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PinkUK

PinkUK LGBTQ+ guide for the UK & worldwide

Formosa Pride 2023, Taipei, Taiwan

27 October to
30 October 2023



[Formosa Pride](#) takes place alongside [Taiwan Pride](#).
there Days with four Main Parties, one After Party & a Parade

Welcome to September from PinkUK's team and hopefully some cooler temperatures for those who have been experiencing extreme heat, severe storms or worse.

Here in the UK it has, thankfully, been cooler than most of Europe. In August as usual we had two big Pride Festivals which went with a fun bang – [Brighton & Hove Pride](#) and [Manchester Pride](#).

For those who like ghosts and you happen to be in Kentucky, USA, the town of Pikeville, has its [Paranormal Pride 2023](#) on 30 September – an early Halloween treat! If we were your side of the pond we'd be there.

On 16 September we have [Trans Pride Northern Ireland](#) – it looks a really cute, fun, event and shows how attitudes are changing in Northern Ireland. There's also loads of mainstream Prides happening across this autumn/fall on our [listings pages](#).

On a sad note, we send our condolences to our LGBTQ+ friends in California, USA, with the terrible news of the shooting of a straight Californian woman who displayed a rainbow flag in her shop window and who was gunned down by a homophobic extremist. In the UK there's also been a homophobic attack: a stabbing of two gay men outside the well loved [Two Brewers bar](#) in Clapham in south London.

This month we run some articles that may be of interest, including a historical perspective on the early Pride movement in Brighton and the UK in the 1970s and '80s; also an article about that graphic web designer case in the US and what it means for equality – see more below.

Have a great September and enjoy the last days of summer! Pinkest Love and Respect,
Team at Pink Uk xxx

This month marks the 25th anniversary since PinkUk's founder Dave came out.

I could not come, out due to me being in the British Special Forces, as it was still illegal to be gay and in the British army. Fighting inside myself about my sexuality for years. I was [in a incident](#), where it is impossible to survive. Only two ways this would end, both meant certain death. I gave myself 24 hours to choose

how to die.

Brighton and Hove Pride, how it was then

We have a feature on the [early history of the Pride](#) movement in Brighton 1970 - 1991. It covers the background in the early 1970s; the impact of the Gay Liberation Front and the oppressive Section 28 and how the HIV/AIDS epidemic influenced LGBTQ+ equality.

Featured pride:

Preston Pride, Preston, England, 23 September 2023



Preston Pride is a free event and this year's Pride will be taking place on the Flag Market, with many of performances and music, stalls and food, and lots of friendly faces! **This will also be Preston Pride's first pride parade.**

Pride takes place from Saturday the 23rd September 2023 at the Preston Flag Market in Preston, Lancashire, England.

[Preston Pride](#)



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Our pride listings

2023, we have **308** prides/LGBTQ+/ events in the UK, and **1,051** globally in **55** countries.

2024 we have **30** in the UK, and **118** globally in **22** countries.



Pink Uk features

We have a feature about [LGBTQ+ equalities](#). The USA stands out for what we would call its 'constitutional eloquence' about so many matters that affect people there and also around the

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

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

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