



# **Bisexuals of Colour Archive**

**(BISOFCOLOUR)**

**Name of Creator:** Bisexuals of Colour, (2010-2021), LGBTQ+ community group

**Extent:** 1 box and Oversize Items

**Administrative/Biographical History:**

Bisexuals of Colour was formed at BiCon London in 2010 – a year after a racist incident before BiCon 2009 by one of the conference organisers. A few founding members talked that year about what it would look like to have a safer space for the minority within a minority at the longest running bisexual event in the world. Back then there were only five bisexuals of colour in attendance at BiCon in 2009, but the following year there were many more. Twelve sat in a room, shared, cried and made connections. It was the start of something special.

Founding member Jacq Applebee produced the Bi's of Colour History report in 2015; the first of its kind. Bisexuals are often erased in studies about Black people, and they are also erased in studies about LGBTQ+ people too. History, when it comes to both People of Colour, and Bisexuals, has one thing in common: it is denied that they existed in the past. Projects such as Medieval People Of Colour has shown art portraying non-white people in Europe for over 800 years. However the art is still often dismissed by die-hard racists, who do not want to believe people of colour have always been in the UK. When it comes to bisexual people, a similar thing happens: they are written out LGBT history, erased as either straight or gay. Through the survey and the report, Applebee attempted to combine the two strands in recording the histories of people who identify as non-white and non-monosexual

Bi's of Colour spent the next decade bringing the world information about bisexual lives, providing practical support to their members, and having stalls at LGBTQ+ events where members sadly faced biphobia and racism in droves. But members also found our white allies who supported them and spoke up when others tried to silence them. UNISON, the trade union, helped them produce physical media, Leeds Bi group and BiPride were also supportive during rough times. As of 2021, Bi's of Colour have disbanded.

**Custodial History:** Deposited with Bishopsgate Institute by Jacq Applebee, 14 August 2019.

**Scope and Content:** Pamphlets, reports, flag, posters campaign and promotional material produced by Bisexuals of Colour; material produced by other groups, including Bisexual Index and Bi Community News, 2015-2021.

<b>BISOFCOLOUR</b>	<b>Bisexuals of Colour</b>	<b>2015-2021</b>
	Pamphlets, leaflets and ephemera relating to the LGBTQ+ community group Bisexuals of Colour. (2015-2021) <b>OPEN</b>	
<b>BISOFCOLOUR/1</b>	<b>'The Bi's of Colour History Survey Report'</b>	<b>c2015</b>
	Pamphlet 'The Bi's of Colour History Survey Report' written by Jacq Applebee. (2 copies) (c2015) <b>OPEN</b>	
<b>BISOFCOLOUR/2</b>	<b>'The A-Z of Biphobia! And How to Fight Back'</b>	<b>[n.d.]</b>
	Zine, 'The A-Z of Biphobia! And How to Fight Back' written by Jacq Applebee. [n.d.] <b>OPEN</b>	
<b>BISOFCOLOUR/3</b>	<b>Support Bi's of Colour! badges</b>	<b>[n.d.]</b>
	Badges, 'Support Bi's of Colour!' (2 badges) [n.d.] <b>OPEN</b>	
<b>BISOFCOLOUR/4</b>	<b>London Bisexuals Meetup Group</b>	<b>[n.d.]</b>
	Leaflets advertising London Bisexuals Meetup Group. (3 copies) [n.d.] <b>OPEN</b>	
<b>BISOFCOLOUR/5</b>	<b>Bisexuality in Islam</b>	<b>[n.d.]</b>
	Leaflet, 'Bisexuality in Islam' produced by London Queer Muslims. (3 copies) [n.d.] <b>OPEN</b>	
<b>BISOFCOLOUR/6</b>	<b>Bisexual Identification Card</b>	<b>[n.d.]</b>
	Leaflet, Bisexual Identification Card produced by Bisexual Index. (2 copies) [n.d.] <b>OPEN</b>	
<b>BISOFCOLOUR/7</b>	<b>'Don't Settle for What is Expected, Settle When Your Voice is Projected.'</b>	<b>2019</b>

Leaflet, 'Don't Settle for What is Expected, Settle When Your Voice is Projected.' produced by Bi Pride UK. (7 September 2019)  
**OPEN**

**BISOFCOLOUR/8 'Some people say we are confused...' [n.d.]**

Leaflet, 'Some people say we are confused...' published by Bisexual Index. [n.d.]  
**OPEN**

**BISOFCOLOUR/9 Online Bisexual Resources [n.d.]**

Leaflet, Online Bisexual Resources. (2 copies) [n.d.]  
**OPEN**

**BISOFCOLOUR/10 Putting the 'B' into LGBT history [n.d.]**

Leaflet, Putting the 'B' into LGBT history. (2 copies) [n.d.]  
**OPEN**

**BISOFCOLOUR/11 Bi Community News [n.d.]**

Leaflet, Bi Community News produced by Bi Community News. [n.d.]  
**OPEN**

**BISOFCOLOUR/12 Bi Visibility Day [n.d.]**

Leaflet, Bi Visibility Day produced by Bi Community News. (2 copies) [n.d.]  
**OPEN**

**BISOFCOLOUR/13 Handmade stickers [n.d.]**

Eleven (11) sheets of handmade stickers with slogans include Trans Against Biphobia, Intersex Against Biphobia, I [heart] my bi mates, I Support Bisexuals, Support Bisexuals of Colour and Stop Rainbow Racism! produced by Jacq Applebee. [n.d.]  
**OPEN**

<b>BISOFCOLOUR/14</b>	<b>Issues of Bi Community News</b>	<b>2015-2021</b>
	Ten (10) volumes of Bi Community News including:  Issue 134 December 2015 Issue 137 Summer 2016 Issue 142 April 2017 Issue 145 Autumn 2017 Issue 150 August 2018 Issue 151 October 2018 Issue 152 December 2018 Issue 153 February 2019 Issue 154 April 2019 Issue 166 April 2021 <b>OPEN</b>	
<b>BISOFCOLOUR/15</b>	<b>BiCon backpack</b>	<b>2015</b>
	Backpack, BiCon 2015. (2015) <b>OPEN</b>	
<b>BISOFCOLOUR/16</b>	<b>Bisexual of the Year flag</b>	<b>[n.d.]</b>
	Flag, Bisexual of the Year produced by Jacq Applebee. [n.d.] <b>OPEN</b>	
<b>BISOFCOLOUR/17</b>	<b>I Support Bisexuals of Colour t-shirt</b>	<b>[n.d.]</b>
	T-shirt, I Support Bisexuals of Colour. [n.d.] <b>OPEN</b>	
<b>BISOFCOLOUR/18</b>	<b>Euro BiCon 2016</b>	<b>2016</b>
	T-Shirt, Euro BiCon 2016. (2016) <b>OPEN</b>	
<b>BISOFCOLOUR/19</b>	<b>Posters</b>	<b>[n.d.]</b>
	Posters:  - 'Importance of Community & Bi's of Colour' - 'What do you know about Bisexuals of Colour?' - 'Violence & Bi's of Colour' - 'White domination of LGBT+ spaces & Bi's of Colour'	

- 'Isolation & Bi's of Colour'
  - 'Fear in the Lives of Bisexuals of Colour'
- OPEN**