

**The Etherton Review: Securing Compensation for LGBT Veterans**

Fighting With Pride (FWP) hosted by Royal United Services Institute is holding a Panel Event on 11th April at RUSI in London 1300-1400 BST.

Attendance is Free but by invitation only. Please contact FWP at

to register or for further details.

**Overview**

This January marked 24 years since the UK government lifted its ban on LGBT personnel serving in the Armed Forces. Many of those who served prior to 2000 experienced criminalisation, loss of earnings and pensions, and abuse because of their sexuality.

The [**LGBT Veterans Independent Review**](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/64b14c0d07d4b800133472e9/LGBT_Veterans_Independent_Review.pdf), completed by Lord Etherton in July 2023, recommended to the government that a scheme be set up to compensate military personnel who were affected. This review shone a light on the unjust and shameful legacy regarding LGBT personnel in the Armed Forces.

Drawing on lessons learned from the success of [**Canada’s LGBT Purge Final Settlement Agreement**](https://lgbtpurgefund.com/about/), the panellists will consider how the UK government might deliver swift and fair compensation to veterans who were subject to this discriminatory policy.

Panellists:

* [**Catherine Dixon**](https://www.stonewall.org.uk/people/catherine-dixon), Chair, Stonewall
* [**Michelle Douglas**](https://lgbtpurgefund.com/about/#the-board), Executive Director, LGBT Purge Fund, Canada
* [**Craig Jones MBE**](https://www.fightingwithpride.org.uk/who-we-are/trustees/craig-jones/), Chair, Fighting With Pride

The event will be chaired by [**Ed Hall**](https://www.edmundhall.com/author-and-political-activist), author, entrepreneur and political activist.

**Joining Instructions**

This event will take place at**RUSI, 61 Whitehall, London, SW1A 2ET.** If you have any questions regarding venue access, please email **rusievents@rusi.org**.

The event will be ‘on the record’, and a recording will be made available after the event has taken place.