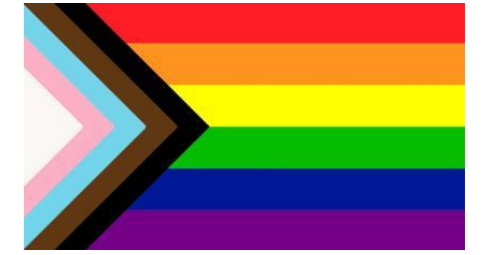


Bringing the Museum Home: Celebrating Pride



This month, Durham celebrates Pride. Celebrating Pride can help bring together people who feel different and can help show support for the LGBTQIA community.

In Ancient China, there's a story about a rather unusual silk robe. Over 2000 years ago, Emperor Ai of the Han Dynasty and a man called Dong Xian were having a nap. The Emperor woke up and tried to stand up, but Dong Xian had fallen asleep on the sleeve of the Emperor's robe! The Emperor loved Dong Xian so much he didn't want to wake him up. So, he cut off his sleeve! Dong Xian stayed asleep.

When the Emperor appeared at court with a one-sleeved robe, some people started to copy him. They started to wear one-sleeved robes too!

You can decorate a Chinese robe. Here's how:

1. Print the Chinese robe template, or try drawing your own.
2. Using coloured pens, or coloured paper, or whatever materials you have to hand, decorate the robe. Make it bright and colourful and fit for an Emperor or Empress.

