGBT+ life in Britain will be told by the people who lived it. Jacqui talks about the many poignant and emotional stories obtained via a crowdsourcing project which provide the content for this new programme. She also talks about how her research interests relate

to teaching, providing a much needed depth into particular dimensions of the curriculum.

Jacqui's fascinating interview can be heard on the [Podmag](#).

Further information about the new documentary will be available soon.

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