

Foyle Pride Festival 2024

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Welcome from the Chair - Mel Bradley (She/Her)

I'd like to welcome you all to what I think is a really brilliant programme. I'd also like to thank this year's committee for all their hard work and tireless effort in making this something to be truly proud of.

Foyle Pride is one of, if not, the longest standing non-corporate grassroots pride organisations and I am incredibly proud to hold the position of chairperson this year.

Our theme this year is Community: Local & Global, and we've been focusing on what community means. I have been reflecting a lot on how the L.G.B.T.Q.A.I.+ community is so unique in how it encompasses so many identities all mixed into one. We are often minority identities who face additional barriers in accessibility and often feel on the outside. This year, we wanted to address those issues and make our festival as accessible as possible by removing as many barriers as we can, because this is a Pride for all.

We, Foyle Pride, stand in solidarity with the people of Palestine in this humanitarian crisis and call for an end to the genocide immediately.

We also want to recognise the very real crisis that our trans community is facing. I want all of our trans siblings to know, we see

you, we hear you and we stand with you. And this year we will once again be hoisting the trans flag above Free Derry Wall to show our support.

‘Nobody’s free until everybody’s free.’ - Fannie Lou Hamer

Meet the Committee

Shanagh (She/Her)

Catherine (She/Her)

Philip (He/Him)

Devin (They/Them)

Jennifer (She/Her)

Jim (He/Him)

Mary Jane (She/Her)

Nina (They/Them)

Aaron (I/Me)

Message From the Mayor

Pride is for everyone! As a proud supporter of Pride and having attended a number of events in the past I am very much looking forward to this year’s Foyle Pride Festival.

This year's parade will take place on 24th August, and I know it will be an incredible day – one full of music, colour, fun and most importantly full of love.

Foyle Pride has grown and grown over the years to become one of the key dates in the city's calendar. It's a real celebration of diversity and individuality, the parade embodies inclusion and the atmosphere on the day is electric. As well as the main parade, this year's Foyle Pride Festival has a host of events and initiatives lined up in support of the LGBT+ community in our city. It will be an amazing week, full of positive vibes and lots of smiles. Let's all embrace it.

Finally, I would like to pay tribute to the organisers, and everyone involved in Foyle Pride. They do excellent work throughout the year representing the local LGBT+ community and campaigning in solidarity with the global LGBT+ community. An incredible amount of hard work and dedication goes into making the Foyle Pride Festival happen each year, and the organisers should be very proud of everything they have achieved. I wish them every success for this year's event. Happy Pride everyone!

Lillian Seenoi-Barr

Pride in Sport Gaelic Football Taster Session

Date: Wednesday 24th July

Time: 7pm

Venue: Seán Dolans GAC (Gaelic football) Piggery Ridge, Creggan, Derry/Londonderry

This is a Gaelic football taster session open to all genders. There will be a special appearance from Aeracha Uladh, Ulster's first LGBTQ+ inclusive GAA Team.

Pride in Sport Rugby Taster Session

Date: Wednesday 31st July

Time: 7pm

Venue: City of Derry Rugby Club, Judges Road, Derry/Londonderry, BT47 6LN

This is a Rugby taster session open to all genders. There will be a special appearance from Belfast Azlans, Northern Ireland's first LGBTQ+ inclusive rugby team.

Pride in Sport Boxing Taster Session

Date: Wednesday 7th August,

Time: 7pm

Venue: Springtown Boxing, 1 Ailech Road, Derry/Londonderry, BT48 0AZ

This is a Boxing taster session open to all genders. You will get the chance to learn how to defend and throw a punch. You will get to hit a punch bag in a safe and inclusive environment.

Pride in Sport Queer Bodies Swimming Session

Date: Friday 9th August

Time: 4pm to 6pm

Venue: City Baths, William Street, Derry/Londonderry, BT48 9AD

This is a private swimming session for queer bodies only.

Booking is essential via <https://linktr.ee/foylepride>

Football V Homophobia Tournament

Date: Wednesday 14th August

Time: 5:30pm to 8pm

Venue: The Ryan McBride Brandywell Stadium, 55 Lone Moor Road,
Derry/Londonderry BT48 9LA

Our annual 5-a-side Football Tournament.

Entry is £5 per team and teams entering must have at least 2 players who identify as L.G.B.T.Q.A.I.+.

Registration available via <https://linktr.ee/foylepride>

Foyle Pride Festival Launch

Date: Thursday 15th August

Time: 7pm

Venue: Main Hall, Guildhall, Derry/Londonderry, BT48 7BB

Official Launch of Foyle Pride Festival 2024 and Award Ceremony hosted by the Mayor of Derry City & Strabane District Council

Queer Writers Circle

Date: Friday 16th August

Time: 7pm to 9pm

Venue: Centre For Contemporary Art Derry-Londonderry, 10 to 12
Artillery Street, Derry/Londonderry, BT48 6RG

The Queer Writers' circle, organised by Alex Cregan (he/they) aims to be a welcome and inclusive space for all kinds of writers in the L.G.B.T.Q.A.I.+ community. It aims to provide peer feedback and community to our beautiful and creative Queer community. Come along and share some work, have some laughs or simply listen to the discussions. New or returning, all are welcome!

Queering the North Launch

Date: Friday 16th August

Time: 7.30pm

Venue: An Chroi Community Hub, Trench Road, Derry/Londonderry
BT47 2DT

The Queering the North exhibition is a 3D exhibition dedicated to Tarlach MacNiallais. Tarlach was a tireless campaigner for human rights, who fought on many fronts, including L.G.B.T.+ rights.

Exhibition runs from Friday 16th August to Friday 23rd August.

Queers Won't Be Quiet: Placard & Patch Workshop

Date: Saturday 17th August

Time: 1pm to 4pm

Venue: Centre For Contemporary Art Derry-Londonderry, 10 to 12
Artillery Street, Derry/Londonderry, BT48 6RG

Come along and express your message of pride on a placard or a fabric patch. Materials will be provided and feel free to bring any personal materials you would like to use. Facilitator is artist and maker Jack McGarrigle.

Places are limited and booking is essential for this free workshop. This event is for participants aged 16 and over. After booking we will contact all participants and you can tell us of any access requirements that we can help with.

Book your place via CCA's online shop CCADLD.org/Shop

Roll OUT

Date: Sunday 18th August

Time: 2pm

Venue: North West Transport Hub, Waterside Link, BT47 6A.H.

Bring your skates / boards and we'll head along the greenway for a roll OUT! Protective gear recommended; skaters participate at own risk.

Rethinking Healthy Sex

Date: Monday 19th August

Time: 1pm

Venue: Rainbow Project, 20 Strand Road, Derry/Londonderry, BT48 7AB

An informal workshop on what is a "healthy" sex life. Focusing on how a change in thinking around sex can help us develop ourselves.

Games Night

Date: Monday 19th August

Time: 5pm to 7pm

Venue: PUCA PUCA Games, 13 Great James Street, Derry/Londonderry, BT48 7BZ

An open gaming session for members of the L.G.B.T.Q.A.I.+ community! Meet other like minded people and play some Card Games, Board Games, Video Games and more.

Prebook your place at: <https://linktr.ee/foylepride>

Section 75: Equality?

Date: Monday 19th August

Time: 7:30pm

Venue: Museum of Free Derry and Online via Zoom, 55 Glenfada Park, Derry/Londonderry, BT48 9DR

This Panel Discussion will look at the issues affecting our community on both a local and global scale. With speakers from the trans, disabled, migrant and unionist communities.

British and Irish Sign Language Available.

For online booking and Zoom link please use the register here:

<https://linktr.ee/foylepride>

Sketchbook Meet

Date: Tuesday 20th August

Time: 1pm to 3pm

Venue: Void Engage Space, 10 Waterloo Place, Derry/Londonderry, BT48 6BU

This sketchbook meet-up is hosted by Visual Artists Collective and is an opportunity to facilitate a safe space for L.G.B.T.Q.A.I.+ artists to work comfortably. We invite all queer artists to come along to Void Art Centre with their sketchbooks for a cup of tea and a chat with fellow queer creatives.

Human Library

Date: Tuesday 20th August

Time: 1:30pm

Venue: St Columbs Park House, 4 Limavady Road,
Derry/Londonderry, BT47 6JY

The Human Library is a global innovative and hands-on learning platform. Its aim is to better society's understanding of diversity to help create more inclusive and cohesive communities.

Queer Window Art Trail

Date: Tuesday 20th August to Sunday 25th August

Venues: Void Art Centre, Yum Cakes, Salumeria Mariuccia,
VisitDerry, Culturlann Ui Chanain, For Sight, Vine, CCA
Derry~Londonderry, Claudes, Derry Designer Makers

Foyle Pride will display the work of queer artists along the parade trail and its surroundings. Come along and admire these proud window displays, and expand your knowledge of local L.G.B.T.Q.A.I.+ artists.

Chloe's Boudoir

Date: Tuesday 20th August

Time: 7pm to 11pm

Venue: The Light Space, Unit 1 Robinson Business Park, Pennyburn, Derry/Londonderry, BT48 0LU

Dressing Service, including professional make-up, hairdressing, choice of two outfits, mini photo shoot, 3 digital images

Booking is essential using the link: <https://linktr.ee/foylepride>

Queercal Comhrá

Date: Tuesday 20th August

Time: 8:30pm

Venue: The Derby Bar, 63 Great James Street, Derry/Londonderry, BT48 7DF

Deis iontach bhur gcuid Ghaeilge a cleachtadh - idir thosaitheoir agus chainteoir líofa. Beidh fearadh na fáilte roimh chách go ciorcal chomhrá sa Derby Bar. Bígí linn!

A great opportunity to practise your Irish. For both beginners and fluent speakers. Everyone is welcome to a chat circle in the Derby Bar. Join us!

Gender Affirmation Day

Date: Wednesday 21st August

Time: 12pm to 4pm

Venue: Rainbow Project, 20 Strand Road, Derry/Londonderry, BT48 7AB

Information session with Jude Copeland on obtaining a Gender Recognition Certificate. Then story sharing over a cup of tea, what you wish you knew when you started your journey. Gender affirming information resource packs available on the day.

Sole Purpose Productions presents: The Pride Monologues

Date: Wednesday 21st August

Time: 8pm

Venue: Culturlann Ui Chanain, 37 Great James Street, Derry/Londonderry, BT48 7DB

Come along to an evening of zany, wild, moving, radical, thought provoking, tear jerking, side-splitting monologues by local L.G.B.T.Q.A.I.+ writers and performers. This will be a great evening to celebrate Foyle Pride Festival. MC will be the wonderful Mel Bradley!

Tickets £10 concession £8

For tickets please use the link: <https://linktr.ee/foylepride>

Creative Queers: Art Market

Date: Thursday 22nd August

Time: 12pm to 4pm

Venue: Millennium Forum, 3 Newmarket Street, Derry/Londonderry, BT48 6EB

Creative Queers in conjunction with Foyle Pride is inviting you to a second celebration of Queer Art this year. Come along and support your local queer artists and find that special piece you might not have even known you needed!

Queer Clothes Swap

Date: Thursday 22nd August

Time: 6pm to 8pm

Venue: Centre For Contemporary Art Derry-Londonderry, 10 to 12 Artillery Street, Derry/Londonderry, BT48 6RG

Come along with any clothes you've been looking to get rid of, have a nosey at what's available, and find something your style! We want to give trans people, in particular, the opportunity to build a fabulous gender-affirming wardrobe without the usual expense.

Queer Craft Club

Date: Thursday 22nd August

Time: 6pm to 8pm

Venue: Centre For Contemporary Art Derry-Londonderry, 10 to 12
Artillery Street, Derry/Londonderry, BT48 6RG

Get your queer craft on at our stitch and social.
Whether you are an experienced crafter or someone new, come
along with your current craft project or get started with something
fresh!

How to be a Queer Activist

Date: Thursday 22nd August

Time: 6pm to 8pm

Venue: Museum of Free Derry, 55 Glenfada Park,
Derry/Londonderry, BT48 9DR

A facilitated discussion on what queer activism looks like, what it
means to be "queer", and what it means to be an activist as a queer
person.

Mycelial

Date: Thursday 22nd August

Time: 7pm to 9pm

Venue: Nerve Centre, 7 to 8 Magazine Street, Derry/Londonderry, BT48 6HJ

An Open Clasp Theatre Company Film looking at an underground community of sex workers scattered across the globe and rooted in their fight for justice, stand together deciding enough is enough.

Suggested donation £6. For tickets please use the link:

<https://linktr.ee/foylepride>

Chicken Box Comedy

Date: Thursday 22nd August

Time: 8:30pm

Venue: Bennigans Bar, 13 John Street, Derry/Londonderry, BT48 6JY

Sinéad Walsh's debut comedy show, Big Foot. Supported by David Doherty Jebb.

For tickets use the link: <https://linktr.ee/foylepride>

Unison Trans Allyship Workshop

Date: Friday 23rd August

Time: 1pm to 4pm

Venue: Hollywell Trust, 10 to 14 Bishops Street, Derry/Londonderry,
BT48 6PW

Unison L.G.B.T.+ are hosting their Trans Ally Training workshop. Come along to learn how to be a good ally.

Next Goal Wins

Date: Friday 23rd August

Time: 5pm

Venue: Waterside Shared Village, 61 Irish Street,
Derry/Londonderry, BT47 2DB

Film screening of Next Goal Wins which is a 2014 British documentary film directed by Mike Bret and Steve Jamison. The film chronicles the national football team of American Samoa's attempt to qualify for the 2014 FIFA World Cup. Jaiyah Saelua, a member of the squad since 2003, is a fa'afafine and is the first transgender player to compete in a FIFA World Cup qualifier.

Nancyboy Shenanigans

Date: Thursday 22nd and Friday 23rd August

Time: 8pm

Venue: Playhouse Theatre, 5 to 7 Artillery Street, Derry/Londonderry, BT48 6RG

Michael Kerrigan's powerful storytelling offers a window into the L.G.B.T.Q.A.I.+ experience of Derry 1970's onwards through the eyes and ears of a gay Derry man. This play is a profound exploration of identity, resilience, and the fight for justice and peace.

Produced by Sha Gillespie

Directed by JP Conaghan

Performed by Andy Doherty

For tickets please use the link: <https://linktr.ee/foylepride>

Foyle Pride Parade

Date: Saturday 24th August

Time: Assemble from 1pm at Transport Hub. Parade departs at 2pm.

Venue: North West Transport Hub, Waterside Link, BT47 6A.H.

Route: Duke Street, Craigavon Bridge, Carlisle Road, Ferryquay Street, The Diamond, Shipquay Street, Guildhall Square.

Remember to express yourself! This pride is not the place for adverts or corporations, bring yourself and your placard to our grassroots parade!

Mobility Bus available. To book your seat please use the link:

<https://linktr.ee/foylepride>

Family Fun Afternoon

Date: Saturday 24th August

Time: 3pm to 5pm

Venue: Guildhall Street, Guildhall

After the parade there will be a family fun area with Face Painters, Arts & Crafts and MakeyUppers interactive storytelling performance of their Mystery Bag show along with interactive performances from Tiny Toes Tex, Honey-Bee and Bee-yonce.

Post Parade Party

Date: Saturday 24th August

Time: 3pm to 5pm

Venue: Guildhall Square

Join us for live music with Susie Blue and Boa Chitta. Hosted by the fabulous Phil T Gorgeous.

British and Irish Sign language available.

There will be a quiet space in the Guildhall for those who may be sensitive to loud music and/or large crowds.

Mark Ashton Memorial Picnic

Date: Sunday 25th August

Time: 2pm

Venue: St Columbs Park, 4 Limavady Rd, Waterside,
Derry/Londonderry, BT47 6JY

Grab your blankets, bring your own picnic (BYOP) and join us to celebrate the life of Queer Legend, Mark Ashton on this the 40th anniversary of Lesbian & Gays Support the Miners.

An Intimate Evening with Miss Mary Jane

Date: Sunday 25th August

Time: 8pm

Venue: Bennigans Bar, 13 John Street, Derry/Londonderry, BT48 6JY

An intimate evening of musical performance with intimate acoustics, classic pride anthems and original music! Hosted by Miss Mary Jane, joined by a host of very special guest artists!