

Notable LGBTI+ Personalities

Whenever possible, include examples of diverse families, including same-sex couples and LGBTI+ personalities when giving examples in class. We have created a list of notable LGBTI+ historians, scientist, politicians and entrepreneurs to get you started.

Andrew Scott	1976-	Ireland	Gay	Actor
Angela Davis	1977-	America	Lesbian	Feminist and writer
Ann Bancroft	1955-	American	Lesbian	First woman to reach the North Pole
Billie Joe Armstrong	1972-	American	Bisexual	Rock musician of the band Green Day
David Norris	1944-	Irish	Gay	Politician and activist
Donal Óg Cusack	1977-	Irish	Gay	Hurler
Elizabeth O'Farrell	1883- 1857	Irish	Lesbian	Nurse and revolutionary, delivered the surrender order in the Easter Rising
Fiona Shaw	1958-	Irish	Lesbian	Actor
Francis Bacon	1909- 1992	British	Gay	Artist

Frida Kahlo	1907- 1954	Mexico	Bisexual	Artist
George Takei	1937-	American	Gay	Actor and activist
Gilbert Baker	1951- 2017	American	Gay	Artist and activist, designed the rainbow flag
Harvey Milk	1930- 1978	American	Gay	First openly gay politician elected in the US
Hilton Edwards & Micheál Mac Liammóir	1903- 1982, 1899- 1978	Irish	Gay	Partners and co- founders of The Gate Theatre
Ian McKellen	1939-	British	Gay	Actor and activist
Jane Addams	1860- 1935	American	Lesbian	Social reformer and winner of the Noble Prize
Jerry Buttimer	1967-	Irish	Gay	Politician
Joan Armatrading	1950-	British	Lesbian	Musician
Joan Baez	1941-	American	Lesbian	Musician and activist
Judith Butler	1956-	American	Lesbian	Philosopher and sociologist
Julia Grenan	1884- 1972	Irish	Lesbian	Irish nationalist, took part in the Easter Rising
Katherine Zappone	1953-	Irish	Lesbian	Politician

Lana Wachowski & Lilly Wachowski	1965-1967-	American	Trans	Sibling filmmakers, wrote and directed The Matrix
Leo Varadkar	1979-	Irish	Gay	Politician, Ireland's first openly gay Taoiseach
Mary Dorcey	1950-	Irish	Lesbian	Author, poet and activist
Megan Rapinoe	1985-	American	Lesbian	World Cup-winning soccer player
Oscar Wilde	1854-1900	Irish	Gay	Poet and playwright
Oliver Sacks	1933-2015	English	Gay	Neuroscientist
Philip Treacy	1967-	Irish	Gay	Haute couture milliner
Sally Ride	1951-2012	American	Lesbian	Astronaut, first American woman in space
Simone de Beauvoir	1908-1986	French	Lesbian	Author and philosopher