

Social and Cultural Attitudes towards LGBTQ+ in Britain from the 1950s

Worksheet 1: LGBTQ+ Representation in Sport (1950s–1980s)

Section 1: Recording Key Information

1. What laws in the 1950s affected LGBTQ+ athletes in the UK, and how did they influence sport?
2. How did sport reinforce traditional gender roles in the 1950s and 1960s?
3. What challenges did LGBTQ+ athletes face in mainstream professional sports during this period?
4. Who was Justin Fashanu, and why is he important in LGBTQ+ sports history?
5. How did the HIV/AIDS crisis in the 1980s affect attitudes towards LGBTQ+ athletes?

Section 2: Demonstrating Understanding

6. Why do you think LGBTQ+ athletes were afraid to be open about their identities in the 1950s–1980s?

7. How do you think LGBTQ+ sports clubs helped athletes who couldn't be openly themselves in mainstream competitions?

8. Do you think sport today is more inclusive of LGBTQ+ athletes? Why or why not?