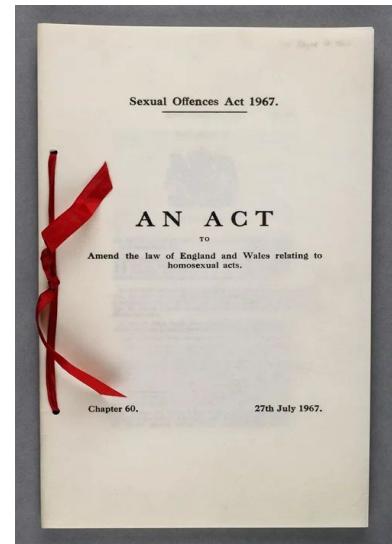


Legal changes: 1967 Sexual Offences Act

The Act permitted homosexual acts between two consenting men over the age of 21 (for heterosexual couples, it was 17).

While the Act was a considerable milestone in achieving homosexual law reform, equality for the LGBTQ+ community was far from being achieved.

The Act only applied to England and Wales. It would take decades for Parliament to fully legalise male homosexuality.



Activity 2:

Timeline of BBC programmes:

1965 *Male Homosexual*: This provided an insight into the lives of men who faced stigma and imprisonment. Women are not included in this broadcast.

1965 *This Time of Day*: Lesbianism: This includes interviews from women and their partners and people who advocated for rights for lesbians.

1967 *Man Alive*: Consenting Adults: This explored the opinions of society towards the gay community at the time.

1973 *Open Door*: Transex Liberation Group: This programme was edited by people of the trans community and provides a sense of celebration, but the female-to-male trans community is left out of this show.

1995 *Gaytime TV*: Despite the community still facing stigma in society, the aim was to make the programme fun and entertaining. It had a six-week run.

For more information, see: www.bbc.com/historyofthebbc/100-voices/people-nation-empire/lgbtq