



PRIDE MONTH

Key facts and resources

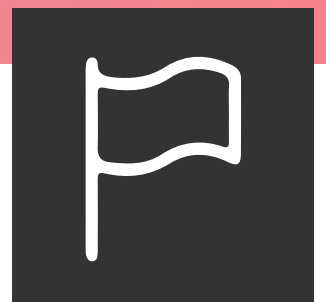


What is Pride Month?



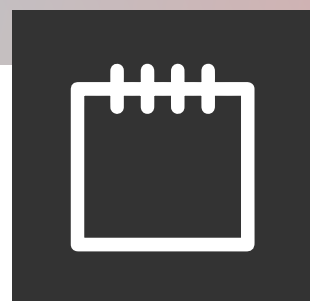
Pride Month is dedicated to celebrating LGBTQ+ communities all around the world. It's celebrated in June to honour the 1969 Stonewall Uprising in Manhattan – a tipping point for the Gay Liberation Movement in the U.S. and beyond.

How was the Pride flag formed?



The first rainbow flag was designed in 1978 by artist and gay rights activist, Gilbert Baker. Originally it had eight colours – however, two were dropped to make mass-production easier. Today, there are over 30 Pride flag designs which tell the stories of the LGBTQ+ individuals they represent.

When did the first Pride march take place in the UK?



It took place 50 years ago on 1 July 1972, with 2,000 people marching down Regent's Street in London. Today, the annual march hosts over 1.5 million people.

Who is the 'Mother of Pride'?



Brenda Howard, a bisexual woman and lifelong activist, was known as the 'Mother of Pride' for her work in organising the **Christopher Street Liberation Day March** in 1970.

How can I get involved?



- Attend a Pride event – **Pride Events** provide information on LGBTQ+ events across the UK.
- Volunteer or donate – support one of the many vital organisations' supporting LGBTQ+ people in the UK, including:
Arcus
Northern Pride
Rainbow Home.
- Educate yourself – spend time learning about the history of Pride using helpful resources, such as:
Just Like Us
Stonewall.