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QUEERSOME DESI RESOURCES



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QUEER ORGANIZATIONS





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AUSTRALIA

Trikone Australia

www.trikone.org.au

Yellow Kitties

www.yellowkitties.org

BANGLADESH

Bandhu Social Welfare Society

www.bandhu-bd.org

Boys of Bangladesh

www.boysofbangladesh.org

CANADA

Alliance for South Asian AIDS Prevention

www.asaap.ca

Salaam Canada

www.salaamcanada.info

fb.com/salaamqueercanada

Sher Vancouver

www.shervancouver.com

INDIA

Gay Bombay

www.gaybombay.org

Gaysi

www.gaysifamily.com

Humsafar Trust

www.humsafar.org

India HIV Testing

www.hiv.nirvair.in

Lawyers Collective

www.lawyerscollective.org

Orinam

www.orinam.net

Pink List

www.pinklistindia.com

SAATHI (Solidarity and Action Against the HIV Infection in India)

www.saathii.org

Sangama

www.sangama.org



Sappho for Equality (The Activist Forum For Lesbian, Bisexual Woman and Transman Rights)
www.sapphokolkata.in

South India AIDS Action Programme
www.siaapindia.org

Swabhava Trust
www.swabhava.org

INTERNATIONAL

Dil to Dil
www.diltodil.org
fb.com/somediltodil
instagram.com/dil.to.dil

GALVA-108 (Gay and Lesbian Vaishnava Association--for Hindus and Vaishnavas)
www.galva108.org

Queering Desi
www.queeringdesi.com
instagram.com/queeringdesi

The First Trans and QPOC Talent Agency
www.awqwardtalent.com

NEPAL

Blue Diamond Society
www.bds.org.np

USA

DegH.org (Helpline USA)
www.deqh.org
fb.com/DeQH.info

The Empathy Alliance
www.theempathyalliance.org

KhushATX
www.khushatx.org

The Muslim Alliance for Sexual and Gender Diversity
www.muslimalliance.org



**National Queer Asian Pacific
Islander Alliance (NQAPIA)**

www.nqapia.org

Satrang

www.satrang.org

[instagram.com/SatrangSoCal](https://www.instagram.com/SatrangSoCal)

South Asian Queer Trans Collective

www.saqtc.org

[instagram.com/SAQTC.nyc](https://www.instagram.com/SAQTC.nyc)

Trikone Chicago

www.trikonechicago.org

Trikone Northwest

www.trikonenw.org

UK

Naz and Matt Foundation

www.nazandmattfoundation.org

[fb.com/nazandmattfoundation](https://www.facebook.com/nazandmattfoundation)

Naz Sexual Health

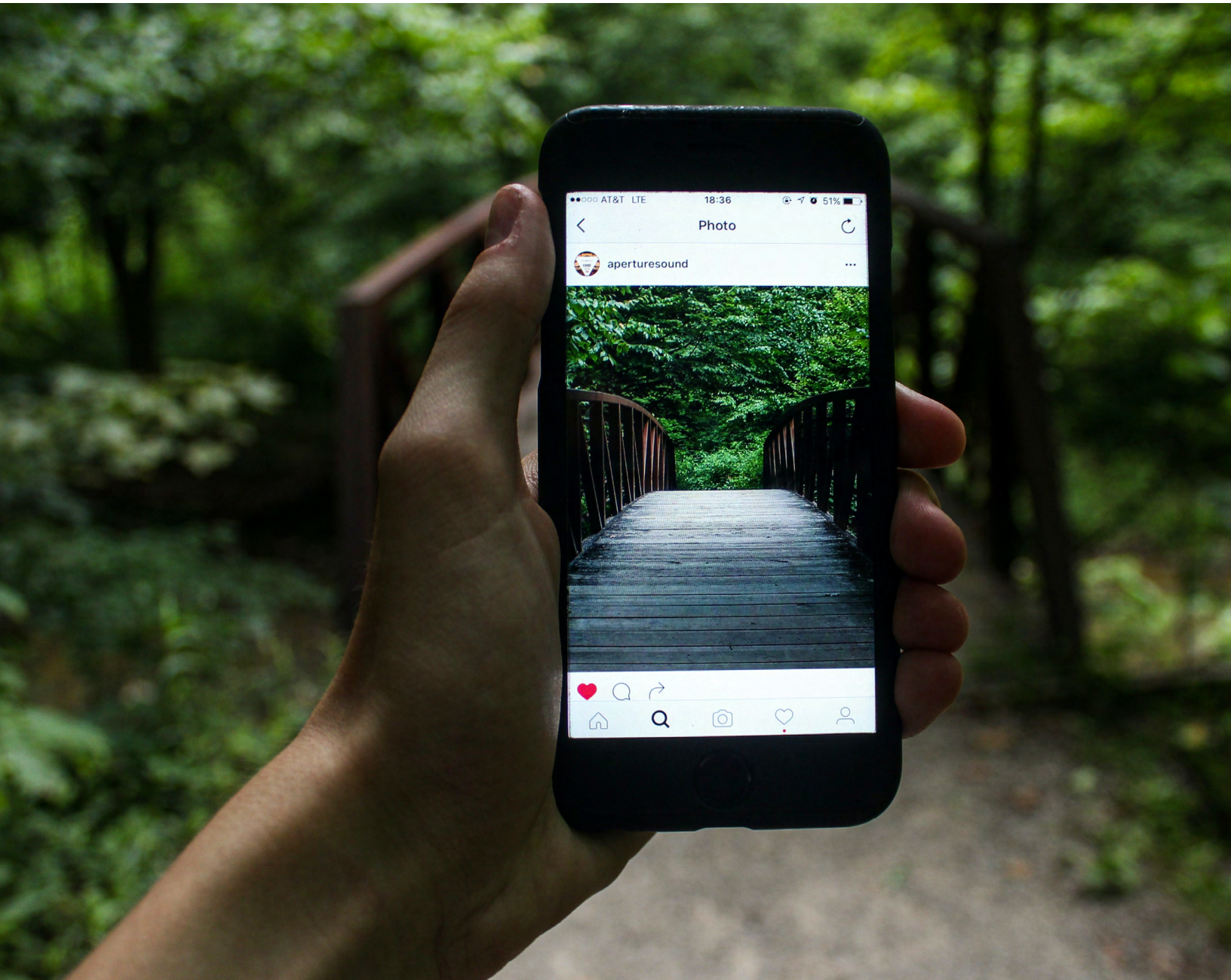
www.naz.org.uk

Sarbat UK

www.sarbat.net



SOCIAL MEDIA





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A Colour Deep

fb.com/acolourdeep

Desi Rainbow Parents & Allies

fb.com/DesiRainbowParents

instagram.com/desirainbowparents

LGBT Bhutan

fb.com/LGBTbhutan

LGBTQ+ Community of India

instagram.com/lgbtmumbai

LGBTQ+ History of India

instagram.com/lgbthistoryindia

Muslim LGBTQ+ Network

instagram.com/muslimlgbtnetwork

Queer Asian Project

fb.com/qap.asia

Queer Asian Social Club

fb.com/queerasiansocialclub

instagram.com/queerasiansocialclub

Queer South Asians and Allies of Toronto

fb.com/qsaaft

instagram.com/qsaaft

Queer South Asian Womxn's Network

fb.com/QSAWnetwork

instagram.com/qsawnetwork

Queer Brown History

instagram.com/queerbrownhistory

Queer Desi

instagram.com/queerdesimag

Queer Muslim Project

instagram.com/thequeermuslimproject

Sarbat - Sikh LGBT Group

<https://fb.com/lgbtsikh>

www.sarbat.net

Subtle Queer Curry Community

fb.com/groups/2191672304420141

Trikone Michigan

fb.com/groups/170398989650792

Trikone Tampa Bay

fb.com/trikonetampabay

Trikone Vancouver

fb.com/groups/347473198668924



EVENTS & CREATIVE PROJECTS





EVENTS

DesiQDiaspora: Conference that aims to gather LGBTQ+ & GNC South Asian, Indo-Caribbean and folks that identify within the Desi Diaspora

www.desiqdiaspora.org
fb.com/desiqdiaspora

Kashish - Mumbai Queer Film Festival

www.mumbaiqueerfest.com

Rangeela: North America's Largest LGBT Bollywood Event

fb.com/RangeelaTO
instagram.com/rangeelato

CREATIVE PROJECTS

Almaarii /Closet

www.almaarii.wordpress.com
instagram.com/_almaarii_

Aravani Art Project

www.aravaniartproject.com
instagram.com/aravaniartproject

Just Me and Allah:

A Queer Muslim Photo Project

www.queermuslimproject.tumblr.com

Kadak

www.kadakcollective.com

Photos That Celebrate Being South Asian and Queer

www.vice.com/en_asia/article/vbawja/photos-that-celebrate-being-south-asian-and-queer



INSPIRING READS





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7 Emerging South Asians Making Their Mark on the World Stage

15 Young LGBTQ Indians Share Their Coming Out Stories

15 Young LGBTQ Indians Share Their Coming Out Stories Part 2

22 Tweets For Bisexuals Who Are Just Tired of the Bullshit

Being Sikh, Gay And Growing Up In New York

A Brief History of the Pride Turban and the Importance of Visibility of Queer Sikhs

Exploring India's Drag Culture Through The Stories Of 6 Flawless Queens

Growing Up Gay in Bombay— An Indian Woman's Story of Love and Courage

How Queer South Asian American Representation Helps Reduce Community's Stigma

I Am a Queer Bhutanese, and My Country is on its Way to Scrapping Anti-LGBTQ Laws

'My Loneliness Keeps Me Going': Fighting For Equality in India

#Notmybinary: Deconstructing the Gender Binary With Our Friendly Neighborhood Brown LGBTQ Superheroes

Non-Binary, Sikh, And Fierce as Hell - Prabhdeep Kehal

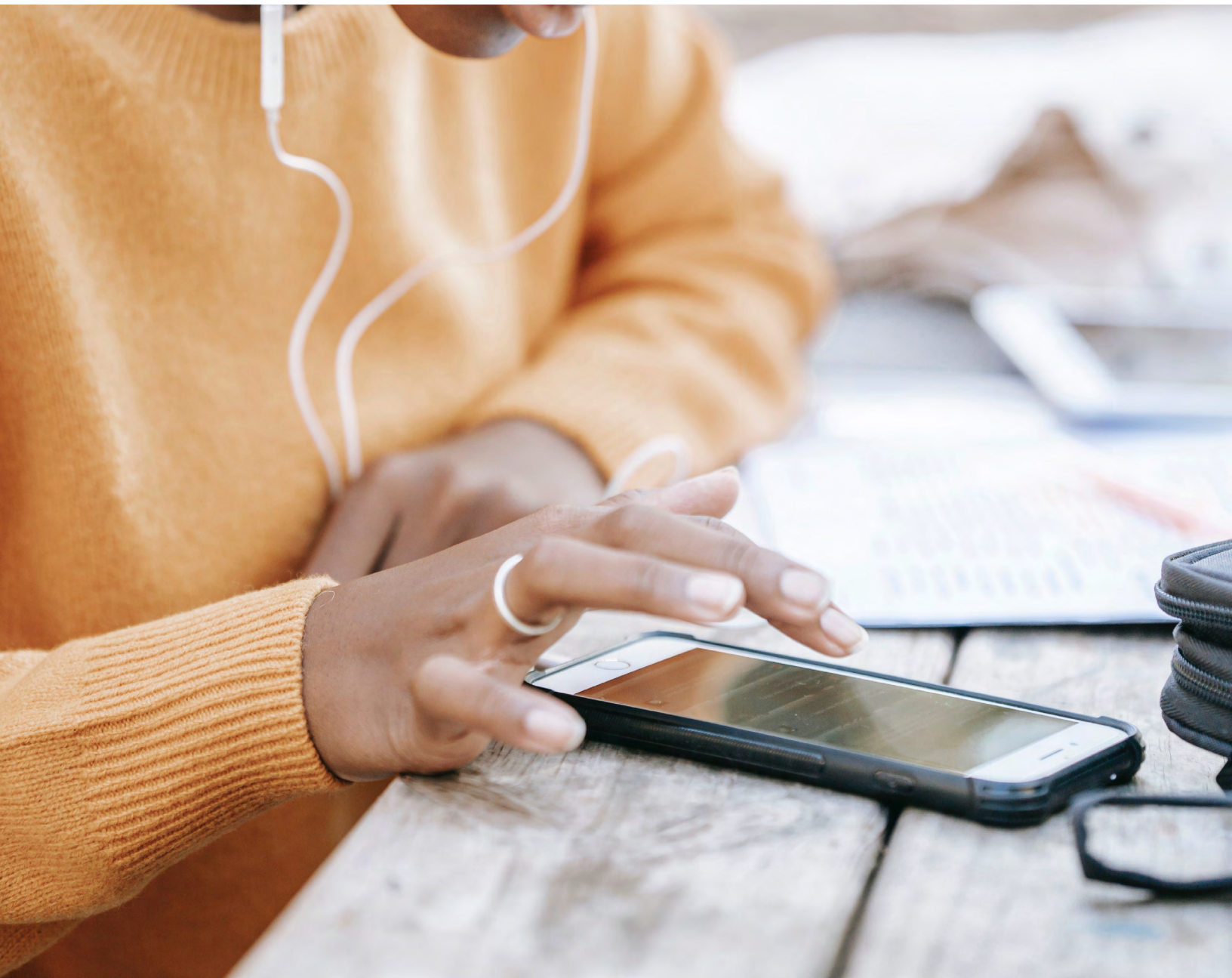
Queer Sikh Spiritual Journey

Queer South Asian Performers Are Here and Killing It

Top 5 Brown Queer Creatives



BOOKS, MAGAZINES, BLOGS & PODCASTS





BOOKS

Beyond the Gender Binary

by Alok Vaid-Menon

Bright Lines: A Novel

by Tanwi Nandini Islam

The Carpet Weaver

by Rakesh Satyal

Funny Boy

by Shyam Selvadurai

Governing Gender and Sexuality in Colonial India: The Hijra, C.1850-1900

by Jessica Hinchy

If They Come For Us

by Fatimah Ashgar

The Love & Lies of Rukhsana Ali

by Sabina Khan

Love Bi The Way

by Bhaavna Arora

Moving Truth(s): Queer and Transgender Desi Writings on Family

edited by Aparajeeta 'Sasha'

Duttchoudhury and Rukie Hartman

Nights Like This

by Divya Sood

Out! Stories from the New Queer India

edited by Minal Hajratwala

The Paths of Marriage

by Mala Kumar

Queering India

by Ruth Vanita

The Truth About Me: A Hijra Life Story

by A. Revathi

Upping the Aunty

by Meera Sethi

We Have Always Been Here: A Queer Muslim Memoir

by Samra Habib



MAGAZINES

Brown Girl Magazine
www.browngirlmagazine.com

Gaylaxy Magazine
www.gaylaxymag.com

HomeGrown
homegrown.co.in

KajalMag
www.kajalmag.com

BLOGS

Good As You (Bangalore)
<http://goodasyoublr.blogspot.com>

Khush (Washington, DC)
<http://khushdc.blogspot.com>

Sanchari Sur
<https://sursanchari.wordpress.com>

Sher Vancouver Out and Proud Project
<https://shervancouver.wordpress.com>

Yohoma
<https://yohomo.ca>

PODCASTS

Bad Brown Aunties
www.badbrownanties.com

Keeping It Queer
ivmpodcasts.com/keeping-it-queer

Masala Podcast
soulsutras.co.uk/masala-podcast

Queering Desi
www.queeringdesi.com

You Don't Love Me Podcast
player.fm/series/you-dont-love-me-podcast



MOVIES & SERIES





MOVIES

(DIRECTOR, RELEASE DATE)

Aami

(Kamal, 2018)

Aligarh

(Hansal Mehta, 2016)

Angry Indian Goddesses

(Pan Nalin, 2015)

Bombay Talkies

(Karan Johar, Anurag Kashyap,
Dibakar Banerjee, Zoya Akhtar, 2013)

Chutney Popcorn

(Nisha Ganatra, 1999)

Ek Ladki Ko Dekha Toh Aisa Laga

(Shelly Chopra Dhar, 2019)

Fire

(Deepa Mehta, 1996)

I Can't Think Straight

(Shamim Sarif, 2008)

Kapoor and Sons

(Shakun Batra, 2016)

My Beautiful Laundrette

(Stephen Frears, 1985)

My Brother Nikhil

(Onir, 2005)

Naanu Avanalla... Avalu

(B. S. Lingadevaru, 2015)

Sheer Qorma

(Faraz Arif Ansari, 2019)

Shubh Mangal Zyada Saavdhan

(Hitesh Kewalya, 2020)

Signature Move

(Jennifer Reeder, 2017)

Tamanna

(Mahesh Bhatt, 1998)

The World Unseen

(Shamim Sarif, 2007)



WEB SERIES

Brown Girls

www.browngirlswebseries.com

Four More Shots

www.amazon.com/Four-More-Shots-Please-Season/dp/B07MVJMY3M

YOUTUBE CHANNELS

Amit & AdityaTV

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIyaMc0cgiUOSMBBjE6mWfg>

Being Queer & Indian - Love Wins! By Meena Sohi

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EqVmHWwSpYQ>

Sufi and Anjali

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCwXtfDrITyX4XIPrg3zqzQg>

The Trinetra Method (Trinetra Haldar Gummaraju)

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCXgX2fMTZ6rnHw-04zRsZkA>

YOUTUBE SERIES/VIDEOS

Bianca & Saima - Same Sex Indian Wedding

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a67860TWHu8>

A Huge Jain Gay Wedding

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Kln_xJ_63A4

Insomnia

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCaNw-BW3YBMS712tv3IzQ2A>

Sisak - India's First Silent LGBTQ Film

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3s2UuS-Nn8A>

Still About Section 377

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zf-ug33N0fY>



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Aamir & Amir

[instagram.com/youdon'tlovemeboys](https://www.instagram.com/youndon'tlovemeboys)

Alex Mathew

[instagram.com/mayathedragqueen](https://www.instagram.com/mayathedragqueen)

Alok Vaid-Menon

www.alokvmenon.com

[instagram.com/alokvmenon](https://www.instagram.com/alokvmenon)

Alyy (Sonali) Patel

[instagram.com/alyypatel](https://www.instagram.com/alyypatel)

Amit & Aditya

[instagram.com/mad_adiyoo](https://www.instagram.com/mad_adiyoo)

[instagram.com/amit_aatma](https://www.instagram.com/amit_aatma)

D'Lo

www.dlocokid.com

[instagram.com/dlocokid](https://www.instagram.com/dlocokid)

Doug & Sanj

[instagram.com/thetravellinggays](https://www.instagram.com/thetravellinggays)

Durga Gawde

[instagram.com/durgagawdestudio](https://www.instagram.com/durgagawdestudio)

Hasina Juma

hasinajuma.com

[fb.com/hasinajuma99/](https://www.facebook.com/hasinajuma99/)

Jag Nagra

www.jagnagra.com

Manghoe Lassi

[fb.com/MangoLassiQueen](https://www.facebook.com/MangoLassiQueen)

[instagram.com/a_humzer](https://www.instagram.com/a_humzer)

Priya Arora

[instagram.com/thepriyaarora](https://www.instagram.com/thepriyaarora)

Rohit Singh

[instagram.com/roro_love_makeup](https://www.instagram.com/roro_love_makeup)

SNJV

[fb.com/00snjv](https://www.facebook.com/00snjv)

[instagram.com/_snjv](https://www.instagram.com/_snjv)

Sufi & Anjali

[instagram.com/anjalichakra](https://www.instagram.com/anjalichakra)

[instagram.com/sufi.sun](https://www.instagram.com/sufi.sun)

Taksh Sharma

[instagram.com/kawaiibloggerchan](https://www.instagram.com/kawaiibloggerchan)

Trinetra Haldar Gummaraju

[instagram.com/ind0ctrination](https://www.instagram.com/ind0ctrination)

Vivek Shraya

www.vivekshraya.com

[instagram.com/vivekshraya](https://www.instagram.com/vivekshraya)

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Hi my name is Sharon. I identify as a queer, Punjabi woman. I am grateful to help create this resource collection for Sher Vancouver, as it has been my saviour in my own self healing and acceptance journey. I quickly dismantled the belief of me being the only queer Punjabi person in the community working on this collection. Instead, what I found was a plethora of queer South Asian platforms! All it took was determined searching of the Internet. I hope you too find comfort, hope, empowerment, and PRIDE in these resources.

Desi queers are here. Desi queers exist. And Desi queers are THRIVING.

(air) Hugs,
Sharon

DISCLAIMER: The above lists are not exhaustive in any capacity. We have curated this document with the intention of helping people and allies of the Queer South Asian community to use it as a reference for resources.

Hello, I am Anoushka and I identify as a bisexual South Asian woman. Being a part of this project, taken on by Sher Vancouver, makes me incredibly proud as it presented an opportunity to give back to the Desi queer community. For someone who has relatively recently accepted their own identity and was on a journey to find resources, people to rely on and organizations to be a part of, a list like the above would have been a great place to start. The lack of queer representation growing up made me feel isolated and unsure but through this project I have learnt that acceptance and empowerment is present no matter who you are and where you are from. Among these resources and people, I hope you find what I was able to.

Embrace who you are.

Love,
Anoushka

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