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PinkUK LGBTQ+ guide for the UK & worldwide

Arctic

Pride

2023

Tromsø

Norway

**13–19
November
2023**

Tromsø Arctic
Pride is the most
northerly pride in
the world

The leaves may be turning colour but we're still bright Pink on LGBTQ+ rights and events in October.

We hope you all had a great summer and hope you find our monthly news interesting. Even if the main Pride months have passed, there's still a lot to do. Check out our listings about what's going on with [LGBTQ+ events around the world this month](#).

October also means we are now approaching ghosts and gays gallivanting on Halloween. This year the 31st hits a Tuesday, so a lot will happen on the weekend before 28/29 Oct. Enjoy the festivities, scene events,

clubs and other Halloween celebrations.

Conversion therapy ban long-grassed in UK

Alongside the fun, there's a few serious things happening to be aware of: we note with



disappointment that the Tory UK Government has kicked the can down the road on a ban on 'LGBTQ+ conversion therapy'. [Conversion therapy](#) affects mainly young people who may identify as a member of one or more of

the LGBTQ+ communities but who are compelled to undertake 'therapy' to change their sexual orientation whether by their family, friends, school, faith organisation or another influence.

Keeping an eye on your rights

More widely on equalities, we thought we'd share an excellent LGBTQ+ equality monitoring site [Equaldex](#). For those unaware, it's Site, partly a collaborative wiki-style site which monitors LGBTQ+ equality around the world, in a similar way the [International Lesbian & Gay Association \(ILGA\)](#) does for Europe.

UK on same LGBTQ+ ranking as Cuba and Chile

We covered the ILGA Europe rankings in our [June 2023 edition](#). Like ILGA, Equaldex produces a ranking of all countries on LGBTQ+ friendliness with various indicators.

Interestingly, the UK comes a relatively mediocre [15th on the score table with the same rating as Cuba and Chile](#). Sure, the UK is not yet Yemen or Afghanistan, who unsurprisingly did not do well, but the UK used to be a country that topped many rankings on LGBTQ+ equality.

Coming Out Day 11 October

An important date this month is Coming Out Day on Wednesday 11 October. It commemorates a big march in Washington DC, in 1988, advocating LGBTQ+ rights at the height of HIV/AIDS paranoia at a time when coming out may have been very difficult, not that it is easy today for many. **Orlando Pride** have a [Come Out With Pride](#) on Saturday the 21st October. UK campaign group Stonewall have some great [information about it](#).

Love and Pink Respect from the team xxx

Featured venue: Brierholme Guesthouse, Keswick, UK



Brierholme Guest House offers a warm and friendly welcome awaits you at Brierholme Guest House in the centre of Keswick, a lovely market town in the English Lake District.

Brierholme provides highly commended bed and breakfast

holiday accommodation in an elegant Victorian house built in Lakeland stone, with views of the surrounding fells to both the front and rear with private car parking for all guest.

[Brierholme Guest House](#)

Featured pride: Phoenix Pride, Phoenix, Arizona, USA



This month we are choosing a pride in the USA.

The [41st Phoenix Pride](#) takes place

Steele Indian School Park, Phoenix, Arizona, weekend 21st 22nd October 2023. Phoenix Pride features over 150 entertainment performances, 7 stages and over 300 Exhibitors. The festival includes food vendors, Arts Expo, Main, and Community Stages, KidSpace, Erotic World, Dance Pavilion.



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Our pride listings

2023, we have **313** prides/LGBTQ+/ events in the UK, and **1,076** globally in **56** countries. **2024** we have **43** in the UK, and **208** globally in **28** countries.



[Add your pride to our listings](#) (its free).

PinkUk features

For the [50th anniversary of Brighton & Hove's first Pride](#). We delve into how LGBTQ+ activism, social change and politics in the 1970s and 80s to shape what it is

today. Please check out our latest [Features & Opinions](#)

We also have **specialty sections** on [Bears](#), [Lesbians](#) and [Trans](#).

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