

Ayla Holdom

"Ayla Holdom has served in the Royal Air Force for 12 years and is an extremely proud member of the RAF Search and Rescue team, where she has been operational for 7 years, responding to over 400 SAR 'shouts' in that time. Initially based on Anglesey, North Wales, she has since moved to Chivenor, North Devon and has received formal commendation for her role in SAR. She came out as transgender in 2010 and now works with policy staff and the RAF LGBT support network on trans issues, helping continue the RAF's 15 years' experience in actively supporting its LGBT personnel to reach their full potential.

Ayla was honoured to be represented on the 2014 Independent on Sunday Rainbow List and the inaugural Attitude Pride Awards 2015. She works with a number of organisations in the UK and US, including All About Trans, Mermaids and The Palm Centre, to promote the positive aspects of being transgender, as an enabler for both individuals and organisations."

Wren Holdom

"Wren Holdom is an ITU Anaesthetist with experience in Emergency Medicine having worked in North Wales and South West England. She graduated from Peninsular Medical School in 2008, her second completed degree after initially studying Marine Biology. Wren is also an artist in a number of techniques, including painting, mixed media, silverwork and sculpture and constantly works to expand her skill sets to produce a wide variety of pieces. Wren and Ayla have been together for 15 years and married for 7 - Both having careers in fields requiring 24/7 cover and shift-work, they have even managed to see each other for some of this time!"