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It's love month & UK LGBTQ+ History Month too

Welcome to PinkUK's February news. With Valentine's Day just around the corner on 14 February, we hope all those looking for partners or celebrating their partnership have a great time.

February's also **LGBT+ History Month** in the UK. So some history on why it takes place this month: in February 2003, a notorious,

homophobic law called 'Section 28', introduced by the Tory government in the 1980s at the height of the HIV/AIDS epidemic, was finally repealed.

The law forbade the education or promotion of LGBTQ+ issues or same-sex relationships by local councils which then ran most services such as state schools and municipal libraries.

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(Gay) to Z... Want to know what that LGBTQ+ slang word means?

Browse PinkUK's LGBTQ+ slang dictionary
516 LGBTQ+ words from A-Z

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It had echoes of a new law in Florida dubbed 'Don't Say Gay' which imposes restrictions on what schools can discuss about LGBTQ+ issues. In the United States, LGBTQ+ History Month is **commemorated in October** to coincide with Coming Out Day.

The theme in the UK this year is **#BehindTheLens** which celebrates the LGBTQ+ communities' contribution to cinema, film and photography. It highlights the legacy of LGBTQ+ film directors, cinematographers, screen writers and other film professionals. You can read more about this

in an **article on LGBTQ+ history and Alan Turing** the genius and gay wartime codebreaker.

We also have an **emergency appeal** from **akt, a UK youth charity** which helps young homeless LGBTQ+ people access safe accommodation. **akt** is named after Albert Kennedy, a gay 16-year-old **who died in 1989 after falling off a multi-storey car park** in Manchester in what appeared to be a homophobic attack. Finally, check out our **latest features**.

Have a great, love-filled month and pinkest love from our team xx

Latest prides & events

So far for this year, we have **119** pride festivals listed in the UK and **438** LGBTQ+ prides events in 40 countries worldwide for **2023**.



Add your event

Femfest 2023, Brighton, UK

FemFest, a fringe arts festival in Brighton, takes place 6-12 March 2023 in the week of International Women's Day. The organisers say, "This is Brighton's only arts festival that advocates for and



showcases work of women, trans and non-binary performers." Wow, Fem-cool.

More info



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magazine, is growing across the UK. We're proud to support them. **Scene Magazine**

Sauna Club 69 Tallinn, Estonia



Super sexy Balts...

According to Sauna Club 69's entry in PinkUK's listings, the venue is "...the only gay and swinger sauna club in Tallinn [capital of Estonia]." Well, that's clear!

The venue offers much more than just a sauna. It boasts a fully-equipped bar, a dance floor, jacuzzi, swimming pool and "a lot of playgrounds for adult males" as well as two saunas. So if you like sexy Baltic guys, this one is for

you. It has regular gay men's nights with 300 square metres of space for male fun. The venue's crew says Sauna Club 69's parties are well-known across the Baltic states. So if you're heading to the Baltics on a break or for any other reason, this looks a place to add to your itinerary!

Sauna Club 69
Tallinn, Estonia

PinkUK forums - update

We're making the PinkUK forums more secure to enjoy for our users by introducing password access. This will also require applicants and existing users to be

over 18. We'll let you know the next steps in our March newsletter.

More info
Any Qs **contact us**.

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