



## Pride Month: LGBTQ+ Lives as Symbols of Love, Freedom & Advocacy

Waves of anti-LGBTQ+ legislation and growing hostility towards queer communities are sweeping across the globe from the US to Uganda, Europe and Britain.

From banning gender-affirming care for trans youth to Florida's infamous 'Don't Say Gay' bill banning discussions of sexual orientation and gender identity in schools, American LGBTQ+ communities continue to be victimised and marginalised.

The UK government has blocked Scotland's planned reform of the Gender Recognition Act designed to make the process of obtaining a Gender Recognition Certificate easier. Earlier this year too, 16-year-old trans school girl Brianna Ghey was murdered.

And Uganda has passed anti-LGBTQ+ laws criminalising homosexuality and proposing jail terms for those advocating for or promoting LGBTQ+ rights.

Now more than ever, we must embrace Pride as a protest, and champion LGBTQ+ communities and voices to work in partnership with them to build safer and more inclusive spaces. With this in mind, our [LGBTQ+ Storytelling Series](#) powered by [Jacobs](#) brings queer change-makers together who speak truth to power - free tickets are now available.



### This Month's Features



#### Trans Young People in Sport

A [Mermaids](#) report reveals taking part in sport for trans, non-binary and gender diverse people is not always straightforward. Barriers such as gendered clothing, single-sex changing rooms and gendered teams can exclude those who are either non-binary or can trigger gender dysphoria. Read [here](#).



#### Life in the UK as a LGBTQI+ Muslim

Research by [Hidayah](#) highlights the lived reality of LGBTQI+ Muslims facing the 'double jeopardy' of belonging to both religious and sexual minority groups, thereby increasing their risk of minority stress defined by prejudice and discrimination. Read [here](#).



#### Public Attitudes on HIV Stuck in 1980s

Data released by the [Terrence Higgins Trust](#) shows that far too many people still believe what they were told in the 1980s when it comes to HIV. Worryingly, just 38% of Brits know that people living with HIV and on effective treatment can't pass the virus on to partners. Read [here](#).

### Upcoming Events





**LGBTQ+ Leadership Journeys | 6 June**  
 As part of our LGBTQ+ Storytelling Series powered by [Jacobs](#), our panellists both LGBTQ+ leaders and allies alike, speak to the crucial lessons they have learnt on their leadership journeys. They explore different perspectives on their inclusive leadership practice. Register [here](#).



**London Trans+ Pride | 8 July**  
 Save the date and join this grassroots protest which aims to “celebrate the memory of trans lives taken and uphold the next generation of trans revolutionaries”. It is likely to be the most passionate expression of trans solidarity yet due to growing global anti-trans hostility. Find out more [here](#).

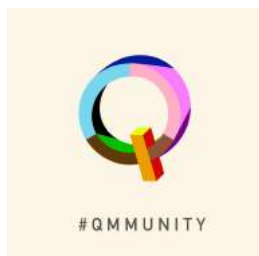


**UK Black Pride | 20 August**  
 Returning to Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park where last year 25,000 people shared their joy and queerness in community, the world’s largest pride celebration for LGBTQI+ people of African, Asian, Caribbean, Latin American, and Middle Eastern descent is back. Find out more [here](#).

**EL Recommends**



**Read**  
**365 Gays of the Year**  
 This unique celebration of queer history promises to inspire and empower readers as author Lewis Laney brings international LGBTQ+ figures to life with his witty and uplifting prose, peppered with little-known facts and accompanied by illustrative portraits. Get your copy [here](#).



**Listen**  
**Qmmunity Podcast**  
 Hosts Alexis Caught and Char Bailey explore queer culture, history and identity to share stories from across the rainbow and expand our understanding of what it means to be LGBTQ+ today. This is about restitching the rainbow, one conversation at a time. Listen [here](#).



**Watch**  
**Come Out Fighting**  
 In this short documentary, Jill LeFlour speaks as a gay trans athlete who continues to carve his path to compete in boxing professionally. It also highlights the need for greater LGBTQ+ visibility to cultivate safer sporting spaces. Watch [here](#).



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