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## Short CV- Shaan Knan

### Professional Experience (summary)

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- **Trans Organisation Network Worker, LGBT Consortium, UK** (current position since June 2017)
- **Diversity Consultant & Campaigner**, (focus: LGBTQI, intersectionality) including Barclays, PWC, Clifford Chance; Met & City Police; HEAR Network. Training delivery also in collaboration with GIRES (Norwood; Transport for London, 2017 and Samaritans, 2018).
- **Founder & LGBTQI Heritage Project Manager** (all projects supported by The Lottery Heritage Fund and hosted by the charity Liberal Judaism):
  - **Rainbow Pilgrims**: The Rites and Passages of LGBTQI Migrants in the UK (most recent) [www.rainbowpilgrims.com](http://www.rainbowpilgrims.com) (funded Nov 2016 – October 2018)
  - **Twilight People**: Stories of Faith & Gender Beyond the Binary Britain's landmark trans\* & faith oral history and archive project (Dec 2014 – September 2016). [www.twilightpeople.com](http://www.twilightpeople.com)
  - **Rainbow Jews** Britain's landmark Jewish LGBT heritage project, UK (2012 - 2014). After successful crowdfunding in autumn 2014, the project is still active [www.rainbowjews.com](http://www.rainbowjews.com)
- **Academic Research Assistant**, including Middlesex University (since 2016).
- **Community Investigator, Ritual Reconstructed**, AHRC-funded ethnographic documentary and research project, lead by BUCKS University (2014 – 2015) [www.ritualreconstructed.com](http://www.ritualreconstructed.com) .
- **Coordinator, Through a Queer Lens: Portraits of LGBTQ Jews**, Arts Council England funded exhibition project in collaboration with Jewish Museum London and Ajamu, (launched Feb 2016).
- **Writer, Editor, Blogger** including Jewish News (freelance since 2010)
- **International Presenter and Educator** including University of Victoria (2018); Miami Outgames 2017; Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley 2016; University of Tucson, Arizona 2016; University of Lisbon, 2016; Eighteen:22 Schustermann Foundation, Salzburg 08/2015; ILGA World 2014 & 2016.
- **Awards & Memberships**
- Selected for the **Transformers Innovator Programme, Museums Association**, 2019,(ongoing)
- **Trustee of GIRES (Gender Identity Research & Education Society)**, since September 2017 <http://www.gires.org.uk/>
- **Stonewall Alumni** since 2016
- Appointed on **Stonewall Trans Advisory Group (STAG)** <http://bit.ly/1TC7JkH>
- Member, Global Interfaith Network (GIN), since 2014: <http://www.gin-ssogie.org/>

### Training & Education

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Oral History Certificate, Oral History Society UK (2011-13); (2011); ESOL-Certificate (Teaching English to Speakers of a Foreign Language), Trinity/Landside College, UK, Oct–Dec (2005); Master of Arts (M.A.) Communication Studies, Psychology, Theatre Studies, LM-University Munich, Germany, and Malta

University, Malta. (1991– 1998); Certificate of Management Competence, Institute of Management (MIM), Malta (2000).