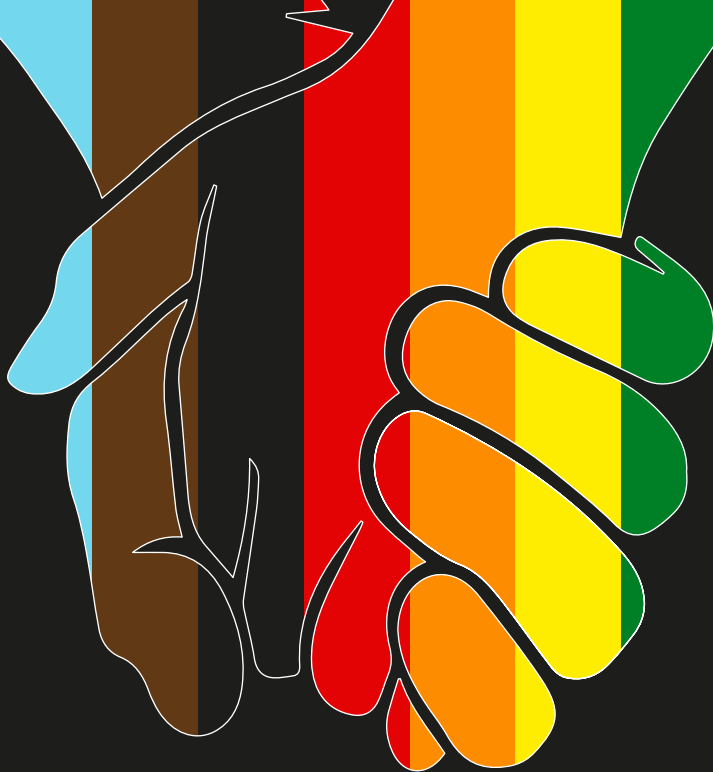


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WELCOME MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR



Welcome to **Pride Edinburgh 2024: Stronger Together** and our 27th Pride in our 29th year of events here in the capital city and the fourth Pride event to be produced as a Charity registered in Scotland.

2024 sees us return with our full event, 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 complex. However with the long awaited and much needed major renovation of Teviot House, The community fair and community entertainment programme needed a new temporary home. We have collaborated with EUSA and The University of Edinburgh and are delighted the stunning McEwan Hall will be opened for the first time for Pride and will host the community element of this year's event.

The 2024 Pride Edinburgh 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, Jonathan MacBride-Young and Thomas Tallis my profound thanks to you all.

To our Event Partners, Community Sponsors, Community Supporters and LGBTQI+ Rainbow venue sponsors thank you for engaging with Pride Edinburgh in 2024 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 2023, we as a community have shared our hurt, anger and pain of the rising tide of hate attacks from all sectors of the media, although the Hate Crime Bill has passed into Law it has unleashed further abuse and hate especially towards our Transgender community. The fact in 2024 to love freely and be who and what we are as human beings still subjects us to such phobia is staggering and that's why the work of Pride goes on and clearly demonstrates why, marching on the day makes a profound impact. We won't be silenced, by joining together we will shatter the closets and chains that once bound us and we will ensure no one regardless of Gender, Sexuality, Colour, Creed or Class is left behind.

The LGBTQI+ community must Stand United as one and I hope you will enjoy the events planned and will join us on the March on Saturday 22nd 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 continue to support 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! Because love really does always win through.

A very Happy Pride 2024 to you all!

Brett Herriot
Chair, Pride Edinburgh.

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OUR TRIBUTE

JAN IRVINE, 1953 – 2023

It's with heavy hearts and deep sadness that Pride Edinburgh announced the passing of our long-term transgender engagement advisor Jan Irvine at the age of 70 following a long period of ill health.

Jan joined the Pride team in 2005 following her landmark documentary of her life journey in a BBC Documentary broadcast in 2015 and set to work with a passion on transgender engagement at our annual event along with working in the political spectrum to support equality for the entire transgender community. Drawing from her own experience she sought to make things easier for the next generation doing so while supporting several other projects close to her heart in her local community of Midlothian.

Jan also had a wonderful personality that shone on stage with her stand-up comedy performances alongside sell out "audience with" evenings in venues across Scotland, she never missed a chance to educate through entertainment.

In recent years Jan battled serious illness with the grace, humour and tenacity she was known and respected for. Jan also continued to work with Pride up until our 2023 event advising not only on transgender engagement but to create the "United" theme to support our trans siblings in the current global situation we all find ourselves as far too many battle serious transphobia and bigotry.

Jan always said her life truly began at the age of 48 and she was shown nothing but love and support from both her local community and the LGBTQI+ community and made it her mission to give back to those who helped her most and truly showcased her unique power to educate.

Dear Jan words don't seem enough to convey how much we owe you, however on behalf the Pride Team, The LGBTQI+ community of Edinburgh and beyond, Thank You!, you made the difference by sharing your life journey and affirmed even in the darkest moments there will always burn the light of hope.

May the winds of true peace carry you ever forward,

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2024 marks Pride Edinburgh's 27th event in our 29th year, the gap occurring due to the covid pandemic which led to the cancellation of our 2020 and 2021 events. The annual celebration of diversity returned to full strength in 2023 and this year sees us building on that success.

To discover the origins of our annual event we have to go back thirty six years ago to 1998 and the first "Lark in the Park" event held in Princes Street Gardens. This was organised by the Scottish Homosexual Rights Group held during the height of section 28, the global Aids Pandemic and a society rife with phobia for the LGBTQIA+ community. The event proved successful and was restaged in 1989 and 1992. In 1991 the precursor to the annual pride march in the city took place on June 22nd with route from Waterloo Place to the Mound Precinct.

In the latter part of 1994 members of the University of Edinburgh's BLOGS LGBT society came together with the wider community to establish Pride Scotland and produce the first annual event which was held on Saturday 17th June 1995. Despite the rain over 3000 people joined that historic march and enjoyed a festival held on the Meadows. This would then see Pride Scotland establish itself as Pride Scotia whose annual event would alternate host cities between Edinburgh and Glasgow over the next thirteen years.

2008 saw Pride Scotia become an Edinburgh only event as Pride Glasgow became its own group and both Edinburgh and Glasgow would host annual events on the proviso they would never schedule them together on the same date.

The years 2008 to 2016 saw Pride Scotia move to various locations around the city including, Rainbow Triangle scene venues and nightclubs hosting events, with festivals also being held in the Meadows and in Pilgrim Park.

In 2016 the original Pride Scotia organising committee handed the reigns over to the next generation, this new team established Capital Pride a registered charity to support the annual march and festival. It was also time to rebrand and embrace the capital city and Pride Edinburgh was established.

Pride Edinburgh established a long term working relationship with Edinburgh University Students Association and the wider University to become our long term host venue a relationship which continues to this day and continues to see Pride taking over more space at the Bristo Square campus each year. 2024 will see the McEwan Hall being used for the first time to host the community fair and associated community events. While Bristo Square itself will once again host the Festival Main Stage arena adored by the traditional Pride carpet.

It's incredible to think that Edinburgh has been front and centre of the march to equality and diversity for nearly forty years and sadly the work and message of Pride goes on, as we continue to tackle the issues that pervade all our lives. The one thing that has never changed and never will change is Pride Edinburgh will always be a community lead event for and by the community and will be forever free of charge at the point of contact.

The pages of history await to be written for the 2024 event and beyond, but the annual event will continue to make an impact and bring the LGBTQIA+ community together in the most potent of symbols and prove to the world that we are here, we won't give in to bigotry and we stand together marching towards a better world for ourselves and each other. So let the journey continue.....



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FOCUS: PLANET BAR & KITCHEN

2023 saw the closure of Habana Bar, a long term favourite on the Edinburgh LGBT+ scene which makes the venue scene in our capital city the most compact it's ever been, so we at Pride thought it was time to shine a light out our cherished venues. Therefore we are launching a new article for the Annual Pride Guide! "Focus:" each year we will look at scene venue, its history, its impact on the community and why the venue is so beloved by us all.

Where better to start than one of Edinburgh's longest running venues, Planet Bar and Kitchen at Baxter's Place which for the last 14 years has seen myself drag queen legend Miss Cilla Slack as its Land Lady and owner whose transformation of Planet is remarkable and leaves an indelible mark on our city.

Speaking to Pride Cilla herself says, "Entertainment runs through the heart of Planet. Planet was a bar very famous as the Mayfair and then more commonly known as "Stage Door". The bar was popular and always thriving as a Family ran Bar with a much loved Matriarch as the Landlady and her family working the bar and Kitchen."

"I believe there was a piano that she loved to play and sing to, the Queen Vic springs to mind. The Family still visit to this day and there is a picture that the former landlady bought from a local artist hanging up in the bar now that her niece brought in for us to display as wee nudge to the bar's history."

"The bar then seemed to fall into the wrong hands and lots of trouble broke out so the Brewery decided to chase after the pink pound and changed the bar to "Route 66" this was in the very early 90's and this soon became a very popular and very well ran bar by Steve and Craig. Eventually they decided to modernise and go more modern as the bar still had all the Stage Door decor and traditional bar feel to it and they decided on the name of Planet Out. This was just after the Millennium and a more modern feel was given to the bar with all different bright colours and animal print furnishings. The new Planet Bar was born when Miss Cilla joined on National Non Homophobic Day which now includes Bi and Tans gender people on May 17th 2010.



After running the bar for 6 years a refurbishment was planned and implemented in 2016 into 17 and this is similar to the bar and kitchen you know and love today."

Quickly becoming a favourite thanks to its vibrant atmosphere, fun staff, low price bar and entertainment which sees the cream of the UK Drag circuit and Club acts take to its stage. Coupled with Quiz night and Game shows plus the obligatory Karaoke night it became the pre club bar of choice. Planet from the start puts community at the centre of its place in the scene and wider community, always supporting Waverley Care, Pride Edinburgh, Hot Scots FC, The Caledonian Thebans and local theatre company Bare Productions.

Alongside these regular charity commitments Planet also supports numerous causes close to its staff and customers hearts. Never scared to embrace change, Planet Out was given a transformation inside and out as it became Planet Bar and Kitchen, placing itself at centre of the scene ready to embrace its future secure in the knowledge it's cherished by all those who visit from across Edinburgh and Far Beyond.

Cilla concludes with "We host our weekly cabaret nights 'Showtime Fridays' with guests from all over the UK and beyond. Cilla also likes to offer spots to up and coming Drag Queens mentoring them and give them the chance to become a gigging artist to either DJ Host or pursue show opportunities. We have just hosted the only Scottish heat of Drag Idol UK and our winner will go and compete down south and if they win they get a gig in every bar participating including many famous cabaret bars in London."

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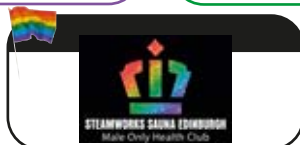
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12:15: Pride Marchers to assemble at Scottish Parliament on Parliament Green by Horse Wynd.

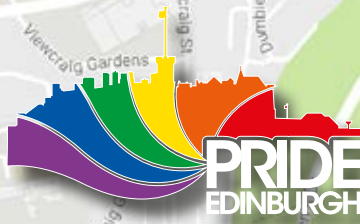
12:30: Speeches will commence from invited guest speakers atop a Lothian double decker bus.

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.





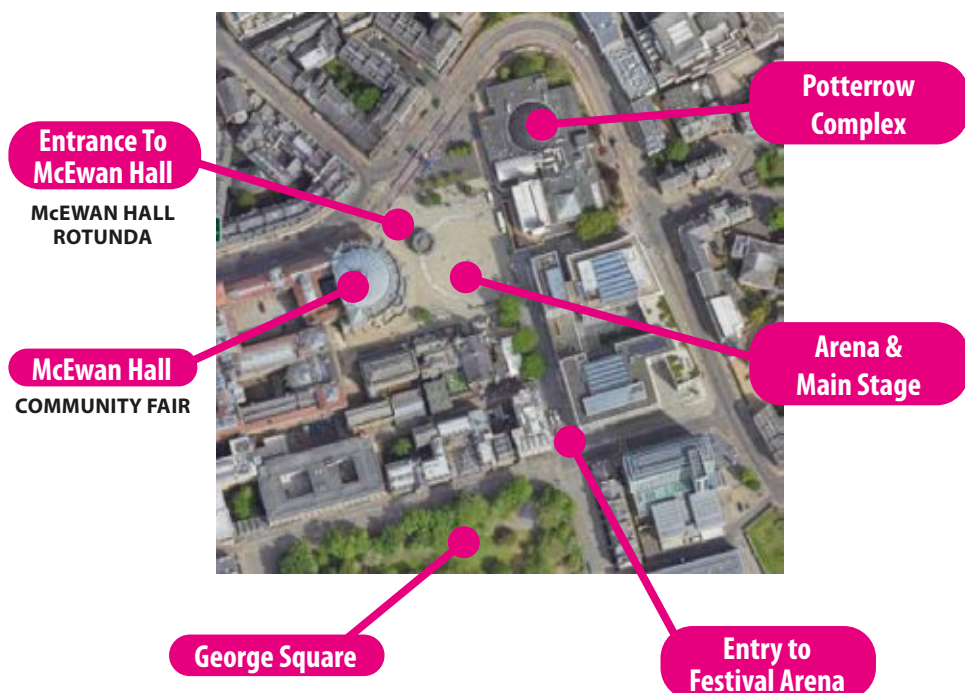
Please note when the March arrives at the festival village it will take some time to get everyone through into the main arena, and once we reach capacity entry will be temporarily paused, please proceed to George Square Gardens which will be open for picnics or continue across out to middle meadow walk 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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This year the stunning McEwan Hall will feature the Pride Edinburgh Community Fair, spread across two floors, bringing together a wide spectrum of companies, charities, community groups and engagement organisations from across the LGBTQI+ landscape. You will also find the Sexual Wellbeing Area Powered By Scottish Gas and an Open Mic hosted by GAFF. Musicians, poets, comedians, storytellers, all welcome.

Entry will be via the McEwan Hall Rotunda. There will be signage and volunteers happy to help with directions. Wheelchair access and lifts available throughout all buildings.

A Queer Creatives Market, a first for Pride Edinburgh, will be found in the Chaplaincy building. We are excited to bring you local Edinburgh and farther afield Queer Creatives to share their skills and talents.

The Trans & Non-Binary Space this year is in a private space inside Potterow.

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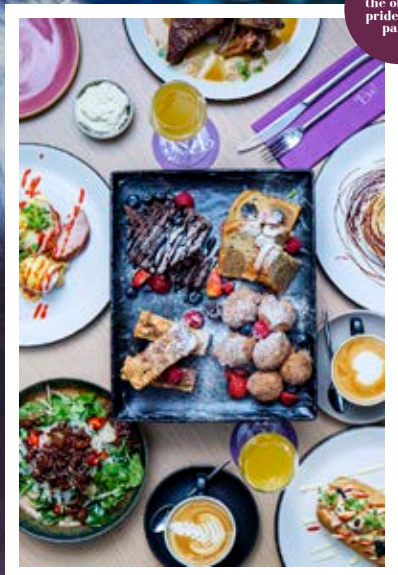
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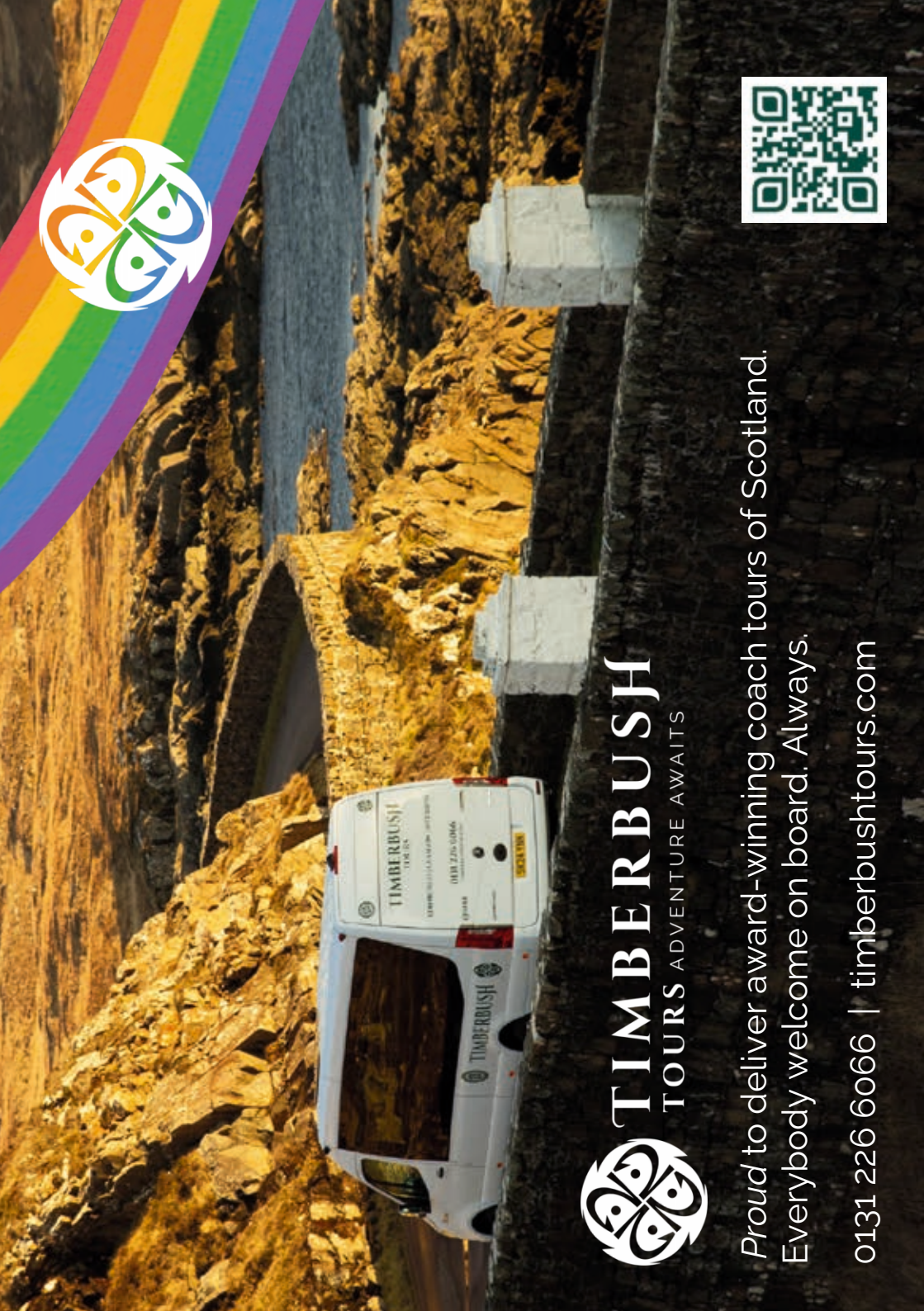
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