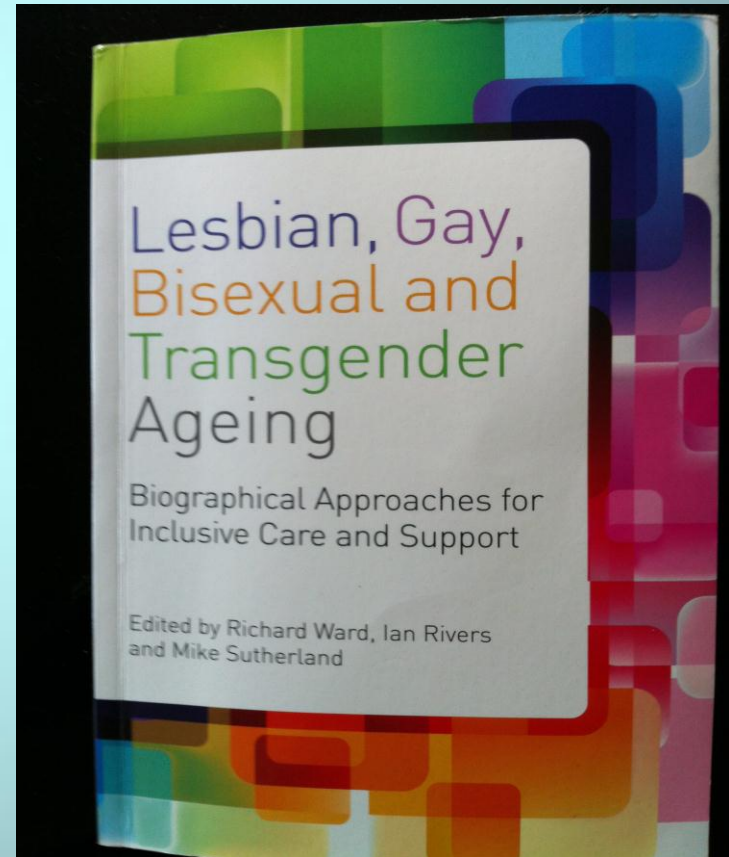


Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Ageing



‘Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Ageing:
Biographical Approaches for Inclusive Care and
Support’

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Derived from a series of seminars, funded
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of Sexual/Gender Dissidents.’

1st of its kind in UK context

Research into LGBT ageing in its infancy

Biographical Practice

- To ‘hear and feel how LGBT people view their old age, live their old age and engage with (or not) health and social care services.’
- Looking beyond ‘need,’ away from fixed categories of identities and the ‘add-in-and-stir’ approach to service provision for some minority groups.
- Life story method – a coming into being when offering narratives of our lives – not the facts but the meaning.

Part I : Growing Older: Diverse Pathways into Later Life

- Considers various biographical approaches used with strands of LGBT communities
- Describes inter and intra group differences
- Accentuates distinctiveness
- As a whole Part 1 shows difficulty then attached to organising health and social care according to categories and assumptions

Part 1

- The metaphor of a roadmap to think about what guides us as we age
- Care anticipated – older lesbians and gay men consider their future needs
- Synthesis of existing research on trans ageing – no blueprint or roadmap by which to age
- Why do we not *see* lesbians?

Part II: Implications for Health and Social Care Practice

- Research of Older LGBT people as users of health and social care services
- Chapters here show how narratives provided by older LGBT people can be made central to our ability to understand, provide for and respond to their needs, concerns and wishes

Part II

- 'I'm older than I ever thought I'd be.' Ageing representing 'new territory' for people with HIV
- Understanding the caring relationships of older lesbian, gay and bisexual people – the carers
- End-of-life care for LGBT people in UK and US – current practice lacking and evidence base

Part III: Community Engagement and Support

- Describe some of the largest and longest-running project work with older LGBT in UK
- Hearing from those who have directly worked with and for older LGBT people

Part III

- ‘Polari’ – research and campaigning organisation in UK – its lifestory
- ‘Opening Doors and Opening Minds’ – AgeUK, successful engagement, checklist for practice
- ‘Ageing in Brighton’ – ‘Count Me In Too’ – no statistically significant differences between LGBT people on basis of age
- ‘Meeting the Needs of LGBT People Affected by Dementia’ – (Case study)