

PRIDE MONTH – JUNE 2021

Pride Month is celebrated every June in tribute to those involved in the Stonewall Riots, and we're getting ready to dust off our rainbow flags, douse ourselves in glitter, and go join in the fun.

With parades, festivals and concerts going on across the globe, there's always some way for you to get involved — as well as learn some important social history along the way.

TRADITIONS FOR PRIDE MONTH

Pride Month is for everyone to embrace who they are and let the world know — in style! The rainbow aptly signifies the colourful activities and flavours of this month-long celebration.

These include massive rallies, pride parades, parties, workshops, concerts, and countless more LGBTQ events to attract participants from all over. The Pride community takes huge pride in their movement, going all out for the festivities with elaborate costumes, makeup, and, of course, glitter. So, they sparkle for the whole world to see!

Commemorations and memorials are also held for members of the community who have lost their lives to hate crimes and HIV/AIDS. Campaigns and rallies aim to promote and preserve the history and well-being of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender community.

PRIDE MONTH BY THE NUMBERS

52% — the percentage of LGBTQ people who've experienced depression recently.

1 in 8 — the number of LGBTQ people who have experienced unequal treatment from healthcare staff.

46% — the percentage of lesbian, gay, and bisexual people who are open about their sexual orientation with their family.

4.1% — the estimated percentage of women who identify as LGBT.

350,000 — the number of people in the LGBTQ community that are transgender women.

1 in 5 — the number of LGBTQ women living in poverty.

43% — the percentage of LGBTQ employees who haven't revealed their orientation at work.

50% — the percentage of LGBTQ workers in the USA who recently got federal protection from discrimination.

10% — the amount of time LGBT workers spend hiding their identities.

£6,700 — Pay gap between LGBTQ employees compared to straight employees in 2019.

5 WAYS PRIDE DAY IS CELEBRATED AROUND THE WORLD

Tel Aviv: Tel Aviv Pride celebration is the biggest of the LGBTQ+ community in the Middle East.

London: Visit the stomping ground of Oscar Wilde and Boy George, where the parade will take you on a tour around Piccadilly Circus, Lower Regent Street and Trafalgar Square.

Taipei is billed as Asia's biggest LGBTQ+ event — even more of a celebration now since Taiwan's parliament recently passed a bill endorsing same sex marriage.

Berlin: The German capital's Pride — technically called Christopher Street Day in homage to the Stonewall riots and New York City's key role in the gay rights movement — attracts up to half a million people.

Reykjavík: The Icelandic city has been celebrating LGBTQ+ diversity and solidarity every year since 1999, with the event now having swelled to a 10-day celebration.

