

# PRIDE MONTH

## Key facts and resources



### What is Pride Month?



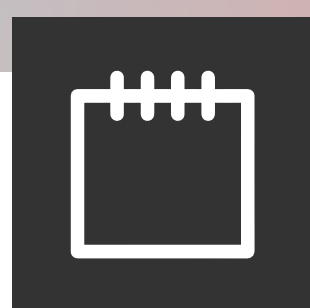
Pride Month is dedicated to celebrating LGBTQ+ communities all around the world. It's celebrated in June to honour the 1969 Stonewall Uprising in Manhattan – a tipping point for the Gay Liberation Movement in the U.S. and beyond.

### How was the Pride flag formed?



The first rainbow flag was designed in 1978 by artist and gay rights activist, Gilbert Baker. Originally it had eight colours – however, two were dropped to make mass-production easier. Today, there are over 30 Pride flag designs which tell the stories of the LGBTQ+ individuals they represent.

### When did the first Pride march take place in the UK?



It took place 50 years ago on 1 July 1972, with 2,000 people marching down Regent's Street in London. Today, the annual march hosts over 1.5 million people.

### Who is the 'Mother of Pride'?



Brenda Howard, a bisexual woman and lifelong activist, was known as the 'Mother of Pride' for her work in organising the **Christopher Street Liberation Day March** in 1970.

### How can I get involved?



- Attend a Pride event – **Pride Events** provide information on LGBTQ+ events across the UK.
- Volunteer or donate – support one of the many vital organisations supporting LGBTQ+ people in the UK, including:  
**Arcus**  
**Northern Pride**  
**Rainbow Home.**
- Educate yourself – spend time learning about the history of Pride using helpful resources, such as:  
**Educate and Celebrate**  
**Just Like Us**  
**Stonewall.**