

Paul Harfleet

*Artist Talks, Workshops
& Community Engagement*

Artist · Speaker · Author



About

Paul Harfleet is an award-winning artist, author and speaker whose work centres LGBTQ+ visibility, remembrance and belonging. For over twenty years, Paul has shared his work through talks, workshops, readings and keynote presentations across the UK, Europe and North America.

His speaking draws on internationally recognised projects including The Pansy Project, Birds Can Fly, and his book, *Pansy Boy*, combining lived experience, visual storytelling and gentle activism.

Paul's approach is warm, thoughtful and accessible, creating space for reflection, conversation and connection. Paul regularly works with LGBTQ+ organisations, Pride events, libraries, schools, museums and workplaces, adapting each session to the needs of the audience.

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Speaking Themes

- LGBTQ+ visibility & remembrance
- Art as activism
- Queer history and storytelling
- Responding to homophobia and transphobia
- Joy, grief and radical empathy in LGBTQ+ lives

Selected Speaking Engagements

- Key Note Speaker, Cornwall Pride, Falmouth University, UK
- Artist Talk, Planting Tour, FACT, Remember Nature, Day of Action, Liverpool, UK
- Appearance on Winterwatch, BBC2, UK
- Visiting Artist Talk, Leeds School of Art, UK
- Artist Talk, Nuart Festival, Stavanger, Norway
- Artist Workshop, National Gallery of Scotland, UK
- Author Talk, Workshop, St Helens Libraries & Kirklees Libraries, UK
- Speaker, British Library, 'Boring Talk', London, UK
- Speaker, V&A Museum, Friday Late, London, UK
- Artist Talk, The Pansy Project – LUSH Summit, London, UK
- LGBT History Month Talks, Vestry House Museum, London, UK
- Artist Talk, Marks & Spencer HQ — Inspiring Speakers Series
- Guest Contributor, The Verb, BBC Radio 3
- Featured Speaker, Polari Literary Salon, Southbank Centre, London, UK
- RHS Hampton Court Palace Flower Show, UK
- Les Pensées de Paul, HOME Manchester, UK
- Les Pensées de Paul, Geneva International Queer Film Festival;
- Les Pensées de Paul, Stockholm Film Festival
- People's History Museum, Manchester, UK
- Busboys & Poets, Washington D.C. USA

