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**Welcome to Pride in Gateshead – a festival that has community at the heart of everything we are delivering.**

I'm delighted to chair Out North East, bringing you an amazing celebration of inclusivity and diversity.

This is Gateshead's first month-long pride festival and I'm proud of the programme of events and activities we have planned for you. Whether you're into crafting, films, exhibitions, family events, lawn bowling – yes, you read it correctly – or colour fun runs, concerts or codebreaking, we have something for everyone.

And remember, pride isn't just about celebration, it's also about being proud of yourself and your community. Our aim is to show the region that Gateshead is a safe and inclusive place to live, work and visit.

I'd like to thank Gateshead College for being our festival sponsor and all our amazing supporters for making this such a wonderful celebration. I really do hope you enjoy our first Pride in Gateshead festival and please get involved with as many events as possible and be proud.

**Peter Darrant**
Chair
Out North East

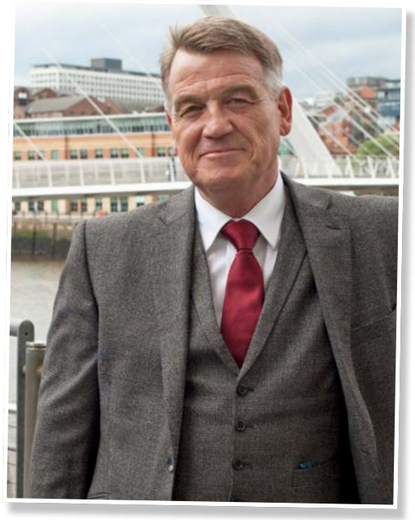
As a unique, creative, ambitious and culturally diverse borough we are incredibly proud and excited to be supporting the first Pride in Gateshead. The fantastic programme of events and activities has something for everyone to enjoy throughout the month-long celebration, and we want to encourage everyone to get involved.

Pride means different things to us all and we hope, that by coming together to celebrate inclusivity and diversity, we can all take a moment to think about why we should be proud of ourselves, the people we are close to, our local communities and the place we live.

The strength of Gateshead is the people of Gateshead and the more pride we feel about the borough in which we live the more we will achieve going forward.

I hope you all enjoy what promises to be a very exciting month for Gateshead.

**Councillor Martin Gannon**
Leader of Gateshead Council



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## THE CHARITY BEHIND PRIDE IN GATESHEAD



**It doesn't seem five minutes since we were launching Out North East, with ambitious plans to find new ways to represent the LGBTQ+ community, along with promising to deliver three engaging, inclusive and exciting Pride festivals across the region. And yet here we are, poised to showcase a packed programme of events throughout the summer at Sunderland, South Tyneside and Gateshead.**

When we unveiled Out North East for the first time we had strong ambitions – and we are delighted to have been able to meet those aims and more.

We wanted to engage with everyone within our community, particularly those who felt isolated or excluded due to their age, gender identity or sexuality. We were determined to connect with them and make them part our new events charity.

Our Pride programmes aren't limited to one weekend – we are running month-long festivals so that everyone can find a reason to get involved. We have concerts, film screenings, outreach programmes, educational workshops, talks, family friendly activities, sporting events – and of course our flagship concerts and Pride marches.

**We want everyone to enjoy our events and we're proud that we are creating festivals with broad appeal, aimed at informing, educating and of course, entertaining.**

While Prides are a cause for celebration, Out North East will be working throughout the year to raise awareness of the challenges and issues affecting the lives of LGBTQ+ people as well as confronting homophobia, biphobia and transphobia. We want to build relationships with key organisations to enhance our communities mental health and physical wellbeing and be a voice for social inclusion for everyone.

Keeping the message of Pride alive is at the heart of what we do, remembering the struggle isn't over for many people around the world who can't express their sexuality or their true gender, who still fight a daily battle against inequality and prejudice.

And that's just the start. The support we've already received from across the North East bodes well for the future and we are grateful for the huge amount of enthusiasm, commitment and help we have received from all three boroughs.

Hopefully Out North East will create a spirit of understanding and compassion, educate and inform and do our bit to change the world around us for the better – now that really is something to celebrate!

**This is going to be a summer to remember and we look forward to welcoming you to all our events.**








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# LGBTQ+ HISTORY

## THE HISTORY OF LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDER AND QUEER PEOPLE IS A TANGLED ONE – WITH PERIODS OF PAIN AND RESISTANCE ALLIED TO GENUINELY SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS.

SINCE pretty much the dawn of time, people have existed in same sex relationships, lived as a different gender to the one they were assigned at birth, or just generally flown in the face of what was considered 'normal.'



Throughout the years there have been events and individuals who have woven themselves into the fabric of LGBTQIA+ history – who have fought the good fight or dared to raise their heads above the parapet and simply said "no more."

They have challenged authority and changed the status quo, making a significant impact on our rights along the way.

Here are just 18 of those landmarks events and people we must simply never forget…



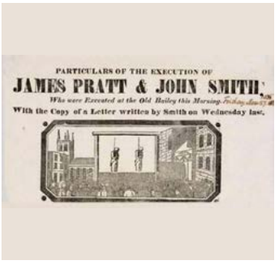
### HADRIAN AND ANTINOUS

It's almost 2000 years after the former Roman emperor, Hadrian, created the now World Heritage Site of Hadrian's Wall – the 73 mile long fortification which marked the boundary between England Scotland.

What is less known about Hadrian is his personal love story, a relationship with Antinous, who came to the emperor's court as a boy and in adulthood became his lover.

The pair travelled throughout the Roman Empire together, with their love affair meeting a tragic ending when Antinous fell into the Nile and drowned.

### JAMES PRATT AND JOHN SMITH




While the "crime" of homosexuality led to a harsh and cruel punishment for James Pratt and John Smith, there is some small comfort in the fact they were immortalised for eternity, thanks to Charles Dickens.

The London pair gained the unenviable title of being the last men to be executed for sodomy in 1835, after being spied on through a keyhole.

While in the notorious Newgate Prison they were visited by Dickens who wrote about meeting them in Sketches by Boz.

They were hanged outside the prison on the 27 November and eventually received a posthumous pardon in 2017.




### SECTION 28

One of the darkest and most shameful periods in UK's history was the introduction by Margaret Thatcher's government of Section 28 which said that local authorities "shall not intentionally promote homosexuality or publish material with the intention of promoting homosexuality" as well "promote the teaching in any maintained school of the acceptability of homosexuality of as a pretended family relationship."

This ruling led to many LGBTQ+ support groups having to close after its introduction in 1988. It was finally repealed in 2003.

### ALAN TURING



Often considered the father of modern computer science, Alan Turing managed to decode the German's Enigma machines and as such, helped the allies crack intercepted messages, bringing about the end of World War II.

Despite his genius, in 1952, he was prosecuted for homosexual acts. Instead of a prison sentence he agreed to accept hormone injections – in an attempt to 'cure' his sexuality. He committed suicide at the age of 41.



## STONEWALL RIOTS

In the early hours of June 28 1969, police raided the Stonewall Inn at Greenwich Village, New York. It was a familiar scenario for the authorities to crack down on LGBTQ+ bars and clubs. This time however the outcome was different – the community decided to fight back.

Despite the violence inflicted by the police, the officers quickly lost control of the situation and the tensions continued over the coming days.

This was a watershed moment for the gay community in the USA, galvanising them into action groups, demanding that homosexuality was decriminalised.

## OSCAR WILDE



One of the UK's most famous writers, known for his flamboyant lifestyle and razor sharp wit, in 1895, the playwright Oscar Wilde was tried for homosexuality, pleading not guilty on 25 counts of gross indecency.

By fighting for his innocence through the courts he shone a spotlight on "the love that dare not speak its name" – and received, in exchange, the harshest possible sentence of two years hard labour for gross indecency.



## GILBERT BAKER – RAINBOW FLAG

The rainbow flag in an internationally recognised symbol of the LGBTQ+ community, first used in San Francisco before being used at gay events worldwide.

Its creation is credited to artist Gilbert Baker, who's original design in 1978 had eight colours but the following year became the more well known six horizontal stripes.

The flag and other rainbow themed items are synonymous with showing support and solidarity with the community. Gilbert was challenged by the gay right activist, Harvey Milk, to create a symbol of pride for the gay community and – as they say – the rest is history.

## APRIL ASHLEY



The Honourable April Corbett was an English model, author and LGBTQ+ rights activist and is one of the earliest British people to have sex reassignment surgery. On leaving the Merchant Navy she performed in a cabaret show before being outed as a transgender woman by a tabloid newspaper in 1961.

She had appeared in Vogue and even had a small role in a movie and was also at the centre of a scandalous court case where her marriage was annulled.

Her commitment to fighting for transgender equality led to her being awarded an MBE in 2012.




## PINK TRIANGLE

Initially a representation of dark and dangerous times, the pink triangle is now recognised as being not just a memorial, but a positive symbol of self identity.

The inverted triangle was adopted by the Nazis in World War II and used to distinguish gay men who were incarcerated in concentration camps.

In the 1970 it was revived, this time as a symbol of protest against homophobia and to represent LGBTQIA+ pride in its broadest sense.

## HARVEY MILK




Harvey Bernard Milk was born in 1930 and like so many people of that time, spend years hiding his sexuality. It was with the changing atmosphere in San Franciso during the 1960s that led to him discarding his views about personal freedom and sexuality – leading to him becoming the USA's first openly gay man to be elected to public office.

Despite some initial resistance to his running, he became city supervisor and led the gay political movement against anti-gay initiatives.

Although he only spent 11 months in office before he was assassinated, he made a huge and life changing impact.



## ADMIRAL DUNCAN BOMBING

It was a normal Friday night in April 1999 in Soho, where members of the gay community and their friends and allies were enjoying an early evening drink in the Admiral Duncan pub.

It was a popular watering hole which drew an eclectic crowd, who had nothing on their minds but the weekend ahead.

That all changed when David Copeland, a neo-Nazi, planted a sports bag with a nail bomb in it in the pub. The result was catastrophic – three people died and 83 people were injured.

Copeland had embarked on a one man campaign to stir up both racial and homophobic tensions and this was the third such attack.

He was eventually arrested and is now serving a life long prison sentence which would see his earliest release date being 2049.



## FIGHTING WITH PRIDE

Despite their willingness to fight for king and country, homosexuality was outlawed by the military until 2000.

Each year around 250 servicemen and women were thrown out and their service medals removed, when their sexuality came to light.

In 2021 the military finally started to make good this injustice, by restoring the medals to those who had them taken away.

## LAW TO MAKE LESBIANISM ILLEGAL



While homosexual acts between men had been illegal since 1885, resulting in a possible two year prison sentence. Other laws such as the 1861 Offences Against the Person Act and the Criminal Law Amendment Act also was used to punish gay man.

However that wasn't enough for the Government which decided in 1921 there weren't enough homosexuals in prison so introduced a bill which was aimed at punishing "gross indecency" between women.

It made it to the House of Lords where it was thrown out – simply because they believed that making it illegal would turn more "feeble minded" women into lesbians.



## PULSE NIGHTCLUB MASSACRE

It may have taken place more than a decade ago, but that doesn't lessen the horror of the massacre at Orlando's Pulse nightclub, which was the scene of the second worst mass shooting by a lone gunman in US history.

A heartbreaking 49 people were killed and a further 53 were injured by a Muslim extremist called Omar Mateen who was eventually shot and killed by police.

## MARK REES

Mark Rees paved the way for the transgender community, fighting for his rights in a world that didn't want to listen. He underwent gender reassignment in the 1970s and spent his life relentlessly pursuing justice for trans people.

That included petitioning the European Court of Human Rights for the right to have gender changed on a birth certificate.



Gender Recognition Act 2004

## GENDER RECOGNITION ACT

A landmark victory, the Gender Recognition Act 2004 allows adults in the UK who have gender dysphoria to be legally recognised and to have the ability to change their gender.

The act was updated in 2013, granting trans people a Gender Recognition Certificate and a new birth certificate that matches their legally recognised gender.

## MAUREEN COLQUHOUN

British economist and Labour politician Maureen Colquhoun became the UK's first openly lesbian MP, representing Northampton North. A lifelong campaigner, she introduced the 1975 Balance of the Sexes Bill with the objective of ensuring that there was an equal number of men and women on public bodies, as well as campaigning for the decriminalisation of prostitution.





## GLADYS BENTLEY

A black, lesbian, cross dressing entertainer, American Gladys Bentley was a stalwart on the gay scene of 1920s New York.

She headlined while backed up by a chorus of drag queens, instantly recognisable in her costume of top hat and tails.

Her raunchy performances led to police locking the doors in many places that she played, but managed to sustain her theatrical career – mainly at Harlem's infamous Ubangi Club.







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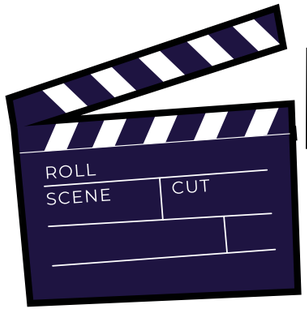




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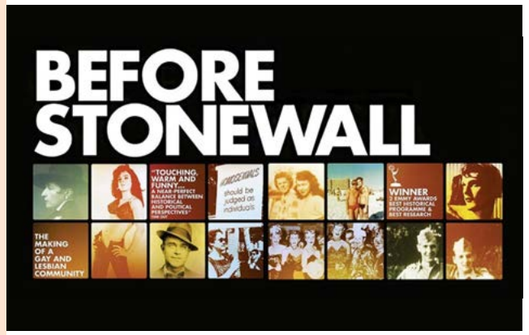
THE BEAUTIFUL NORTH




# PRIDE FILM FESTIVAL

Sit back and enjoy three great LGBTQ+ film documentaries as we celebrate pride season.




## BEFORE STONEWALL

Run time 87 mins

**Tuesday 6th August – Doors open 7pm Film starts 7.30pm** 16+
**Pride Media Centre, T1, Stonehills, Pelaw, Gateshead NE10 0HW**

In 1969 the police raided the Stonewall Inn, a gay bar in New York City's Greenwich Village, leading to three nights of rioting by the city's LGBTQ+ community. With this outpouring of courage and unity the gay liberation movement had begun.

Newly restored for the 55th Anniversary of the Stonewall Riots, Before Stonewall pries open the closet door, setting free the dramatic story of survival, love, persecution and resistance experienced by LGBT Americans since the early 1900's. Revealing and often humorous, this widely acclaimed film relives the emotionally-charged sparking of today's gay rights movement, from the events that led to the fevered 1969 riots to many other milestones in the brave fight for acceptance.

**This is a free event however spaces are limited. To reserve your seats visit www.outnortheast.org.uk/events**




## THE TIMES OF HARVEY MILK

Run time 90 mins

**Tuesday 13 August – Doors open 7pm Film starts 7.30pm** 16+
**Pride Media Centre, T1, Stonehills, Pelaw, Gateshead NE10 0HW**

The Times of Harvey Milk documents the political career of Harvey Milk, who was San Francisco's first openly gay supervisor. The film documents Milk's rise from a neighbourhood activist to a symbol of gay political achievement, through to his assassination in November 1978 at San Francisco's city hall, and the Dan White trial and aftermath.

**This is a free event however spaces are limited. To reserve your seats visit www.outnortheast.org.uk/events**




## THE SONS OF TENNESSEE WILLIAMS

Run time 75 mins

**Tuesday 20th August – Doors open 7pm Film starts 7.30pm** 16+
**Pride Media Centre, T1, Stonehills, Pelaw, Gateshead NE10 0HW**

The Sons of Tennessee Williams is a 2010 American historical documentary film produced and directed by Tim Wolff. The film spans five decades documenting the gay carnival balls in New Orleans, and the efforts of the gay community to celebrate Marid Gras, without being discriminated against and without fear of police intervention. It stars Charles Maddox, Tommy Dietsch, George Roth, Don Stratton, Jimmy Keyes, Mike Moreau, John Henry Bogie, Albert Carey, Bianco Del Rio and additional krewe club members that share their memories through interviews and archival footage.

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EMERALD 55
HERITAGE PROJECT

# EMERALD 55

## A GEM OF AN IDEA

**At the heart of Pride is a celebration of community – so what better way to mark Out North East's three major Prides in the region than to create a memorable and meaningful legacy.**

Emerald 55 is a unique heritage project commemorating the 55th anniversary of the Stonewall Riots and how this moment sparked a political and social movement which is often seen as a watershed moment in LGBTQ+ history.

The name of the project is drawn from a range of sources. As we've previously mentioned, it's 55 years since the Stonewall Riots, emerald is the gemstone for 55th celebrations and also links with Judy Garland – not only because of the emerald city in the Wizard of Oz – but also because of her status as an LGBTQ+ icon.

Her death in 1969 was just days before the Stonewall riots, meaning emotions were high among the gay community and is often seen as one of the sparks which lit the flames.

The Stonewall Riots is a landmark in LGBTQ+ history – often seen as the catalyst for the modern gay rights movement. Against a backdrop of constant persecution for the "crime" of being gay or being considered to have a mental disorder, LGBTQ+ people were criminalised in most states in the USA.

On 28 June 1969 the patrons of the Stonewall Inn at Greenwich Village, New York decided the discrimination and recrimination they suffered at the hands of the police needed to stop – and they hit back.

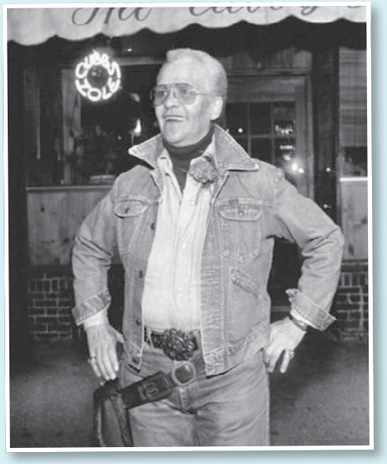





When the police raided the Stonewall Inn, attempting to arrest employees and patrons for violating laws prohibiting same-sex relations, cross-dressing, and serving alcohol to LGBTQ+ individuals, members of the community decided it was time to make a stand. Fuelled by years of frustration and anger they resisted attempts by the police to arrest them, refusing to go quietly.



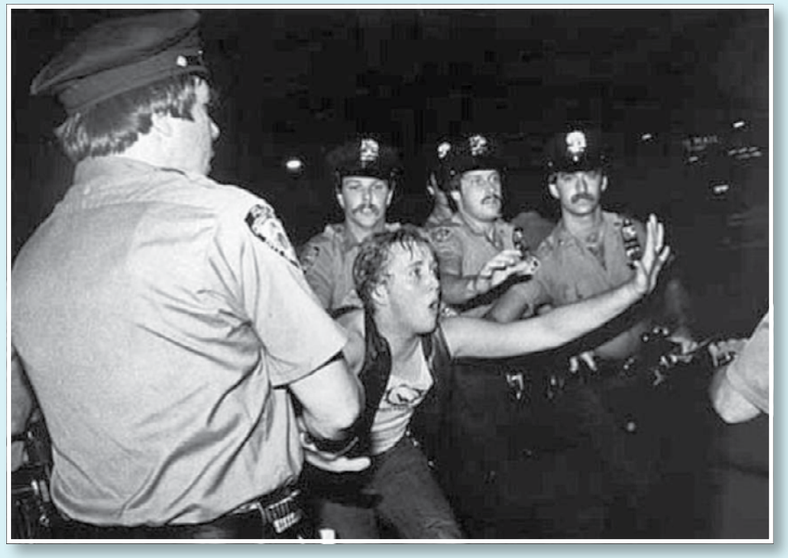
Storme DeLarverie, a proud lesbian, drag king and lifelong gay activist is widely acknowledged to have thrown the first punch in protest, though drag performers and trans activists Marsha P Johnson and Sylvia Rivera soon became the public faces of the riots. Over the following days, hundreds of people showed their solidarity and also fought back, challenging the police for their strong-arm tactics.



The Stonewall Riots lasted for several nights, serving as a turning point in the fight for LGBTQ+ rights. The demonstrations garnered significant media attention and became a rallying cry for the emerging gay rights movement.

It was also the catalyst for a worldwide movement for equal rights, leading to the establishment of the Gay Liberation Front and the Gay Activists Alliance. The first Pride event was held and through the actions of a handful of brave people at Stonewall, the position of the LGBTQ+ community worldwide changed – and continues to do so. No longer were people prepared to lurk in the shadows but they stood up and were happy to be counted, fighting against discrimination and demanding equality.

The riots were a pivotal moment, not only in LGBTQ+ history but also in the broader struggle for civil rights. The movement has since grown, achieving significant



victories however, the fight for LGBTQ+ rights continues with many challenges and obstacles still to overcome. It is against this backdrop that we have created Emerald 55 – a chance to remember our past, celebrate our achievements and look to change the future.

And we want you to get involved.

We are gathering responses to one simple question - What does Pride mean to me?

Is it a celebration of your personal journey, a particular memory, the first time you publicly came out or a reaction to specific event? Is it pride in your local football team, your environment, the teacher who taught you at school and now teaches your children or a personal achievement.

Pride is not exclusive to the LGBTQ+ community. It's an emotion that connects everyone and we want to know what it means to you.

You can share your pride online or through a series of events we have planned including coffee mornings, satellite events, community workshops, and events at schools, colleges and universities.

And you can use any medium you want to take part – it could be a poem, video message or a piece of art – we are happy for all forms of expression.

All the information will be collated and form three major exhibitions which will be displayed in Sunderland, South Tyneside and Gateshead during LGBTQ+ history month in February 2025. The collection will then be gifted to each local authority for their archives.

**Emerald 55 is an important moment for you to tell us what pride means to you. You can find out more by searching Emerald 55 at outnortheast.org.uk.**





# WHAT DOES PRIDE MEAN TO ME?



Gay pride means celebrating authenticity, embracing diversity, and standing against discrimination. It is a powerful affirmation of the right to love who we choose and live true to ourselves, honouring the journey of struggle resilience and triumph that the LGBTQ+ community has endured. For me personally as a gay man in a leadership role within local government gay pride is about unity, visibility and the continuous fight for equality, fostering a world where everyone can thrive without fear of being their genuine selves. The motto of Gateshead Council for me resonates with the ethos of Pride – "In Unity, Progress".

**Dale Owens**
Chief Executive, Gateshead Council



Pride to me means celebrating our community's strength and being our true selves every day.

Pride is about promoting all of us are equal no matter who we love.

Pride is about the people before us who fought for our rights and not forgetting how fortunate we are compared to others around the world who can't live their lives the way they want too.

Pride is a reminder that there is still so much to do to reach actual equality.

**Ophelia Balls**
North East Drag Entertainer



Pride, for me, is deeply rooted in the vibrant culture and resilience of the North East. Working for an inclusive, innovative, and sustainable travel company in Newcastle embodies this spirit.

Lumo champions inclusion and diversity so being part of Pride in Gateshead, bringing people together in so many wonderful ways this summer makes me incredibly proud.

My role is incredibly exciting being able to create meaningful partnerships across the region, making a positive and lasting impact on both our local communities and environment.

**Richard Salkeld** (He/Him)
Head of Communications & Partnerships at Lumo



Pride to me means celebrating who we are for all of our differences and being proud to be ourselves.

**Gloria Love** (She/Her)
Transgender woman and drag queen
Singer, Hostess, Sweetheart & Drag icon!



I'm proud of the work we do at Gateshead College in enhancing equality, promoting inclusivity and supporting learners to be advocates of a more accepting and understanding society. For me, Pride is a celebration of community and belonging. It's about people being comfortable to be themselves and being proud of who they are. It's about recognising the progress we've made and the progress we can still make. Together we can continue to make a difference so that everyone feels valued.

**David Alexander**
Gateshead College's Principal and CEO

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## breaking the code!

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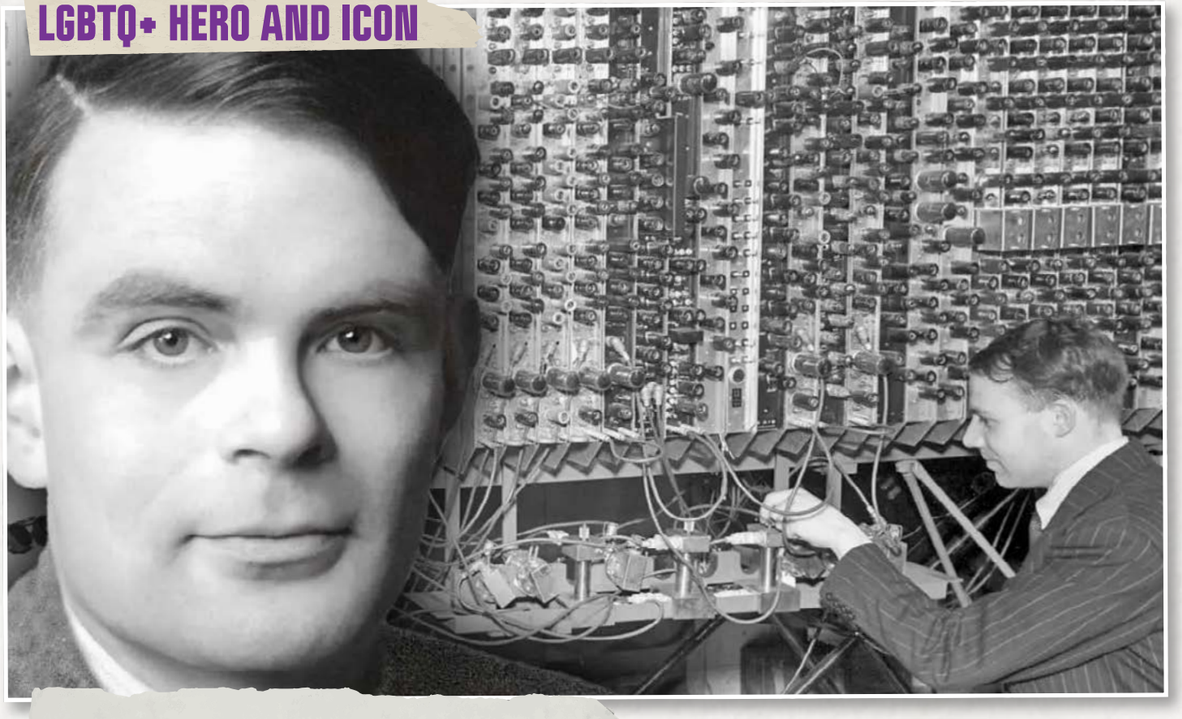
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LGBTQ+ HERO AND ICON



# ALAN TURING
## BREAKING THE CODE

**Alan Turing was a pioneering British mathematician, logician, and computer scientist whose work laid the foundations for modern computing and artificial intelligence.**

Born on June 23, 1912, in London, Turing showed an early aptitude for mathematics and science. He studied at King's College, Cambridge, where he became a fellow in 1935. In 1936 he introduced the concept of a theoretical computing machine, now known as the Turing machine. This abstract device formalised the concepts of algorithm and computation, providing a framework for the development of computer science.

During World War II, Turing worked at Bletchley Park, the British codebreaking centre. He played a crucial role in deciphering the Enigma machine, used by Nazi Germany to encrypt military communications. Turing's contributions significantly shortened the war, some say by two years, and saved millions of lives. His design of the Bombe, an electromechanical device, automated the decryption process, highlighting his innovative thinking.

After the war, Turing continued his work in computer science, developing one of the first designs for a stored-program computer, the Automatic Computing Engine (ACE). His 1950 paper, "Computing Machinery and Intelligence," posed the question, "Can machines think?" and introduced the Turing Test, which determined a machine's ability to exhibit intelligent behaviour indistinguishable from that of a human.

Despite his monumental contributions, Turing's life was marred by persecution. In 1952, he was convicted of "gross indecency" for a homosexual relationship, then illegal in the UK. He chose chemical castration over imprisonment. He was stripped of all his military awards. Turing died on June 7, 1954, from cyanide poisoning, widely believed to be suicide.

In 2009, British Prime Minister Gordon Brown issued a public apology for Turing's treatment, and in 2013, Queen Elizabeth II granted him a posthumous pardon. In 2021, the Bank of England included his face on the new £50 note which is now in circulation. Turing's legacy endures in the fields of mathematics, computer science, and artificial intelligence, where he is revered as a visionary and a martyr for his contributions and the injustices he endured.

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### CODE BREAKERS
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EXPLORING THE RAINBOW FLAG IN ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD



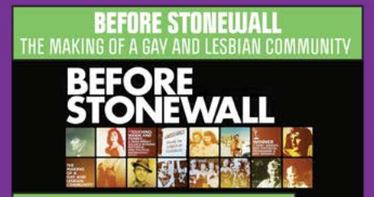

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UPPER TOWN SQUARE, METROCENTRE

### PRIDE AT THE METROCENTRE




SAT 3RD AUG
TOWN SQUARE, METROCENTRE

### BEFORE STONEWALL
THE MAKING OF A GAY AND LESBIAN COMMUNITY




TUESDAY 6TH AUG | 7PM
PRIDE MEDIA CENTRE, PELAW

### GATESHEAD TOWN CENTRE PRIDE FRINGE




SAT 10TH AUG | 10AM - 4PM
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### PRIDE PICNIC
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SUNDAY 11TH AUG | 12PM - 4PM
SALTWELL PARK - THE GROVE NEAR THE BANDSTAND

### THE TIMES OF HARVEY MILK
PRIDE IN GATESHEAD FILM FESTIVAL




TUESDAY 13TH AUG | 1PM
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## WE'LL NEVER STOP LOVING...
# SONIA

## SUNDAY 25TH AUGUST

**The 1980s – and the charts were dominated by the songs of a seemingly unstoppable trio – Stock, Aitken and Waterman.**

They helped launched the career of many stars who are still riding high today and that included one Liverpudlian powerhouse who will be taking to the stage at Pride in Gateshead.

Sonia Evans – better known simply as Sonia- has had a career that has stretched across the decades, thanks to a memorable voice and her engaging personality.

From the moment that You'll Never Stop Me From Loving You hit the number one spot back in 1989 – selling a staggering 350,000 copies – her career has never looked back.

Hit after hit helped consolidate her appeal – records like Can't Forget You, Listen To Your Heart and Counting Every Minute.

What might be less well known is that before becoming a musical sensation, Sonia had also appeared in a range of tv shows, including Bread and the scouse soap, Brookside.

It was at the age of 16 while playing the Liverpool club circuit, she was spotted by the record producer Pete Waterman and an impromptu audition secured a recording contract.

In 1993 she represented the UK in the Eurovision Song Contest with the belter Better The Devil You Know and she has also gone on to perform in a range of musicals and pantomimes.

Still in as much demand as ever and a regular on the 80s revival circuit, she's taking time off to come to Pride In Gateshead and remind us all why she remains a superstar.

# TAKING TO THE STAGE

## SUNDAY 25TH AUGUST



## BRINGING THE ALEX PARTY TO PRIDE

**There ain't no party like an Alex Party – and we're about to prove that with an unmissable performance by singer/ songwriter Shanie Campbell at this year's Pride in Gateshead.**

Shanie grew up in London and started writing poetry from an early age and then while at school she began to put her words to melodies.

Determined to be a professional singer, she started off as a session vocalist working with big names such as Soul City Orchestra, Nigel Lewis, Marshall Jefferson, Cut Father & Joe, Womack & Womack and Dina Carrol.

In 1994 Shanie became the vocalist/writer of the international dance act Alex Party.

Produced by the brothers Paulo & Gianni Visnadi – also of Livin' Joy - and DJ Alex Natale, the group became an instant hit.

Their first single with Shanie -Don't Give Me Your Life - was snapped up by London Records and became one of the hits of 1995, remaining in the UK Top 10 for nine weeks.

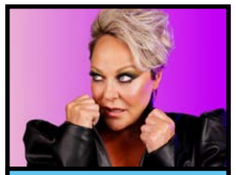
It also won the band the prestigious Club Record of the Year award at The Music Week Awards.

Alex Party went on to release further club classics including Wrap Me Up and Read My Lips.

Throughout the 90s Shanie toured extensively across Europe as well as countries such as Canada, Australia and Dubai.

**We are delighted that she can now add Gateshead to that list!**

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Red Sky Foundation raises thousands of pounds to not only buy essential items for cardiac units in hospitals across the region but also installs life-saving defibrillators at key locations available to the public.

And now it has teamed up with Out North East to donate four defibs to celebrate Pride in the region.

The relationship with Red Sky Foundation has seen the installation of a defibrillator in each area where a Pride is happening – at the Rainbow Hub at Sunniside Gardens, Sunderland, Chopwell Woods, Gateshead and at Bents Park, South Tyneside.

The fourth one is now in place at Bobby's Bar, Newcastle – right at the heart of Newcastle's LGBTQ+ scene.

Peter Darrant, Chair of Out North East, said the partnership with Red Sky Foundation would make a massive difference.

"At Out North East we are all about changing hearts and minds and getting people to show their support for the LGBTQ+ community," he said.

"Now, thanks to the generosity of Red Sky Foundation and the amazing work they do, we can also help save lives.

Sergio Petrucci MBE, who set up Red Sky Foundation with his wife Emma, has seen at first hand the difference having a defibrillator can make.

"We are delighted to have teamed up with Out North East using our charitable funds raised to put four more machines in key locations with the knowledge that they will help save more lives."

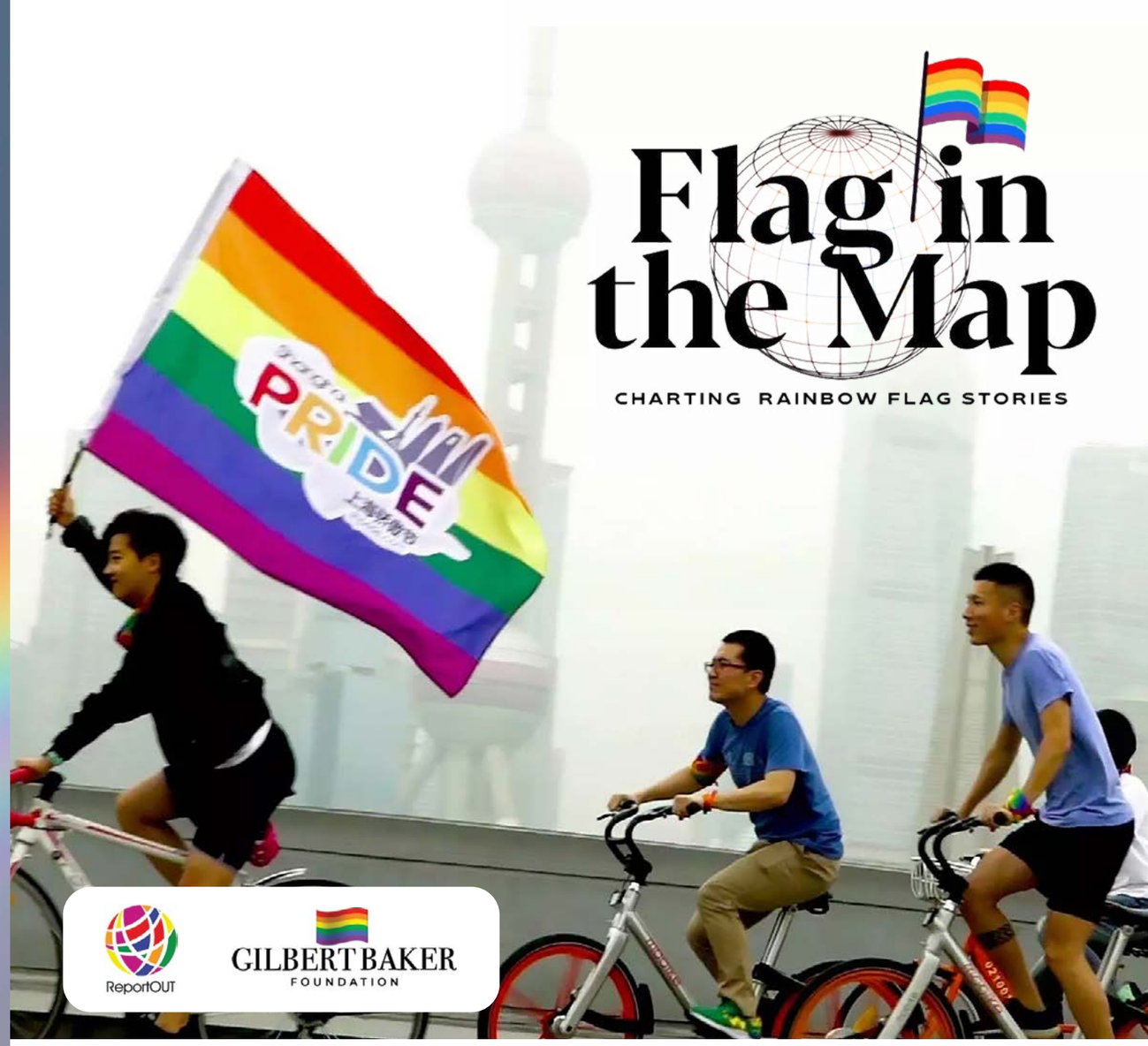
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# Flag in the Map

CHARTING RAINBOW FLAG STORIES

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**The Flag in the Map exhibition has been engaging with people across the region as part of our pride festivals and we are delighted to be exhibiting this unique celebration of pride at the Metrocentre as part of Pride in Gateshead.**

The Flag in the Map is an international exhibition, produced by The Gilbert Baker Foundation and Report OUT, which documents people flying their rainbow flags, however they are able, in all parts of the world.

From Kyiv to Zimbabwe, participants were asked to share what the rainbow flag means to them. For decades the Rainbow Flag has changed lives. The Flag in the Map Exhibition is a stirring collection of photographs and stories that proves the flag's universal power to inspire LGBTQ+ people and allies around the world especially in countries where their everyday existence is threatened.

A selection of responses is on display in this installation and in a joint exhibition in New York. The stories they tell are hopeful, sometimes harrowing, but always fascinating and a testament to the enduring strength of the Rainbow Flag.

**YOU CAN VIEW THE EXHIBITION IN UPPER TOWN SQUARE, METROCENTRE FROM 3RD AUGUST TO 31ST AUGUST AS PART OF THE PRIDE IN GATESHEAD FESTIVAL.**





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**Pride Radio is an inclusive LGBTQ+ radio station broadcasting across the North East on 89.2FM, DAB and throughout the UK on the free Pride World Media app, Tunein and smart speakers. We are based at the Pride Media Centre in Gateshead which is the UK's first LGBTQ+ business and media hub.**

We've been broadcasting since 2010 and, in that time, we've grown a diverse audience who love our mix of live and pre-recorded shows, great music, competitions, lively conversation and listener interaction. In fact, over 200,000 weekly listeners regularly tune in to our station.

We are a proud, inclusive broadcaster who supports and works closely with our fantastic listeners, allies, and the wider community.

Pride Radio is run by Pride Community Network Ltd; a not-for-profit organisation that aims to raise awareness of LGBTQ+ issues, supports health initiatives and promotes social inclusion and diversity through broadcasts and events.

We support charities and not-for-profit organisations with free campaigns, podcasts and airtime and hold professional and social networking events to engage members of the community. Working with partner organisations including local and national health providers, campaigning organisations, community groups and education establishments, we deliver a range of initiatives and campaigns including sexual health and wellbeing, gender identity and mental health awareness.

And we've won awards for what we do. In 2021 we were named Station of the Year at the National Community Radio Awards and in 2023 we won a prestigious ARIAS award. We've also won national awards including LIVE Event & Outdoor Broadcaster of the Year, Innovation Station of the Year & Community Media Outlet of the Year.

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We understand that diversity, equality and inclusion are hot topics for any organisation but sometimes worry and fear of saying the right or wrong words can get in the way. That's how we can help. Our friendly and engaging workshops celebrate and represent the diverse LGBTQ+ community and invites those attending to ask questions in a safe, non-judgemental environment. We deliver relaxed training and share real human experiences to give our fearless allies an insight into the issues and difficulties affecting the lives of LGBTQ+ people, their families and friends.

### TOPICS COVERED INCLUDE:

- **What is LGBTQ+?**
- **Gender, sexual identity and pronouns**
- **What problems and challenges do the LGBTQ+ community face?**
- **How does it feel to be trans?**
- **Mental health, wellbeing and LGBTQ+**
- **Challenging homophobia, biphobia and transphobia in the work environment**

**Duration:** 2.5hrs
**Delegates:** 15 People
**Cost:** £550+VAT

**To find out more or to book your Fearless Allies workshop, contact events@outnortheast.org.uk or call 0191 695 1969**

### WHY SHOULD I BECOME A FEARLESS ALLY?

Put simply, it makes sense. Whether you're recruiting or looking to retain employees; want to attract an increasingly diverse customer base or win new contracts; being a fearless ally shows you care, you understand and you're willing to embrace change.

### AND WHY DO WE WANT YOU TO BE FEAR LESS?

We know that by building relationships and collaborating with partners and organisations, both in the public, private and third-sector, we'll help to develop employment, health and social initiatives that will enhance and enrich the workplace which will support the mental health and wellbeing of the LGBTQ+ community.

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