

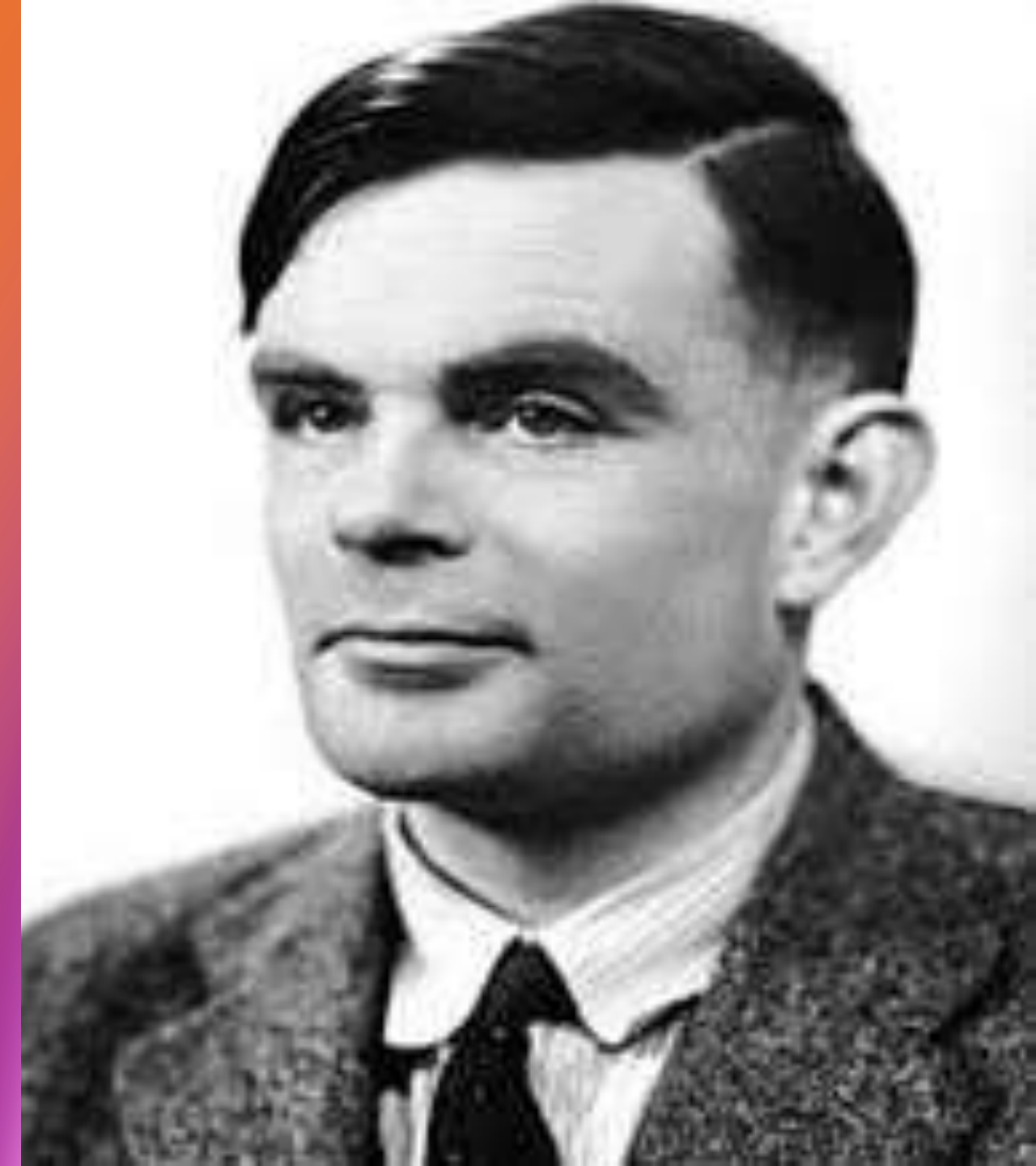


LGBTQ+ People Who Changed the World

- **Why Talk About This?**
- Many people have faced exclusion or hate because of who they love or who they are.
- Yet LGBTQ+ people have shaped science, art, politics, and sports.
- Their stories show that courage, talent, and kindness are human — not defined by orientation.
- Understanding diversity builds empathy and social justice.



- **Sappho of Lesbos (c. 630–570 BCE)**
- Poet of ancient Greece
- One of the earliest and most influential lyric poets.
- Wrote about love, friendship, and emotion, often addressing women.
- From her island, Lesbos, comes the term *lesbian*, her name symbolizes female creativity and emotion.
- “Someone will remember us, I say, even in another time.” – Sappho



Alan Turing (1912–1954)

Mathematician, cryptanalyst, and father of computer science

- Broke the Nazi *Enigma* code during World War II, saving millions of lives.
 - In 1952, convicted for “gross indecency” because he was gay. Chose chemical castration instead of prison.
 - Died in 1954 from cyanide poisoning; officially ruled suicide, though some historians consider it may have been accidental.
 - Myths linking Apple’s bitten logo to him are false — Apple Inc. denies any connection.
- “We can only see a short distance ahead, but we can see plenty there that needs to be done.” – Alan Turing

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Sally Ride (1951-2012)

Physicist and astronaut

- First American woman in space (1983).
- Her obituary in 2012 confirmed her same-sex partnership of 27 years with Tam O'Shaughnessy.
- Advocated for girls in STEM education through *Sally Ride Science*.
- "You can't be what you can't see." – Sally Ride



- **Freddie Mercury (1946–1991):**

- Lead singer of *Queen*, openly bisexual, broke stereotypes in music and performance.

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- **Challenging Stereotypes**

- Common stereotypes:

- “LGBTQ+ people are unnatural.”

- “They can’t fit into society.”

- “They are defined only by sexuality.”

- Reality:

- They are scientists, artists, leaders, athletes, and everyday people.

- Their achievements belong to humanity as a whole.

- Pride means visibility and dignity after centuries of silence.

- **Conclusion**

- **Message:**

Sexual orientation or gender identity never limits human worth or potential.

Respect, empathy, and truth defeat prejudice.

- “We are all different, and that’s beautiful.” – Jazz Jennings

- Encourage: Respect – Diversity – Understanding.



From Prejudice to Progress

*Women Who
Changed the
World –
Breaking
Gender
Stereotypes*



Why Talk About This?

- For centuries, women faced barriers in education, science, sports, and leadership.
- Many stereotypes still exist: “Women belong in the kitchen,” “They are not good at math,” “They can’t lead.”
- History and modern examples prove the opposite.
- Understanding their stories helps us see talent beyond gender.



Hypatia of Alexandria (c. 350–415 CE)

Mathematician, philosopher, and astronomer

- One of the first known female mathematicians in history.
- Taught mathematics and philosophy in ancient Alexandria.
- Symbol of intellectual courage and freedom of thought.
- Her legacy reminds us that science knows no gender.
- **Quote:**
- “Reserve your right to think, for even to think wrongly is better than not to think at all.” – Hypatia

415 CE: Murdered violently by a Christian mob in Alexandria.



- Her death became a symbol of the dangers faced by women who stood out for their knowledge and ideas.
- Today she is remembered as a symbol of learning, courage, and independent thinking.



First Steps Toward Women's Political and Social Rights

- The "Suffragettes"
- From the early 19th century in English-speaking countries, a movement of suffragettes emerged — women who fought for the right to vote.
- The idea of women's emancipation, however, had earlier roots in the French Revolution and in the Revolutions of 1848, where the first women's voices demanded political participation.



Struggles for Women's Right to Vote

- Protests
- Arrests
- Hunger strikes







Emmeline Pankhurst (1858–1928)

- Founder of the **Women's Social and Political Union (WSPU)** in 1903.
- Adopted the motto "**Deeds, not words**" — promoting dynamic actions, marches, and hunger strikes.
- The movement brought major visibility to the demand for women's voting rights in Britain.
- Her activism contributed to:
 - **1918: Granting the vote to women over 30**
 - **1928: Achieving full and equal voting rights for all women over 21**



- **Emily Davison (1872-1913)**

- Member of the WSPU and committed suffragette
- Took part in protests, arrests, and hunger strikes



- **1913: Died after stepping in front of the King's horse at the Epsom Derby**
- Her death became a **symbol of sacrifice** and strengthened the fight for women's voting rights

A woman in a dark dress is shown from the waist up, breaking through a thick, dark metal chain. She has her arms raised in a gesture of triumph or liberation. The background is a light, hazy grey with some small dark specks, suggesting a dusty or smoky environment. The overall tone is dramatic and symbolic.

The fight for women's political rights was only the beginning.

Across history, many remarkable women broke barriers in science, art, education, and society.

Their achievements challenged stereotypes and proved what women could accomplish.
Let's look at some of these pioneers.

The “Matilda Effect” in Science

- **The forgotten contributions of women scientists**
- Many women were ignored or overshadowed by male colleagues.
- Example: **Lise Meitner**, co-discoverer of nuclear fission – the Nobel Prize went only to Otto Hahn.
- **Rosalind Franklin** – her X-ray work was crucial to discovering DNA, yet recognition came later.
- This pattern is called the *Matilda Effect*.
- “Our greatest progress happens when talent is seen, not gender.”





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- First woman to win a Nobel Prize; *only person to win in two different sciences (Physics & Chemistry)*
 - Discovered radium and polonium
 - Revolutionized science despite discrimination and limited access to resources



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- **Frida Kahlo (1907–1954)**
 - *Mexican painter and symbol of resilience*
 - Known for her powerful self-portraits and unique artistic style
 - Turned pain, disability, and personal struggle into bold artistic expression
 - Became a global icon for women's empowerment, identity, and creative freedom

- **Amelia Earhart (1897-1937)**

- First woman to fly solo across the Atlantic Ocean.
- Broke stereotypes that women “can’t handle machines” or “shouldn’t take risks.”
- Advocated for women in aviation and equal opportunity.
- **Quote:**
- “The most effective way to do it, is to do it.” – Amelia Earhart





Michèle Mouton (b. 1951)

Rally driver – France

- <https://youtu.be/t-djngRq9ZY>
- The first woman to win a World Rally Championship event (1981).
- Proved that driving skill, courage, and reflexes are not gendered.
- Later became a leading official in the FIA promoting women in motorsports.

- “You don’t drive as a woman or as a man – you drive as a racer.” – Michèle Mouton



MICHELE MOUTON





Women in Technical Fields and Space Exploration

Breaking barriers beyond Earth

- **Valentina Tereshkova (USSR, 1963)** – first woman in space.



- **Mae Jemison (USA, 1992)** – first African American woman astronaut, doctor, engineer.
- Women now lead projects in robotics, AI, and engineering.
- “Never limit yourself because of others’ limited imagination.” – Mae Jemison

Strength, courage, and resilience

- **Junko Tabei (Japan)** – first woman to climb Mount Everest (1975).

“Do not conquer the mountain; conquer yourself.” – Junko Tabei



- **Serena Williams (USA)** – one of the greatest tennis players in history.
- Broke stereotypes about body image, strength, and race in women's sports
- Their achievements redefine physical and mental endurance.



- **- Challenging Gender Stereotypes**

- Common stereotypes:

- "Women should stay at home."

- "They are not good at science or leadership."

- "They can't handle pressure or risk."

- Reality:

- Women lead in every domain — from laboratories to governments.

- Equal opportunity and respect reveal true capability.

- "A woman is the full circle. Within her is the power to create, nurture and transform." – Diane Mariechild

- **Conclusion**

- **Message:**

Gender does not define ability, ambition, or intelligence.

The world grows stronger when every voice and talent is heard.

- "There is no limit to what we, as women, can accomplish." – Michelle Obama

- Encourage: Equality – Respect.

