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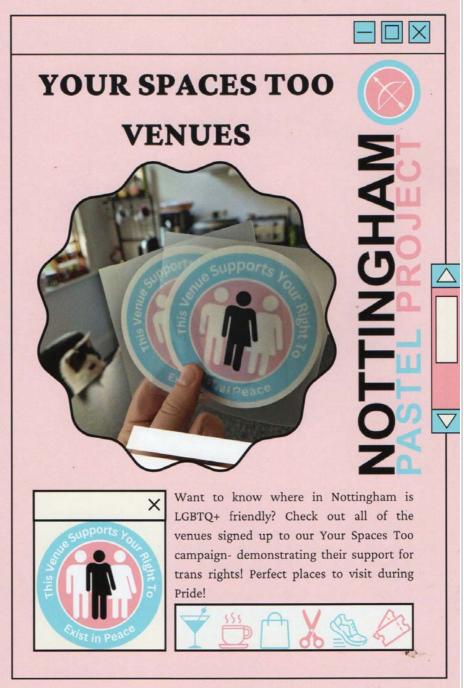


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The **Pastel Project** has now produced a booklet - Your Spaces Too - which details the current LGBTQ+ friendly places in Nottingham.

It covers Bars & Clubs, Cafes, Shops, Pubs, Hair & Beauty, Sport & Socials, Theatre, Community & Arts The list was accurate at the time of Pride, but a full list, including, those outside Nottingham, can be found on the Project's Linktree address.

Linktr.ee/notts.pastelproject

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HOCKLEY BECOMES THE RAINBOW QUARTER - IT'S OFFICIAL



Nottingham City Council has agreed to officially designate streets around Hockley as the "Rainbow Quarter". Campaigners, business experts and politicians say the area officially being known as the Rainbow Quarter will bring new visitors and investment into Nottingham and put the city "up there with the greats" of gay-friendly areas in the UK like Brighton.

The area will cover Broad Street, Carlton Street, and Heathcote Street around Hockley and the project was officially announced on Saturday July 26th at the annual Notts Pride event. The initial proposals were outlined by Sam Harvey (see below), director of The Pastel Project charity which is spearheading the scheme, with the backing of It's In Nottingham and other local organisations.



"Historical plaques will be put up in the area, the maps will be updated, and we'll be looking at a collective image for the shops within the area. I've long said Nottingham is a brilliant LGBTQ+ city and it just doesn't seem to be recognised - this will put us on the map alongside the greats across the UK like Manchester and Brighton."

"We'll get recognition for the amazing local talent we have and this will be an official stamp for the city - I'm really proud". The project is set to be complete in time for the following pride event in 2026.

Nadia Whittome MP commented "It is a powerful statement of who we are and what we stand for. Spearheaded by the Nottingham Pastel Project, this vital initiative creates a dedicated safe space for our LGBTQ+ community, supports businesses and honours the queer history that has shaped our city.

The East Midlands Chamber predicts the new quarter will increase footfall and tourism into the historic area of the city. "It's encouraging to see Hockley taking positive action in promoting diversity," the chamber's Director of Resources, Lucy Robinson, said.

Councillor Corall Jenkins, whose brief at Nottingham City Council covers neighbourhoods, waste and equalities said: "We welcome initiatives that celebrate our city's diversity and that promote inclusion.