



What is Pride Month?

Pride Month is a month long observance, when the world's Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer (LGBTQ+) communities come together to amplify voices, celebrate history, culture, and recognize the valuable contributions of LGBTQ+ individuals across America. Pride Month is commonly a jubilant communal celebration with parades, concerts, workshops, parties, symposiums, and other large gatherings. These events are devoted to individual displays of pride and expression, including displays of the rainbow Pride flag and other flags representing people with different identities. Also, Pride Month is a time to march not just for tolerance but for acceptance and to draw attention to the ongoing discrimination and injustice the LGBTQ+ community still face.

Stonewall Riots

<https://youtu.be/RdBB6gwUuEs>

Pride gatherings are rooted in the arduous history and the movement was borne from protest. In the early hours of June 28, 1969, New York City police raided the Stonewall Inn, a bar frequented by gay and gender-nonconforming people located in Greenwich Village. The LGBTQ+ community of New York City was tired of the blatant harassment and discrimination perpetuated against them by NYC police officers, so during one summer's raid of the Stonewall Inn, tensions quickly escalated and the community fought back. Patrons resisted arrest and a growing crowd of bystanders threw bottles and coins at the officers. Over the next three days, New York's LGBTQ+ community erupted in neighborhood riots and protest against the years of harassment by authorities. The uprising at the Stonewall Inn, became a catalyst for emerging gay rights movement as organizations such as the Gay Liberation Front and the Gay Activists Alliance were formed and publicly advocated for equal gay rights. On the first anniversary of the riots, the first Gay Pride Parade was organized on June 28, 1970. Over the past 50 years, pride events, marches and demonstrations have evolved considerably, attracting millions of participants around the world in the celebrations that commemorate the anniversary of the Stonewall riots.

PRIDE

Personal Rights in Defense and Education (PRIDE), was founded by Steve Ginsburg in 1966 and considered a more radical LGBTQ+ activist group that paved the way for radical protests and demonstrations needed for the advancement of LGBTQ+ civil rights. PRIDE is considered by many to be the origins of the word "pride" being used for LGBTQ+ politics.

Pride events are welcome to everyone and participation can provide opportunities to show support, observe, listen and be educated. Join us this month in celebrating the contributions of the LGBTQ+ community.

Why is Pride a Parade?
<https://youtu.be/pu7ASPWe1SA>



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TRAIL BLAZERS



Marsha P. Johnson, was an African American transgender women who was an LGBTQ+ rights activist and an outspoken advocate for trans people of color. Johnson and Sylvia Rivera, a Latina gay liberation and transgender rights activist were two of the more prominent people to retaliate against the police harassment that took place during the Stonewall riots. Johnson led a series of uprisings in protest of the Stonewall Inn raid in 1969, that lasted several days. Johnson and Rivera went on to found STAR (Street Transvestite Action Revolutionaries), to support young transgender people. Marsha also became part of the Gay Liberation Front (GLF), which sought political action and protection for people being subjected to oppressive laws and unequal rights because of their sexual orientation.

Brenda Howard, is known as the “Mother of Pride” for coordinating Gay Pride Week and the Christopher Street Liberation Day Parade on June 28, 1970 to commemorate the 1st Anniversary of the Stonewall Riots of 1969. Howard, along with activists Robert A. Martin and L. Craig Schoonmaker is also credited with popularizing the word “Pride” to describe these festivities. A fixture in New York City's LGBTQ+ community, Howard was active in the Coalition for Lesbian and Gay Rights, which helped guide New York City's LGBTQ+ rights law through the City Council in 1986. Howard's idea for a week-long series of events around Pride Day in June of 1970 evolved into the annual New York City Pride march and Pride celebrations we now know around the world today.



Harvey Milk, was a visionary civil and human rights leader who became one of the first openly gay elected officials in the United States when he won a seat on the San Francisco Board of Supervisors in 1977. Milk's unprecedented loud and unapologetic proclamation of his authenticity as an openly gay candidate for public office, and his subsequent election gave never before experienced hope to LGBTQ+ community at a time of widespread hostility and discrimination. While in office, Milk worked tirelessly to pass a gay rights ordinance and defeat Proposition 6, commonly known as the Briggs Initiative, which would have banned gays and lesbians from teaching in public schools. Milk encouraged LGBTQ+ community to be visible in society and believed in achieving social equality.



Gilbert Baker, an American artist, gay rights activist and U.S. Army veteran, was commissioned by San Francisco city supervisor Harvey Milk to make a flag for the city's upcoming Pride celebrations. Baker drew inspiration from the rainbow to reflect the many groups within the gay community and created the flag in 1978 as a new symbol for the gay and lesbian political movement. This is why it is common to see the rainbow flag being proudly displayed as a symbol for the LGBTQ+ rights movement. The first versions of the rainbow flag were flown on June 25, 1978, for the San Francisco Gay Freedom Day parade. Here are the colors meaning: pink for sexuality, red for life, orange for healing, yellow for the sun, green for nature, turquoise blue for art, indigo for harmony and violet for spirit. However, the colors pink and turquoise was excluded from Gilbert's original flag so it would be easier to mass produce. Over the years, different groups, genders, and identities have come up with their own flags to bring awareness to their unique needs and experiences. Today there are many design and color variations that reflect both the immense diversity and the unity of the LGBTQ+ community.



A Living History of the LGBT Movement
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q1D65SxzojI>

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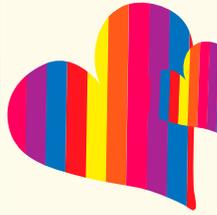


Pronouns & Gender Identity

Issues of equality and acceptance of transgender and nonbinary people — along with challenges to their rights — have become a major topic in the headlines. These issues can involve words and ideas and identities that are new to some.

Proper use of gender identity terms, including pronouns, is a crucial way to signal courtesy and acceptance. We use pronouns most often when referring to someone without using their name. Having trouble understanding why this would upset someone? Think about your pronoun (it's probably "he" or "she").

Now imagine someone calling you the one you don't think of yourself as. Imagine them doing it over and over and over, even after you've corrected them. In English, our most commonly used pronouns (he/she) specifically refer to a person's gender. For queer, gender non-conforming, non-binary, and transgender people, these pronouns may not fit, can create discomfort, stress and anxiety.



"Being a Strong Ally in the Workplace"

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How can I support LGBTW+ Community?

An "ally" is someone who supports LGBTQ+ community and equality in its many forms — both publicly and privately. Anyone can be allies as well as those within the LGBTQ+ community who support one another's unique needs and struggles. The key qualities of an ally are a desire to learn and understand, to help LGBTQ+ people feel supported, included and to address barriers to fairness and justice for everyone.



Below are ways to practice allyship

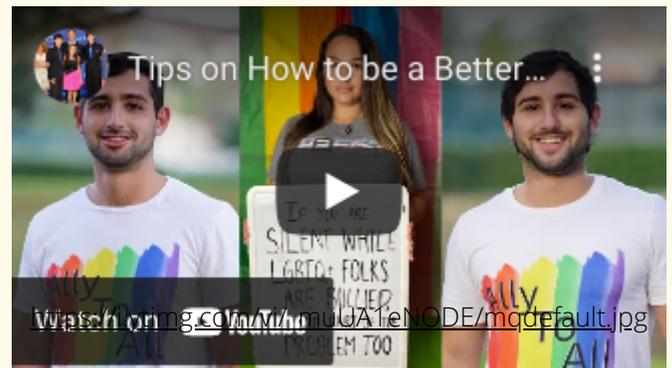


- Don't assume every LGBTQ+ person in your life is the same.
- Unlearn Historical Messaging- Before you can be an LGBTQ+ ally, you must identify, unpack and challenge stereotypes and unconscious bias.
- Educate Yourself- To understand a community, you must understand their past. Attend trainings or workshops in your area about its LGBTQ+ community or allyship.
- Learn and Use Correct and Inclusive Language- In the LGBTQ+ community, language is everything. It's important to use the right words and pronouns when referring to someone or describing their gender identity or sexual orientation.
- Speak Up or Intervene- Don't tolerate anti-LGBTQ+ jokes or statements expressed in your presence.



Did You Know?

On June 24, 2016, President Barack Obama officially designated Stonewall Inn and surrounding areas of Christopher Park a National Monument. This would mark the first National Monument in recognition of LGBTQ+ rights.



"3 Ways to Be a Better Ally in the Workplace"

<https://i.ytimg.com/vi/k12j-E1LsUU/mqdefault.jpg>

PRIDE MONTH EVENTS 2021



Pride Month Youth Art Show & Sale
 Saturday, June 12, 2021
 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
 Sacramento LGBT Community Center,
 Midtown

Saturday and art go together like farm fresh produce and farmer's markets! Join us as our community's youth display and sell their art. Come and support our community's talented young artists and adorn your homes!



Latinx Pride Celebration at Revival
 Wednesday, June 9, 2021
 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
 Revival at the Sawyer

A networking and informational event with Latinx Leaders and Organizations while enjoying the amazing views of Sacramento's Downtown. Celebrate being Latinx, Pride, and support the Sacramento LGBT Community Center at our Latinx Pride Celebration at Revival at the Sawyer.



Natomas Pride Ride!
 Thursday, June 17, 2021
 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
 Natomas Regency Park Baseball Fields

Wear your biggest, baddest, brightest rainbow colors! All wheels welcome! Bikes, scooters, skateboards, unicycles, onewheels, tandems, electric rides, even rollerblades. Come ride for the LGBTQIA Community and ride with Pride!



Take Your Pride Outside
 Saturday, June 12, 2021
 Time: Varies
 American River

OARS and the Sacramento LGBTQ Community Center have partnered together for Pride Month on the South Fork of the American River, including a Pride Day rafting trip on the South Fork of the American River.



Pride Skate at Roller King
 Thursday, June 24, 2021
 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
 Roller King

Let's disco! Bring out your roller skates for a Pride night at one of our oldest skating centers! Proceeds of ticket sales benefit the Sacramento LGBT Community Center



Marsha P. Johnson Center South Grand Opening
 Tuesday, June 22, 2021
 Time: TBD
 Marsha P. Johnson Center South

Join us as we commemorate and cut the ribbon to our brand new Marsha P. Johnson Center South location in South Sacramento!

Movies



The 18 Best LGBT Movies on Netflix Right Now (June 2021)

LGBT movies on Netflix include documentaries, romances, and Oscar winners. This list contains <https://www.lifewire.com/best-lgbt-movies-on-netflix-right-now-5069913>



Pride with Leo and Friends!
 Saturday, June 26, 2021
 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
 Sacramento Children's Museum

A family-friendly Pride celebration at the Sacramento Children's museum! Outdoors, Music, Dancing, and fun that only SCM can deliver!



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