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PinkUK

PinkUK LGBTQ+ guide for the UK & worldwide

Rainbow Ski Festival 7 to 16 March 2025, Hakuba, Japan



It's February so Happy Love Month to you all.



We hope you find love or something nice on the 14 February, Valentine's Day, whether you are in a relationship or not. If you want to splash out, here are some ideas on a [romantic city break on Valentines](#).

As it's February it's also [LGBT+ History month](#) in the UK which celebrates the



achievements and pioneers of

Pink freedom in the UK. The Month is for everyone, whether you work in education, a museum, library or art gallery, a business, a service, are a member of a network/social group or an individual. It was founded in 2004 by Schools OUT co-chairs, Paul Patrick & Professor Emeritus Sue Sanders.

On Prides, the star international festival is [Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras 2025](#) 14 February to 2 March. With spectacular floats, thousands of people, and a parade showcasing the glitz and diversity of Sydney's LGBTQ+ communities.



Watch this space for new look newsletters

After five years of regular monthly PinkUK newsletters, we'll be changing the format to a new streamlined version.

We launched our monthly newsletters in 2020 at the height of lockdowns and the pandemic in 2020 to help keep the LGBTQ+ world informed, and Pride organisations and businesses linked up at a difficult time.



We are adjusting to a new, challenging, time for LGBTQ+ communities

globally. So if you feel PinkUK is a good cause, you can [advertise](#) or [donate](#).

Love & Pink Respect Team PinkUK xx

Would you like to advertise here and reach 13,000 people?

Featured venue:

Esmale Limited, Balham London, UK



ADULT TOOLS & GEAR

Gay run, **Esmale, London** is an online-only adult store for men. Great prices, special offers and excellent customer service.

You'll struggle to find a more complete gay sex shop online.

Browse Esmale to get a feel for our huge range products, or check out their blog for news, updates and all kinds of lifestyle advice from their team.

Stocking some of the biggest brands, they also support smaller businesses and their products. They might not be so well known but trust esmale when they say that this does not impact the quality.

[Find out more about esmale](#)

[Would you like to see your premium venue listed here?](#)

We have **3,279** venues listed in **78** countries.

PinkUk specialty sections

We have sections on [Bears](#), [Lesbians](#) and [Trans](#) that include prides, events along with venues.

Would you like to see anything here? Please [contact us](#).

[See all our previous newsletters](#).

PinkUk's featured article

Our most popular page in 2024 was our LGBTQ+ slang dictionary. This is where we list all those LGBTQ+ slang words, dating abbreviations, acronyms & slang terms.



Poppers what buyers chose last year. Oliver, from our friends at adult online store esmale writes about [which brand of poppers they should buy](#).

[Find out more](#) in our latest

Our prides/LGBTQ events



In **2025**, we have **144** prides/LGBTQ+/events in the UK, and **658** globally in **45** countries.

In **2026** we have **2** in the UK, and **11** globally in **5** countries.

[Add your pride/LGBTQ event to our listings \(its free\).](#)

Featured UK's pride/event:

London LGBTIQ+ Film Festival



London LGBTIQ+ Film Festival 2025 from the 13 to 24 March. At Belvedere Road, Southbank, London.

The springtime celebration of queer cinema is back. They can't wait to welcome you to discover the best in contemporary LGBTQIA+ cinema

from around the world. BFI Flare 2024 takes place at BFI Southbank, with a selection of free shorts screening online on BFI Player available across the UK.

[Read more about BFI Flare 2025](#)

[See all our events in February.](#)



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