




Bisexual History



Year	Event
1892	The word 'bisexual' first appears in American neurologist Charles Gilbert Chaddock's book, a translation of Kraft-Ebing's <i>Psychopathia Sexualis</i> .
1914	The first documented appearance of bisexual characters in an American motion picture occurred in <i>A Florida Enchantment</i> , by Sidney Drew
1923	Openly bisexual poet Edna St. Vincent Millay receives the <i>Pulitzer Prize for Poetry</i> for <i>The Ballad of the Harp-Weaver</i> .
1934	The 'Hays Code' banned use of the word 'bisexual' in films. This meant there were no bisexual characters in movies for 34 years the code was in place.
1948	Alfred Kinsey publishes his research on " <i>Sexual Behaviour in the Human Male</i> ". This details a variety of levels of same-sex attraction.
1981	First bisexual group starts in London and runs for 20 years.
1984	First UK bisexual conference is held called "The Politics of Bisexuality." This becomes an annual event, BiCon. (www.bicon.org.uk)
1998	The Bisexual Flag is designed and unveiled. 
1999	The first 'Celebrate Bisexuality Day' was created. Today, this is more commonly known as Bi Visibility Day and occurs on the 23 rd September.
2003	Patrick Harvey becomes the first bisexual MSP in Holyrood. He later becomes the first bisexual person to lead a political party in the UK.
2006	Simon Hughes becomes the first MP to confirm he is bisexual after threats by a newspaper to 'out' him.
2013	Daniel Kawczynski is the first MP to voluntarily come out as bisexual.
2013	The UK government officially recognises Bi Visibility Day for the first time.
2015	The Equality Network publishes ' <i>Complicated?</i> ' funded by the Scottish Government, which looks at bisexual people's access to services.