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WELCOME MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR



Welcome to **Pride Edinburgh 2025: We Are Visible!** And our 28th Pride in our 30th year of events here in the capital city and the fourth Pride Event to be produced as a Charity registered in Scotland.

2025 sees our full event returning, with our outdoor arena and the 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 facing delays and won't be ready for this year's event. Therefore the community fair and community entertainment programme continue to need a temporary home. We have collaborated with EUSA and The University of Edinburgh and are delighted the stunning McEwan Hall will be opened for the second time for pride and will host the community element of this year's event. We will also be using additional space in Potterrow Dome!

The 2025 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 his team, William Johnstone 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 2025 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 2024 we as the LGBTQIA+ community have seen the world around us become darker especially so for our transgender siblings and this isn't just from less enlightened parts of the globe but from the developed world especially America and right here at home. With hard won rights and legal protections being taken away and the voice of phobics especially those in the public spotlight growing ever louder it's become abundantly clear that being visible matters more than ever before. That's the reason for Pride Edinburgh's 2025 theme: **We Are Visible!** We ask the entire community to come together and show we will not be forced back into the closet that we are here and we will live our lives equal to the rest of humanity. The LGBTQIA+ community must Stand United as one and I hope you will enjoy the events planned and will join us on the March on Saturday 21st 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 the entire community. We do this with Pride and love in our hearts for a better and brighter future for not only the LGBTQIA+ community but for all Humanity.

To you and yours, enjoy the day! Because love really does always win through.

A very Happy Pride 2025 to you all!

Brett Herriot
Chair, Pride Edinburgh.

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A HISTORY OF PRIDE EDINBURGH



2025 marks Pride Edinburgh's 28th event in our 30th 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 seven years ago to 1988 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 a route from Waterloo Place to The Mound prescient.

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, The Rainbow triangle scene venues and nightclubs hosting events, with festivals also being held in the Meadows and in Pilrig Park.

In 2016 the original Pride Scotia organising committee handed the reins 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 carries on to this day and continues to see Pride taking over more space at the Bristo Square campus each year. 2025 will see the McEwan Hall being used for the second time to host the community fair and associated community events. While Bristo Square itself will once again host the Festival Main Stage arena adorned 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 led 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 2025 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: THE STREET

We continue our series of new articles for the Annual Pride Guide! "Focus:" In 2025 we look at "The Street" scene venue, its history, its impact on the community and why the venue is so beloved by us all.

Established in 2004 and housed across two floors in a plush building on the corner of Picardy Place and Broughton Street. "The Street" has built an outstanding reputation over the last twenty one years thanks to the hard work and dedication of Trendy Wendy and LouLou Thomas and there dedicated bar team lead by David Whyte. With a mission to bring something fresh to the scene "The Street" has a flavour all of its own and puts both street food and street atmosphere at the heart of its vibrant space that's proudly LGBTQIA+ but also something so much more which is why the community have given the venue a special place in its heart. The Street by name, The Street by nature and very much Street Life in all its glory.

The Street is the perfect combination of pre club bar on the ground floor and late night club joy in the basement especially at the weekend when the nightclub runs until 3am. Combined with great club nights and not forgetting the legendary Prize Surprise the venue's infamous weekly quiz which continues to play to capacity crowds week in and week out. It's the perfect location for food, drinks and entertainment in equal measure.

Wendy and Lou are also staunch advocates for the community and have supported Pride Edinburgh every year since opening. The bar also hosts Street-Art a regularly rotating art gallery built around the theme of "Street-Art" featuring works by Shepard Fairey, Eels, Banksy, ADW, Keith Haring, Stik, Static, Eyesaw, Tabby, John Doe and Mr Brainwash.

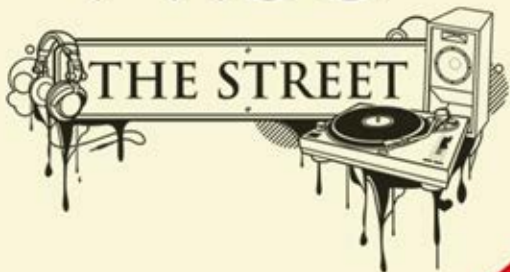


A natural flow on from Street-Art is Street Performance and for over the last decade the venue has played host as PBH Free Fringe Venue 239 bringing a programme of LGBT inspired productions to the heart of the both the capital but also its largest performance arts festival in the world namely the Edinburgh Fringe Festival. The Street also hosts a special Fringe edition of its legendary quiz with Cabaret Surprise taking to its stage during August.

For over twenty years, The Street has become a corner stone of not only the LGBT+ Scene in Edinburgh but also the wider community, evolving into a go-to safe space for so many and that's thanks to its unstinting dedication to its original ethos. Regardless of sexuality, gender, colour, class or creed, street life belongs to us all and for so many of us the venue as created uniquely special memories that will last a life time. Pride Edinburgh is indebted to the ongoing support given each and every year by The Street. Especially Wendy and Lou who not only support Pride and make its events possible but also throwing open their doors for a Pride party that goes late into the night as legions of the venues fans come out to celebrate diversity. For the Street that doesn't end on Pride Night, it's a year round mission that continues to see their original heartfelt ethos and motto continue shine as the venue comes of age and celebrates its 21st Birthday. The Street will remain a beloved venue of our community and long may it continue to be so!



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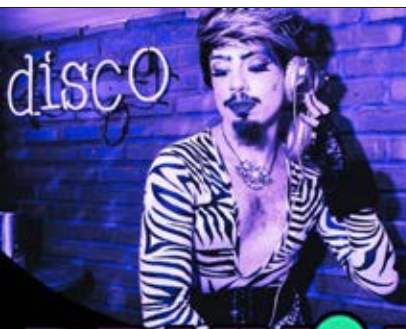
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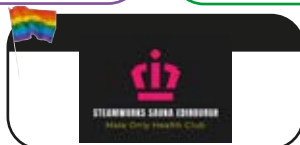


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SATURDAY JUNE 21ST 2025

Starts at the Scottish Parliament, Holyrood, Edinburgh @ 12.30pm

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

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.



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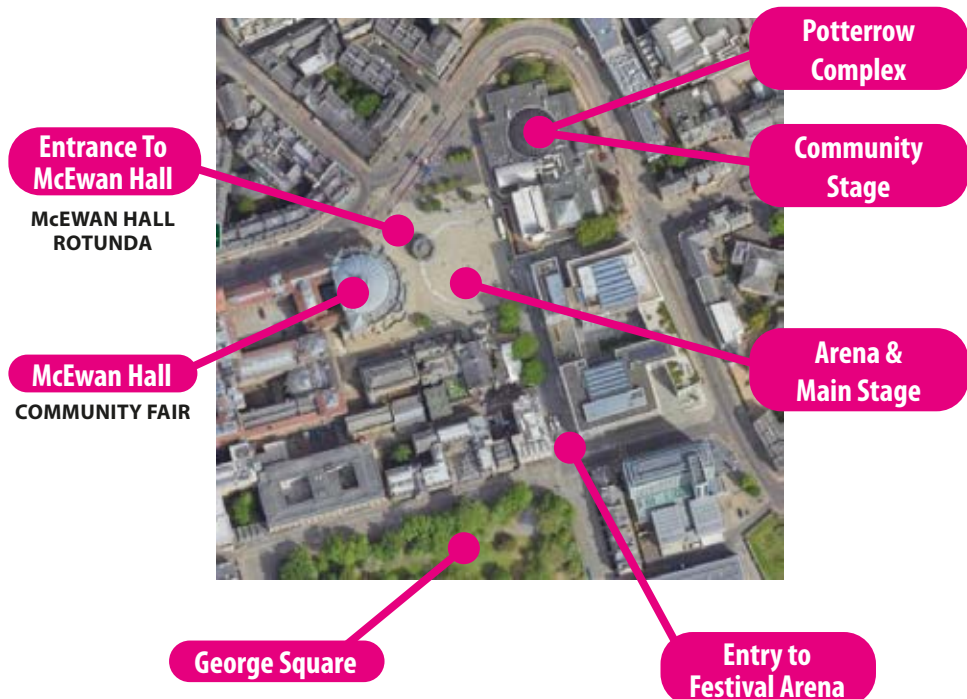
Please note when the March arrives at the festival village it will take some time to get everyone through into the main arena, and once we reach capacity entry will be temporarily paused, please proceed to George Square Gardens which will be open for picnics or continue across out to middle meadow walk 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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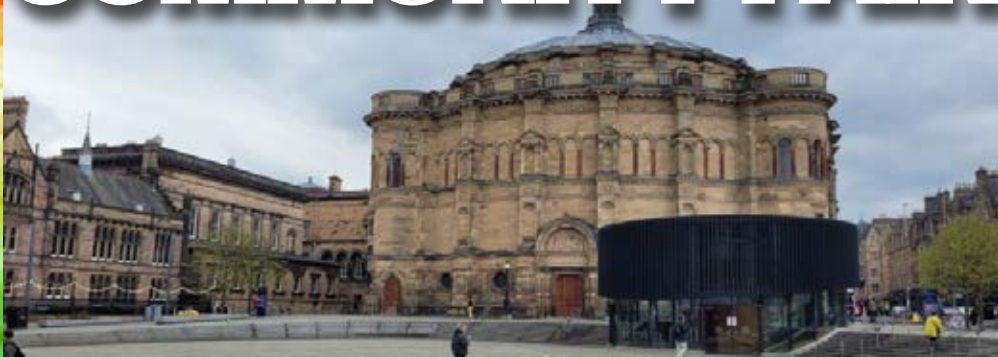
FESTIVAL ARENA



The return of our outdoor arena and our spectacular giant Pride carpet alongside the full festival event hosted by our partners EUSA across their Potterrow complex.



COMMUNITY FAIR



The Community Fair returns to the beautiful McEwan Hall, spread across two floors, bringing together a wide spectrum of companies, charities, community groups and engagement organisations from across the LGBTQI+ landscape. For the first time, we have been able to add a Quiet Hour 12.30-1.30 for those who want to avoid the noise of the Pride March and the busy period after the March arrives. Throughout the day a Quiet(er) Space will be available in the downstairs Central Room with comfortable seating.

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

Our Queer Creatives Market returns for a second year, accessed via Potterow. We are excited to bring you local Edinburgh and farther afield Queer Creatives to share their skills and talents. Come along and buy from fellow community members and selected allies.

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

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Hello Everyone and welcome to Pride Edinburgh 2025. This year Pride Edinburgh has another fantastic stage which is the **Community Stage**.

The Community Stage was established for this year's event and the concept is built around our community. With this in mind community for me is the venues that provide a safe venue for our LGBT+ people all year round and each of these venues will be highlighted on the Community Stage on the day which is Planet Bar, CC Blooms, The Street and The Regent. We will be giving local talent a chance to perform on such a big platform and the opportunity to gain valuable experience.

The Community Stage this year will be hosted by the fantastic **Geezah** a drag queen who has made a name for herself in Scotland as a best selling author and mental health enthusiast with her viral online personality who is known to host nights in the local gay bar Planet.



When I came up with the concept and discussed with Geezah she instantly bought into the idea of the stage and what its aims were and was more than happy to support this fantastic opportunity for our local talents. We are super excited for this and to see where this stage goes and I hope you all visit throughout the day to help and support our local talented artists that we have in our fantastic community.



DJ Blondie

We will also will have the fantastic **DJ Blondie** who again is a regular DJ in the gay scene and regularly works in CC Blooms. There will be a variety of performances on the community stage that day as well as some crowd participation on our karaoke segment as well as a live DJ set for you all to dance your shoes off to. Let's hope this stage builds year on year and will continue its aims of giving back to our community and allowing our local talented professionals the opportunity to perform on such an amazing platform. This year the headline act for the community stage is a great band called The Marches and they are deffo an act not to be missed as they are absolutely fantastic. I hope you all have a fantastic and safe Pride Edinburgh 2025.

ACCESSIBILITY

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marks the 28th event in our 30th year and each year we strive to make the event as accessible to all as we possibly can. As an annual event run by volunteers from and for the community we take all feedback from those who require additional access needs seriously and strive to meet those individual needs. As a one day event with a limited budget we can't make all the accessible changes we would like or wish to make. However if you have a specific access requirement, that is not covered in this page please email us at contact@prideedinburgh.co.uk and we will do our best to meet your needs.

Pride Day!

Pride day its self is an annual demonstration of diversity drawing thousands of pride goers to the city centre for the Annual Pride Edinburgh March through the heart of the city culminating in a Festival which will be held in 2025 at the EUSA Campus at Potterrow. This will include Bristo Square, McEwan Hall and Potterrow Dome. The 2025 youth space will be hosted at the University of Edinburgh's new Future's Institute. The event will be busy with large crowds expected and noise levels will be high throughout all the events planned. For those with sensitive auditory needs ear defenders are recommended for all events planned.

The Pride Edinburgh March 2025

The March for 2025 will form at the Scottish Parliament from 12:15 before departing at 13:00.

The Route for 2025 is:

Canongate – High Street – Lawnmarket & George IV Bridge – Bristo Place – Lothian Street – Potterrow – Crichton Street – Charles Street – Pride Edinburgh Village.

MARCH ROUTE ACCESS

Scottish Parliament

The March forms at the Scottish parliament this is a flat, smooth surfaced area with reflecting pools and grass areas. There is Disabled and accessible parking available at Holyrood Car Park where Accessible Toilet facilities are available at the same location. There are additional accessible toilets available at The King's Gallery directly opposite the Scottish Parliament. There is an accessible drop off point at Horse Wynd and at Queens Drive from 12:00 – 12:40 on the day.

Speeches

For 2025 there will be no speeches prior to the March Departing. The Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence will host the annual Minutes Noise and Minutes Silence prior to March moving off.

Canongate

This is a steep uphill section of the March route. The road is cobbled which may prove difficult for manual wheel chair users participating in the March route unaided. Power assisted wheelchair users may also find this portion of the march difficult due to the cobbling. Those with walking aids should take care on the cobbles. The pavements on either side are smooth and accessible although crowds may gather on the pavements to watch as the March passes by. The nearest accessible toilets are located at The Museum of Edinburgh and The People's Story on either side of the Canongate.

High Street

The gradient will ease as the march enters the High Street portion of the route although the route continues uphill over cobbles. There will be a controlled crossing of the North Bridge and High Street Junction under the control of Police Scotland and Pride Edinburgh Stewards. The pavements which are smooth will widen at this point but there may be crowds gathering to watch as the March passes by. Accessible toilet facilities are available at The Museum of Childhood and at St Giles Cathedral.

Lawnmarket

The Gradient will ease further as the March enters the Lawnmarket section but cobbles are present for a portion of the Lawnmarket before switching to smooth tarmac. The March will turn left at the Lawnmarket and George IV Bridge junction. There are no accessible toilets in this area.

George IV Bridge

The March will travel the entire length of George IV Bridge heading south on the left side of the road only. Live Traffic will continue to run Northwards towards the Mound on the right side of the road. The road has a gentle downhill gradient and is smooth Tarmac. The Central reservation is cobbled. Accessible Toilets are available at the Edinburgh Central Library and at the National Museum of Scotland. This will be the last available accessible toilets prior to the March arriving at the Festival Site.

Bristo Place

The march continues ahead with a slight left turn in Bristo Place the road has a smooth road surface with no gradient.

Lothian Street – Potterrow

The March will make a sharp left turn into Lothian Street which flows naturally into Potterrow; there is a slight incline as Lothian Street flows into Potterrow then a slight decline. The road surface is smooth. The March will occupy both sides of the carriage way. The Ride with Pride access bus drop off point is located at Chapel Street at the junction with Crichton Street.

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Crichton Street

The March turns right into Crichton Street which is a smooth roadway with zero Gradient. The March then arrives into the Festival Site at Charles Street. When the Festival Site reaches capacity initially we will have a temporary halt to admissions and the March will be diverted into George Square Gardens for those who wish to picnic in the Gardens. Accessible toilets are available at the University of Edinburgh Library. For those not wishing to enjoy a picnic the March will continue along George Square North Side before a left turn into Middle Meadow Walk and the March will disperse on the Meadows. Accessible toilet facilities are available at the East Meadows Play Park. Those with access needs may turn right at Middle Meadow walk and City Bus Transport is available at Lauriston Place. Private Car pick is also permitted in Lauriston Place.

Charles Street

This is the main access route to the Pride Village, it's a wide pedestrian pathway which is smooth with a small incline and forms the entrance way to the Pride Village and the end of the 2025 Pride March

Ride with Pride 2025 Access Buses

The ride with pride access bus returns for Pride Edinburgh 2025: We Are Visible This dedicated service for those with disabilities or impairments who may find it difficult to walk the full march route. To reserve your space please email contact@prideedinburgh.co.uk with the following information:

- 1) Your full name plus the name of any accompanying passengers
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- 4) Your preference of upper or lower deck.

(Please note the upper deck is opened topped)

Spaces are allocated on a first come first served basis so please book early to avoid disappointment.

Pride Edinburgh Village 2025

The Post March village event will be hosted once again by our Partners at EUSA and the University of Edinburgh. It will be hosted across the EUSA campus including Bristo Square, McEwan Hall and Potterrow Dome.

Bristo Square

Bristo Square will host the Pride Main Stage with entertainment throughout the afternoon and features our giant pride carpet covering the entire lower level of the square itself. The Square will have its own bars for drinks (alcoholic, non alcoholic and soft drinks available) and

snacks. The lower level can be accessed via 4 steps from the main entry point. There is an accessible entrance with no steps available from the east side of the square. There are accessible toilets available on the square itself with ramped access to the disabled toilet. The area surrounding the square is smooth with little gradient.

Main Stage Accessible Viewing Area

The Square will also feature an accessible viewing area directly opposite the main stage with step free access. The area is in direct line with main stage to ensure unobstructed views of the main stage. There will also be an accessible toilet available in this area. Limited seats will be available.

Additional accessible toilets are available in Potterrow Dome and McEwan Hall. The nearest shop is located at Potterrow Dome. This viewing area will be allocated on a first come first served basis and will be staffed.

McEwan Hall

Following the ongoing redevelopment of Teviot House the McEwan Hall will once again host the Community Fair along side Community entertainment. These will take place across the Ground and Lower Ground Floors. The building is fully accessible and entry will be via the rotunda on Bristo Square please follow the signage and guidance of volunteers. There are two accessible lifts and there are gentle ramps to access the main hall on the ground floor. The Hall features four accessible toilets across the Ground and Lower Ground Floors and additional toilets facilities are also available. The upper floors of the Hall will not be in use on Pride Day and we ask pride goers following the instructions of University Staff and Pride Volunteers when given.

For more information on accessibility in the McEwan Hall please go to:

McEwan Hall | AccessAble

www.accessable.co.uk/venues/mcewan-hall

Potterrow Dome

The much loved Potterrow Dome will play host to the 2025 Pride Edinburgh Community Stage in Hanger 5 as well as a craft market and community stalls. There is ample relaxation space within the dome and the bar will be open selling alcoholic, non alcoholic and soft drinks. There is also an onsite coffee shop and Potterrow shop will also be open. The building is fully accessible from street level; there is lift access to Hanger 5 and accessible toilets on the ground. Additional toilets are located in the basement and are only accessible via steps.



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