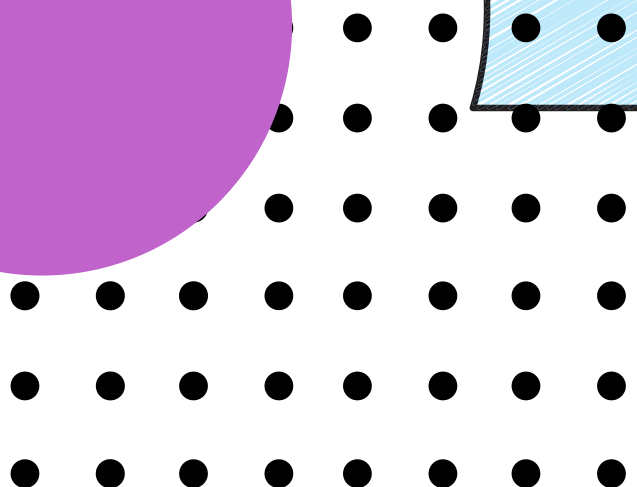
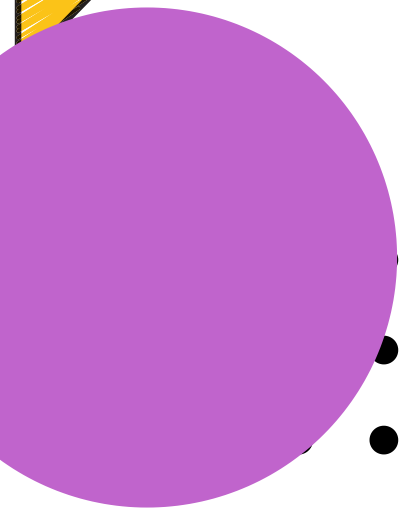
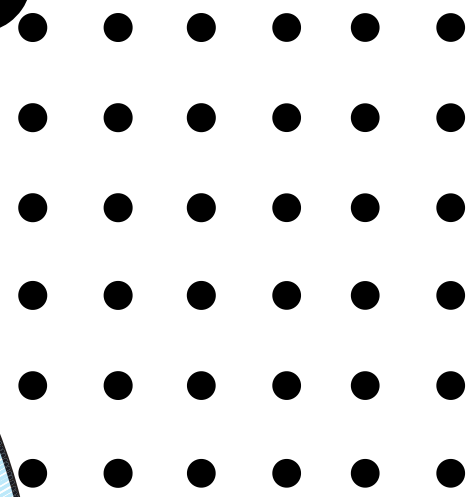
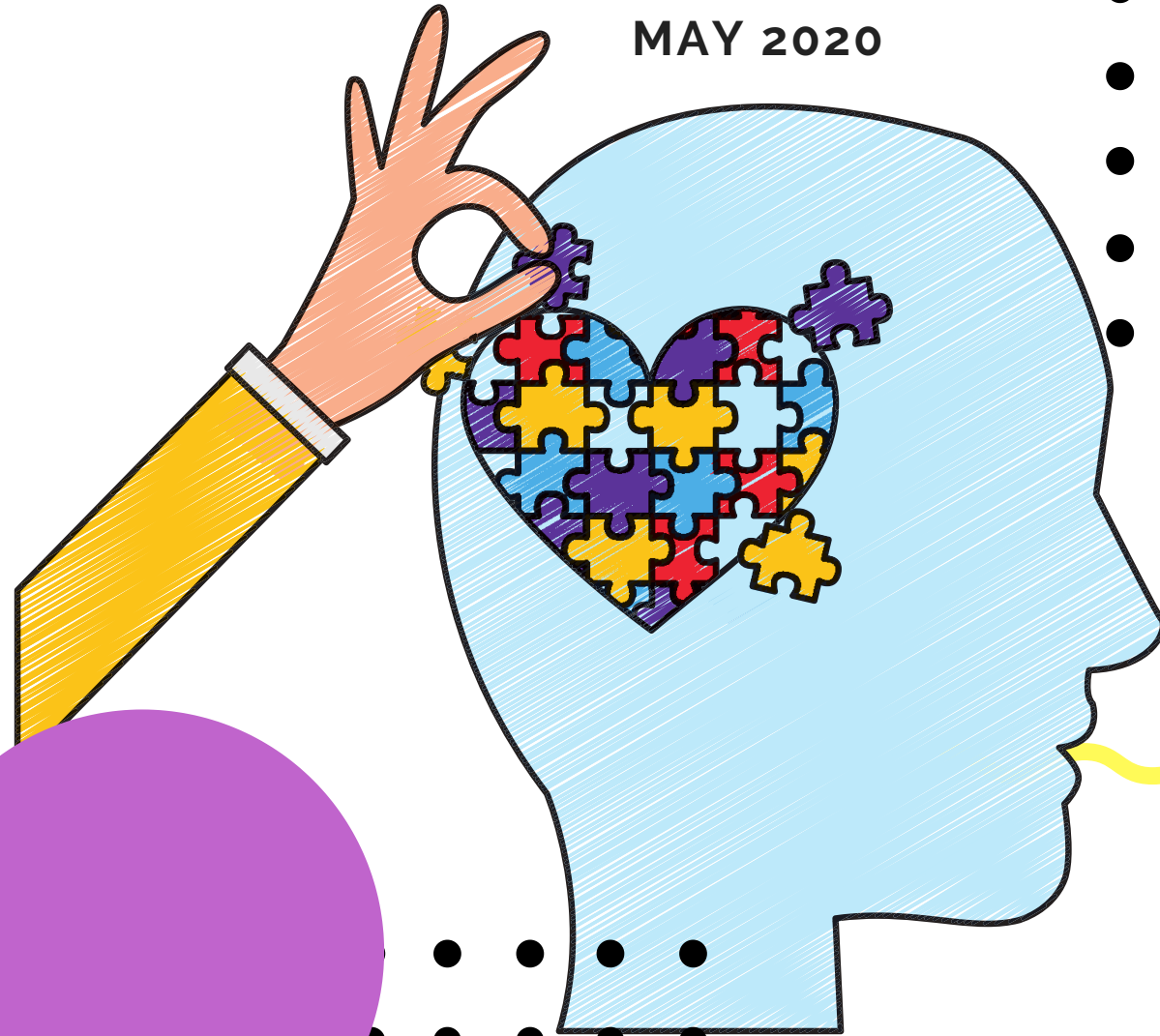
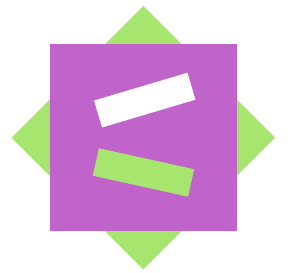


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Welcome to the very first edition of Dual Frequency. This is a project that has been simmering for a while, and in light of the current global pandemic has had a moment or two to come to fruition.

Let's clarify a few things, first and foremost Dual Frequency is a place for everybody. We want to celebrate the people who are already making a difference for equality, diversity and inclusion, and we want to amplify those conversations so they are heard by as many people as possible. Let's be honest, positive representation of minority groups isn't happening anywhere near as much as it should be. You don't have to look far to see the lack of representation in mainstream media. Our aim is to bring with each issue a number of stories from a diverse range of people who are making waves in the real world.

The Dual Frequency magazine will be released online quarterly and feature a range of information and stories from: BAME groups, the LGBT+ community, issues around gender equity, those with disabilities, and different religion and spirituality groups. This is absolutely not an exhaustive list and there will also be a focus on intersectionality and the importance of acknowledging that identity is multilayered and therefore shaped by countless factors.

Finally, we want to be very clear about one thing. Although as editors we are part of minority groups, we do not represent or claim to represent all of those featured in Dual Frequency. We do however, consider ourselves allies and hope that you will too, irrespective of your background, or your identity. Enjoy!

ARE YOU WEIRD ENOUGH?

HOW TONY WEAVER, JR. IS CHANGING THE WORLD

If you're anything like me, you are constantly scanning your screens, magazines, and social media looking for somebody like you. It's no secret that minorities have long been under represented in pretty much every aspect of the media; or worse, cast as the villains and troublemakers of society. Cue the weird and wonderful world of The UnCommons: a comic that deviates from the type of 'hero' we are so used to seeing; the faces we already see everywhere; the faces that, put quite simply, do not represent our own.

Tony Weaver, Jr. is the founder and CEO of Weird Enough Productions, a platform used to create and celebrate diverse stories specifically with the aim of empowering young people to feel seen. As a young black man who has struggled with self worth, it was while volunteering at a local school that he became acutely aware of the negative impact the lack of representation in the media was having on minority students. It was for this reason he created The UnCommons,

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Weird Enough's flagship comic series where difference - far from being a hindrance or something to be looked down upon - is in fact a superpower. The comic features main character Iris, a West African teen with 'Second Sight' who has the ability to see energies, details, and outcomes in a way that others can't. Upon seeing a vision that threatens the very existence of the world, Iris embarks on the challenging journey of fighting fate. Along the way, she uncovers her allies: five unlikely outsiders who must save each other in order to save the world.

In promoting positive representation, Tony Weaver, Jr. hasn't only brought The UnCommons into the world; he has also made great strides towards positive representation through his educational tech tool Get Media L.I.T.

The idea behind this is combining comics with learning to improve social and emotional skills, literacy and endorsing digital citizenship, something that was inspired by 'using the power of media to awaken the power in others'. This comment, made by Weaver during his 2018 TED talk, struck us right in the heart at Dual Frequency. It can be easy to forget that the Internet doesn't just exist solely as a platform for instant success, or for us to offer comments and opinions about the people who, let's admit it, we don't have to face in our day-to-day lives. The Internet could, and should, be a world where people can simply co-exist, display tolerance and learn about difference. It is after all the thing we're most afraid of: those who are different from us. But, if the guys at Weird Enough have taught us anything, it's to look inside yourself and see if you can find the hero you've been looking for - the future starts with you.

CREATE
YOUR
SUPERHERO

TAKE A PIC OF THIS PAGE, ADD IT TO INSTA AND LET US KNOW
WHAT KIND OF SUPERHERO YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE
REPRESENTED.



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POSITIVE STEPS TO INCLUSION DURING COVID - 19

➔ Signing with Tyrese

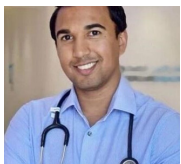


Helping to combat the isolation of those with disabilities during the coronavirus pandemic; Tyrese has released a series of videos of him teaching British Sign

Language. Tyrese has done this so deaf people are not excluded and because lots of people are looking for new things to try whilst stuck at home during the lockdown. Sign up to the classes using the link below:

www.sense.org.uk/sense-sign-school

➔ Covid film in 8 languages



Many people still make the assumption that people in minority groups all speak English. This is not always the case and doesn't mean they shouldn't have the

same access to vital information about the spread of the coronavirus. Check out this film which imparts guidance about staying safe at this worrying time in eight different languages.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-bristol-52441550>

➔ LGBT youth network



The Proud Trust presents the UK LGBT+ Youth Work Network.. Whilst the world adjusts to a new way of life, it is essential that we are able to find new

ways to connect with each other. This network is offering support and connections to LGBT+ young people nationwide, including digital prides, 1:1 sessions, and digital youth groups. Head to their site to find a comprehensive list of organisations supporting LGBT+ young people.

<https://www.theproudtrust.org/for-young-people/advice-and-support/were-here-for-you/>



HAVE YOU HEARD?

It's so easy to be deflated by the news lately, these are testing times and there is plenty to be concerned about. But, difficult times can bring people together. These are just a few examples of the inclusivity shining through during the covid-19 lockdown.



CHRIS BUCK/O, THE OPRAH MAGAZINE

Imagine a world where.....

Race expectations are reversed in this thought provoking photoshoot by photographer Chris Buck as part of a photo essay featured in O, The Oprah Magazine. We discovered these powerful images through the important work of U.S based P2P - From Privilege to Progress, in their own words described as 'a national movement to desegregate the public conversation about race'.

Take some time to really look at these photographs, think about them, maybe even come back to them. Consider your feelings in response to them. It feels impossible not to recognise these images differ from the societal expectations we have, regardless of ethnicity. Maybe then, we can take this moment to challenge and rethink our expectations. We still live in a world where discussions about race can be tense and uncomfortable, but that will only be the case for as long as we allow it to be. Let's take some inspiration from the ladies over at P2P and #showup and join the conversation.

www.fromprivilegetoprogress.org

TOP TIPS BEING AN ALLY



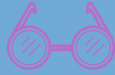
KNOW ABOUT HISTORY

LEARN ABOUT
UNCONSCIOUS BIAS



LISTEN

KEEP YOUR EYES OPEN



STAND UP FOR OTHERS

READ ABOUT HUMAN
RIGHTS



PEOPLE TO FOLLOW ON INSTAGRAM



@LWEIGH
I Weigh is about radical inclusivity, so that no one feels alone. Their job is to amplify, advocate, and pass the mic.



@PRIVTOPROG

Desegregating the race convo since '18 when their #starbucks video woke people up.



@EACHOTHERUK

EachOther bring together journalists, professional storytellers and creatives to increase public knowledge of and support for human rights.

TEACHERS CORNER RESOURCE FOCUS

With every magazine there are additional resources specifically for educators to bring these conversations into classrooms.

Head on over to dualfrequency.co.uk and click resources.



“ 20 words or less ”

Q&A: LGBT YOUTH IN CARE

Charlotte from LGBT youth in care gives us the lowdown on what lgbt+ youth in care is all about.

IN A NUTSHELL

An inclusive space to support LGBT+ young people in care and educate their carers about what makes the best care for them.

WHY IS IT NEEDED

LGBT+ young people in care are a minority within a minority. Supporting intersections in society is key to ensuring inclusion of all.

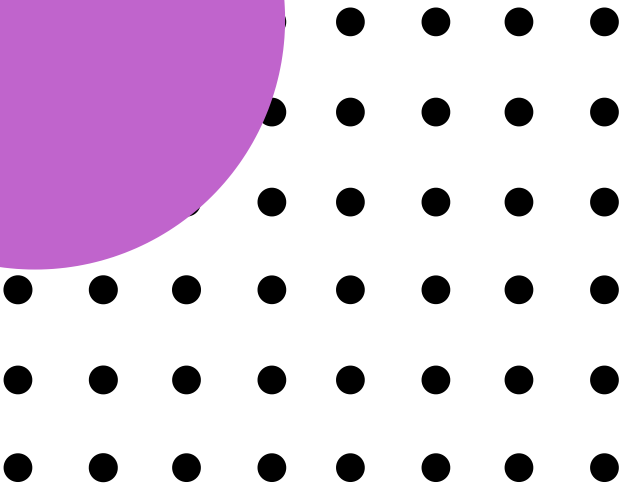
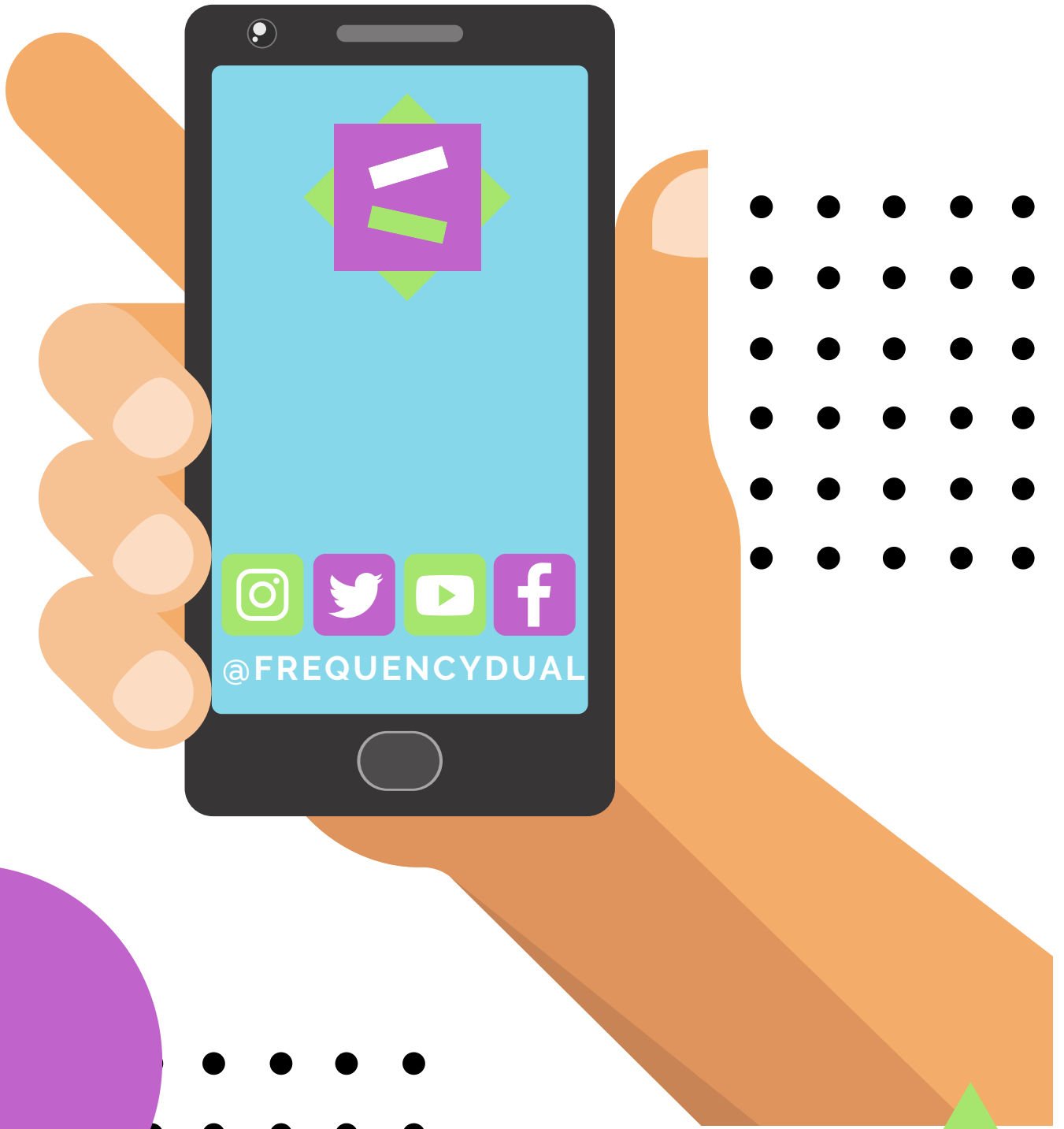
WHAT ARE YOU SHOUTING ABOUT

Our trans youth in care toolkit, which is available for free on our site lgbtyouthincare.com

HOPES FOR THE FUTURE

To keep advocating and sharing the voices of LGBT+ youth in care until all LGBT+ young people in care are accepted fully, and without question.





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