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## ACTIVITY PACK

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# THE PROJECT



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If you have any questions or need more information,  
and to submit work to the zine  
contact Rachel: [Rachel@prideactionnorth.org.uk](mailto:Rachel@prideactionnorth.org.uk)



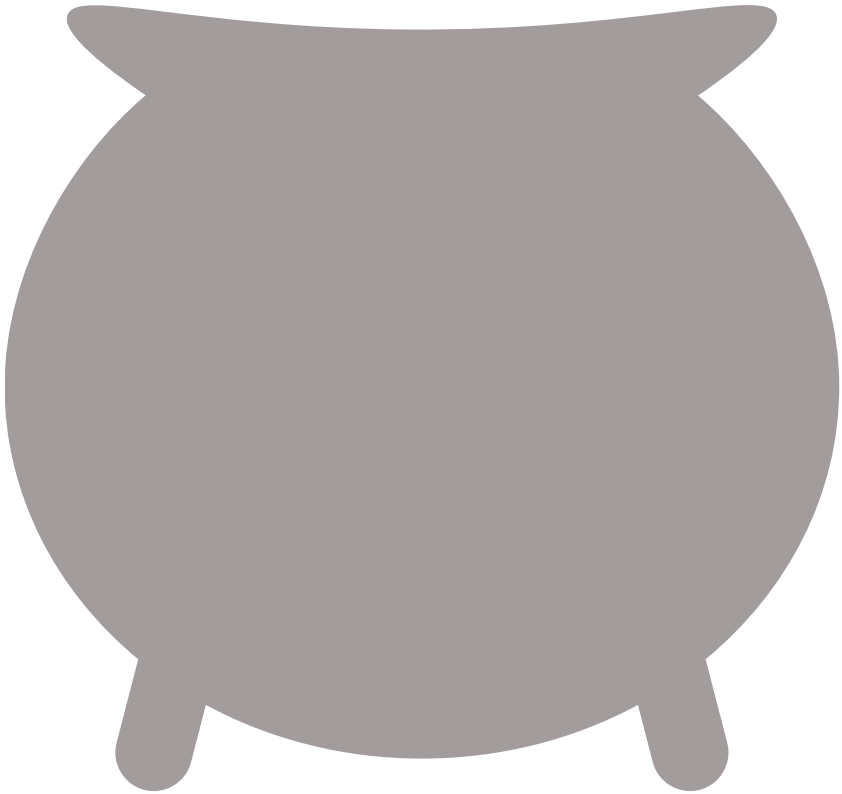
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# YOUR CAULDRON

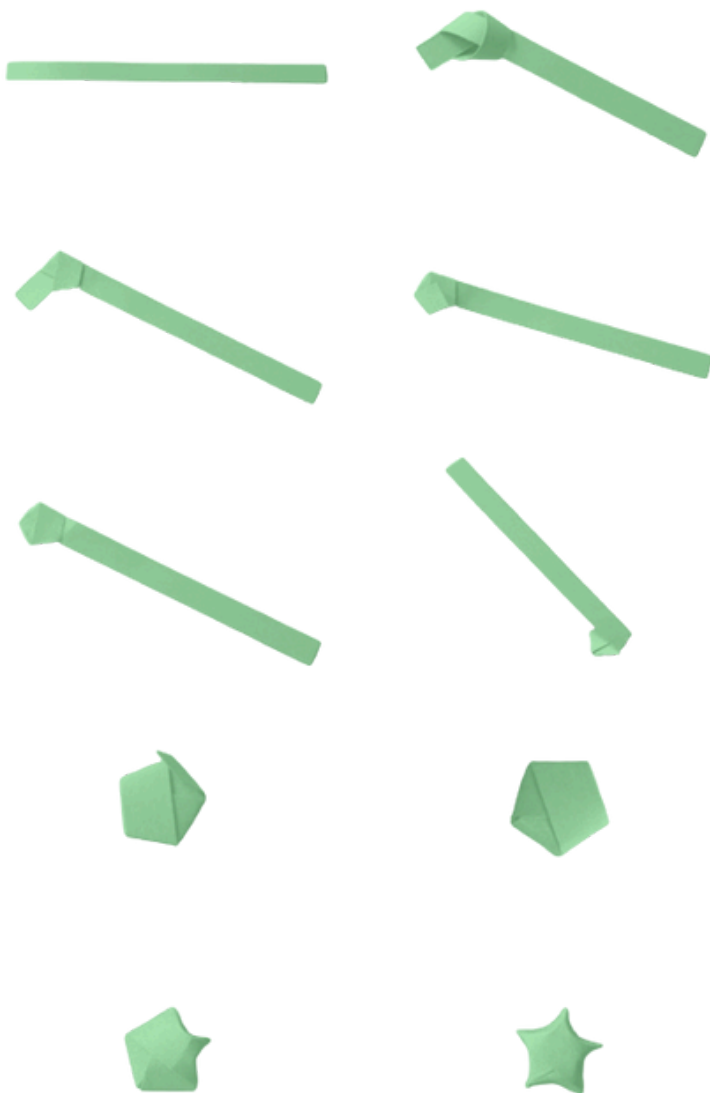
If someone were to summon you in a cauldron , what things would they include in the spell?

For example, this might be:

My headphones, a bag of wotsits and a bunch of daffodils



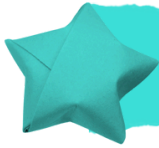
# HOW TO MAKE PAPER STARS



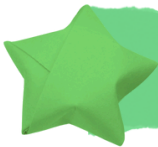
# PAPER STAR MESSAGES

Add short messages to the paper stars that answer:

- What is something you wish you'd been told when you realised you were LGBTQIA+?
- What would you like to tell the world about being LGBTQIA+?
- What do you think everyone should hear more?



**You are wonderful just as you are**

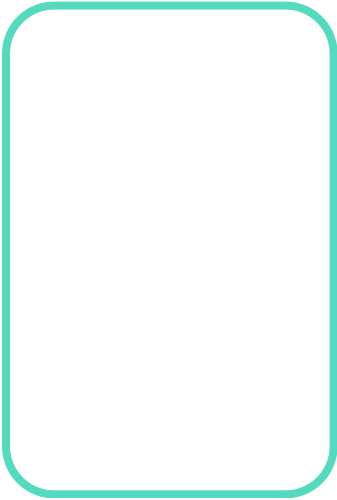


# ICONS

Create a profile for someone you consider to be a LGBTQIA+ 'icon' or inspiration to you.

Use the profile box below to draw them and answer the following questions:

- What did they/ do they do that makes them an icon?
- Are they an activist? artist? musician? etc
- Are they a historical figure or living now?
- What made/makes them stand out in the time they lived/are living?
- What do you think everyone can learn from them?



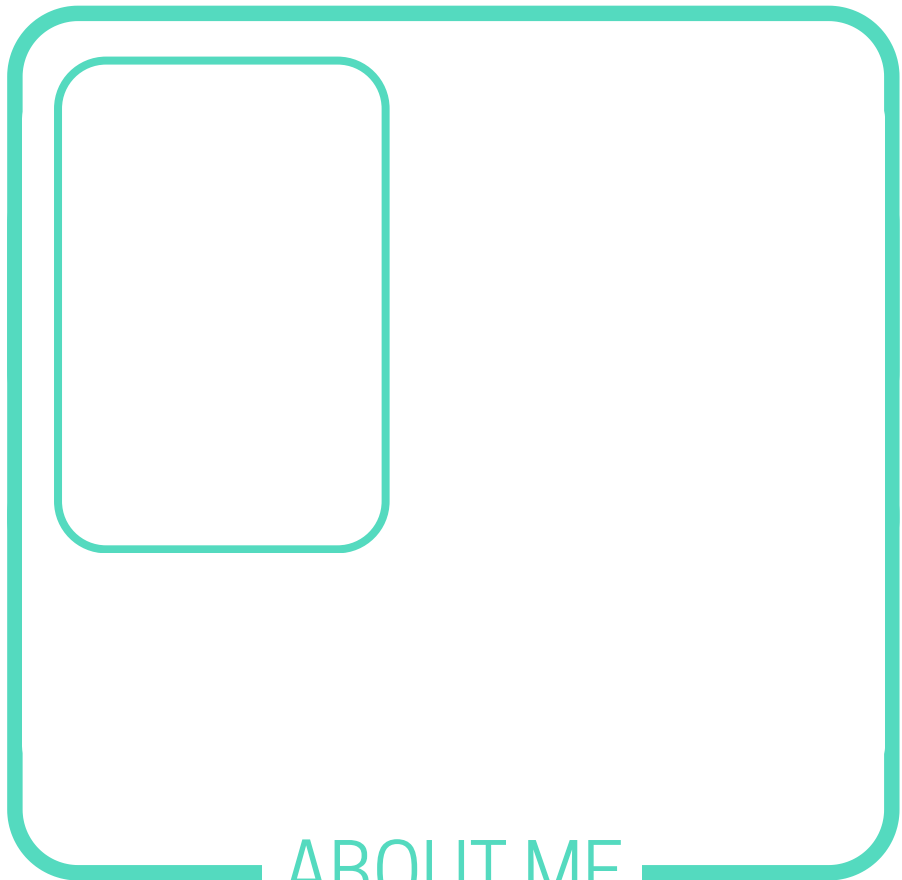
MY LGBTQIA+ ICON

# ABOUT ME

Create a profile for yourself.

Use the profile box below to draw them and answer the following questions:

- What makes you amazing?
- What's individual and unique about you?
- What do you love?
- What's important to you?
- What do you want everyone to know about you?

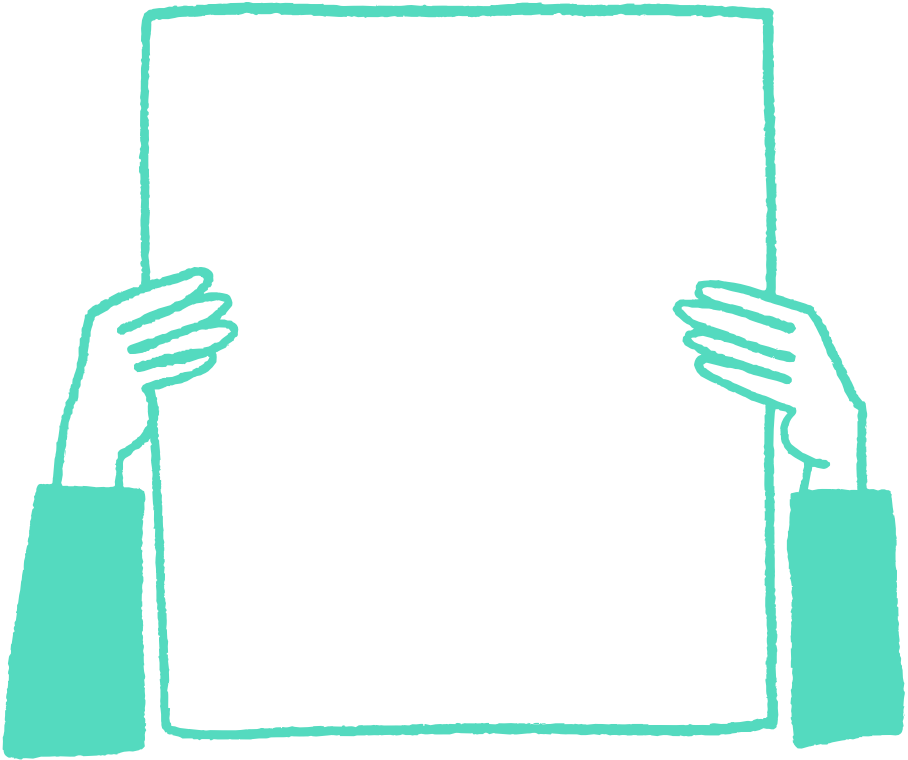


ABOUT ME

# PROTEST SIGN

Create a protest sign

This could be a slogan or an image.





# ACROSTIC POEMS

Create an acrostic poem for the below words.

Be inventive! Write things that people might not expect!

H  
A  
P  
P  
Y

L  
G  
B  
T  
Q

Now create your own, - this could be of your name or something else!



# HAIKUS 俳句

A haiku is a type of Japanese poem that uses the same number of syllables in a three-line format:

- the first line is five syllables
- the second line is seven syllables
- the third line is five syllables

Unlike other poems, haikus usually don't rhyme.

Here's an example:

Queer joy is very  
colourful and so diverse  
transness is freedom

Now have a go writing your own

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# MIC-DROP MOMENT

What would say those in power?

What do they need to know about you and other Queer people?

Add them to the megaphone below.



# WRITING EXAMPLES

## LINE START POEM

Here's an example, starting with 'I am Proud'

I am proud of my patience and generosity.  
I'm proud of being open about who I am.  
I am proud of my rainbow family.  
I am proud to make a positive change.  
I am proud of you.

## ACROSTIC POEMS

Here's an example of an acrostic poem based on 'love', specifically the love experienced in the LGBTQIA+ community:

Laughter and commonality makes a community,  
Open-armed, welcoming and  
Voraciously encouraging of the things that make us 'us' -  
Every one of us individual but, at the same time, one.

# CAN WE USE YOUR IDEAS?

Are you happy for us to use your work in the zine?

yes  no

What name would you like to be referred to as in the zine?

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What pronouns do you use?

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How would you describe your gender?

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To submit work to the zine

fill in this form and attach good-quality images or scans of your work (If it is writing work, you can send it typed also)

Send to Rachel: **[Rachel@prideactionnorth.org.uk](mailto:Rachel@prideactionnorth.org.uk)**