

# LGBTQ Historical Figures

There are countless LGBTQ individuals who have done incredible things throughout history. These are just a few from the past to get you started! Make sure to research more on your own.

**Alan Turing (1912-1954):** Computer scientist who broke the German Enigma Code, helping bring an end to the second world war.

**Harvey Milk (1930-1978):** The first openly gay man elected to public office in California, and was assassinated shortly after taking office.

**Marsha P Johnson (1945-1992):** Transgender woman of color credited with starting the Stonewall Riots, an event widely known as the start of the LGBTQ civil rights movement.

**James Baldwin (1924-1987):** Civil rights activist, author of American literature and poetry, and out gay man of color.

**Bayard Rustin (1912-1987):** Civil rights leader and out gay man of color. He organized the “I Have a Dream” March on Washington.

**Sylvia Rivera (1951-2002):** A transgender activist and leader in the Stonewall movement.

**Christine Jorgensen (1926-1989):** One of the first publicly known people to have gender confirmation surgery.



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