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# WELCOME MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR



Welcome to Pride Edinburgh 2023: United and our 26th Pride in our 28th year of events here in the capital city and the Fourth Pride Event to be produced as a Charity registered in Scotland.

2023 sees us returning to the growth point we were at in 2019, with the return of our outdoor arena and our spectacular giant pride carpet alongside the full festival village event hosted by our partners EUSA across their Potterrow and Teviot House complex. Who could have known it would have taken four years to reach this point especially as this is our second event since the easing of pandemic restrictions.

This return to a full event is only possible thanks to my incredible team, whom I would like to thank personally especially the Pride Committee who this year have outdone themselves as we not only organised today's events but our ongoing work as a charity committed to our ethos of diversity and inclusion for all. To William Furie and his team, Jamie Love and his team, Jan Irvine, Jonathan MacBride-Young and Thomas Tallis my profound thanks to you all.

To our Headline Partner, Event Partners, Community sponsors, Community Supporters and LGBTQI+ Rainbow venue sponsors thank you for engaging with Pride Edinburgh in 2023 and we look forward to developing our future journeys together.

To the true backbone of pride day events the huge army of Volunteers both on the March, the community fair, and those working hard across the venues I thank you all for your time and valued contributions.

Since we were last together in 2022, we as a community have looked on in pride at the Passing of The GRR Bill by the Scottish parliament only for it to turn to horror at its blocking by the UK Government. The impact of this decision is felt deeply by the Transgender community with rising transphobic incidents being reported daily. The bigoted fuel this has given to Terf's is staggering and is a potent reminder on why the Pride March matters. To every single member of the community we see you, we hear you and we stand shoulder to shoulder with you. Hence why the theme of this year's event is Pride Edinburgh 2023: UNITED.

The LGBTQI+ community stands United as one and I hope you will enjoy the events planned and will join us on the March on Saturday 24th June as we make our annual statement to the world that we are here, we are queer and we're proud of ourselves and each other. By standing together we offer support for those under the yoke of oppression in those parts of the world that fail to accept diversity, especially this year as we pay special tribute to our Trans Siblings. We do this with Pride and love in our hearts for a better and brighter future for not only the LGBTQI+ community but for all Humanity.

To you and yours, enjoy the day! Tell the world **"United We Stand"** because love really does always win through.

A very Happy Pride 2023 to you all!

**Brett Herriot**  
Chair, Pride Edinburgh

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## OUR TRIBUTE - PAUL O'GRADY



On 28th March this year, we lost one of our greatest entertainers in Paul O'Grady, famed for his "For the Love of Dogs" and self titled chat shows. To a modern generation those are what he was known best for. However Paul's career really took hold in 1978 when he invented the one and only Ms Lilly Savage, changing the trajectory of his life and comedy drag for good. As entertaining as Lilly was, she and Paul bore witness to the HIV/AIDS pandemic of the 1980's which cruelly took the lives of thousands. Faced with the injustice of Margaret Thatcher's Tory government Paul and his compatriots fought back, joining pride marches and performing benefit gigs across the UK alongside visiting aids wards to offer a moment of light and joy amongst the darkness and making a true difference in the march to equality.

Paul was so beloved because he kept it real, and spoke out whenever he saw injustice never scared to be the voice that rose above the parapet when it was needed. Yes he could make us laugh but he also made us think when it counted. We can never thank Paul enough for his contribution to the Pride Movement not only in Edinburgh but across the UK. Just the week before his death, Paul was in Edinburgh performing as Miss Hanigan in Annie at the Edinburgh Playhouse, for those of us who saw those performances its all the more staggering that just three days after the curtain fell on that run Paul was gone.

They don't make them like Paul anymore, he was unique, a true one of a kind, yes he entertained us and often had us rolling with laughter but ultimately he cared and made the difference. To his Husband Andre Portasio his beloved family and friends he is irreplaceable.

Thank you Paul O'Grady for all that you achieved, for making the difference to the LGBTQI+ community and for all the laughter over the years, We at Pride Edinburgh are proud to dedicate our 2023 event to your memory!

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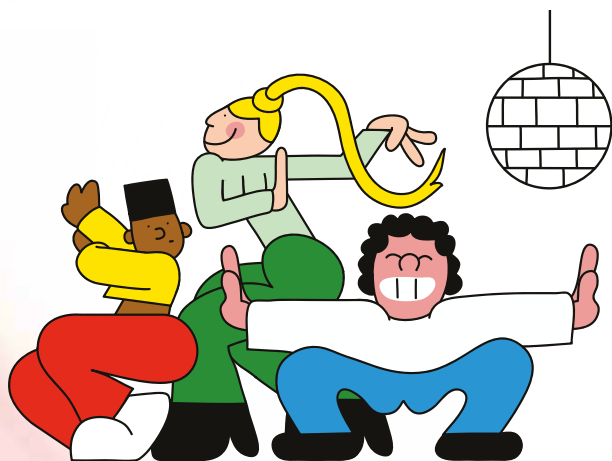
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Wheelchair access and lifts available throughout all buildings. There will be signage and volunteers happy to help with directions.

In the Lounge Bar you will find an Open Mic (inc piano) and Celebrating Queer Joy art exhibition. This year we collaborate with Carried Away, a student led group of queer creatives, to bring you amazing works of art from our young community members. Rainbow Families 2-4 and Quiet Space from 4 are in the Debating Hall. Trans & Non-Binary Space is at the Roof Terrace.



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12:15: Pride Marchers to assemble at Scottish Parliament on Parliament Green by Horse Wynd.

12.30: Speeches will commence from invited guest speakers atop a Lothian double decker bus.

13:00: Pride March moves off, heading North and turning left into the Canongate, carrying on up to the High Street. Continuing west up the High Street, turning left at Lawnmarket Junction onto George IV Bridge, at the end of George IV Bridge a slight left into Bristo Place, then left again into Potterrow followed by a right turn into Crichton Street.

Finally a right turn into Charles Street, and The Pride March arrives at the EUSA Campus at 14.00.

All timings following departure are approximate, should the EUSA Campus reach capacity, the remainder of the Pride March will continue ahead from Crichton Street into George Square, turning left into Middle Meadow Walk, dispersing on the Meadows.

**Assemble at Scottish Parliament, Holyrood, Edinburgh @ 12.30pm**



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# SATURDAY JUNE 24th 2023



Please note when the March arrives at the festival village it will take some time to get everyone through into the main arena, and once we reach capacity entry will be temporarily paused, please proceed to George Square Gardens which will be open for picnics or continue across out to middle meadow walk and onto the meadows for more space, the arena will re-open when capacity allows. Please take all rubbish with you from George Square Gardens and we ask you follow the directions of Police and our Stewarding team. **Thank you!**

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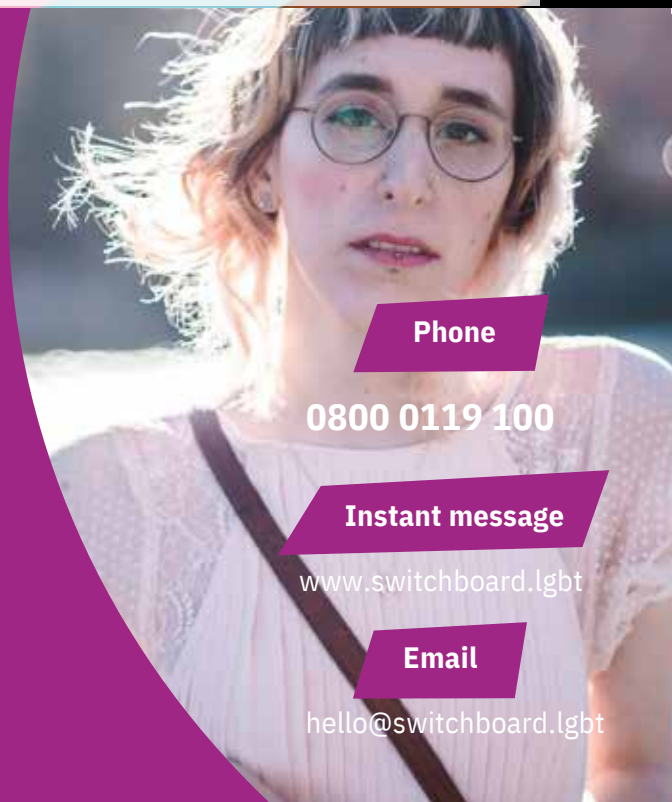
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sat 24th: pride, surprize surprize, party tunes, dancing

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