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Pink Uk founder Dave writes: Given 2022's summer has been exceptionally hot following on from two years of the pandemic, it's great to see the LGBTQ+ pride movement rally across the UK, Europe and North America and other countries.

It shows what we can do after two years of, well, extreme lock downs, now extreme heat and inflation, venue closures, online-only options and health

issues such as monkey pox. In the UK, many pride festivals, large and small, are showing what they can do.

Check out what's happening on our [listings pages](#).

A few recent festivals in the UK show what we mean: [Belfast Pride](#) in Northern Ireland caught our eye for its community energy and colour, [London Pride](#) for the return of its usual mega-city fun and parade scale, **Continued overleaf...**

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[Brighton & Hove Pride](#) for, well, its coastal coolness and ultra liberal atmosphere and [Manchester Pride](#) for its fantastic end of August holiday extravaganza. Wow, the party's still banging on for some from what we've heard, as we write... [Cymru Pride \(in Cardiff\)](#), the major Pride in Wales, also threw a great festival and parade. Smaller, younger, pride festivals are also blossoming. [Perthshire Pride](#) in Scotland in this first summer since the pandemic. So enormous respect

to everyone involved: to the organisers of these festivals across the UK and to the funders, sponsors, local authorities, emergency services, LGBTQ+ venues and, above all, to the people who support these events throughout the year. These festivals should remain community events with LGBTQ+ rights and equality at their centre, so not to be drowned out by commercial, bureaucratic or other pressures.

***Stop press*:** [Europride 2022](#), Belgrade, Serbia: organisers vow to hold Europride as planned 12–18 September in Belgrade despite a march of anti-Pride demonstrators in the city. Keep updated at PinkUK: [Europride](#)

Featured Pride: Oban, Scotland



Oban, in Argyll, north-west Scotland, holds its Pride festival on 10 September at The Corran Halls. It will feature a Rainbow

Stage, Family Zone, Youth Zone, Stall Village. The Pride march will congregate at station Square from 11.45 on 10 Sep 2022 and leave Station Square at 12.30. Have fun!

[Oban Pride](#)

Latest listings

For [2022](#), we have **241** prides or LGBTQ+ events listed in the UK. We have **753** LGBTQ+ prides and gay events globally in **50** countries for **2022**. For [2023](#) we have a total of **17** Prides listed in the UK and **199** LGBTQ+ prides / gay



events in **27** countries in **2023**.

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Featured venue: The Ledward Centre, Brighton, UK



Inside The Ledward Centre
Brighton's new LGBTQ+ community hub

Brighton & Hove, some say, is the 'LGBTQ+ capital' of the UK. The city's now got its LGBTQ+ community and cultural hub with a café, meeting complex and exhibition space among other facilities. And, well, it looks pretty smart.

The Ledward Centre opened its doors in central Brighton earlier this year and is named in tribute to the late James Ledward, a prominent Brighton LGBTQ+ community activist and editor of *G Scene*, the Brighton based LGBTQ+ magazine. The centre's mission is to

promote and support Brighton and Hove's diverse LGBTQ+ community and vibrant culture by providing a safe and accessible space in the heart of the city.

It hosts cultural events and provides a safe social space for LGBTQ+ people. The centre says it's got the "queerest café in town". It serves hot and cold drinks and snacks from 10 – 6 Mon to Sat and 10 – 4 Sundays. Congrats to all involved in launching this much needed space.

[The Ledward Centre](#)



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