



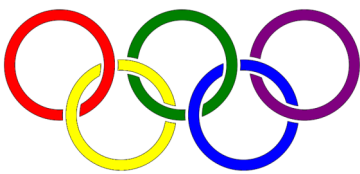
# PinkUK

**PinkUK LGBTQ+ guide for the UK & worldwide**



**Pretoria Pride, South Africa 5th October 2024**

**Olympics team LGBTQ+**  
First of all, we would like to congratulate the Olympics team LGBTQ+ with a record 193 know out LGBTQ+ athletes, with 11 of



these representing the UK.

For the Paralympic games, there are estimated to be 27 LGBTQ+ athletes, with 7 of these representing the UK.

### The passing of Sphe



Besides the sad passing of former England manager Sven-Göran Eriksson. It is with great sadness that Sphe has passed away in August. Sphe with his partner Magic, the gay

penguins who became famous worldwide in 2018 as a symbol of equality. They successfully adopted and raised two chicks, Sphegic & Clancy. Upon his death, it is reported that Magic started to sing. As of October 2023, over 1,500 animal species have been reported to engage in same-sex sexual behaviour, according to 'Nature Communications'.

### Bulgarian's anti-LGBTQ+ law

People ask why do we still need prides in the UK these days, when there is so much equality? This is not quite true, and the number of



homophobic and transphobic attacks is increasing in the UK. It must be noted that these hard-won rights can easily and suddenly be snatched away from us. What if Trump gets into the White House? Then there is

what's happening in Europe now. The Bulgaria, a member of the European Union, had passed a law banning LGBTQ+ "propaganda" in schools. These laws are similar to the legislation passed in Russia and Hungary recently and echo Section 28 in the 1990s UK. Bulgaria does not recognise same-sex relationships. The Council of Europe's human rights commissioner, Michael O'Flaherty, has said he was "deeply concerned" by an LGBTQ "promotion" ban, urging President Rumen Radev "not to sign it". So the fight is not over. We must fight to protect and retain the gains we have had to fight so hard to achieve.



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Team PinkUK xx**

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## Featured venue:

Hotel Entre Dos Aguas, Nicoya, Costa Rica



**Hotel Entre Dos Aguas** is located amidst the lush rainforest, in Nicoya, Costa Rica, Central America. Relax in an oasis nestled near the beach in the Blue Zone of Costa Rica, where you can unwind and let your soul breathe in the peaceful surroundings. This tranquil hotel enables you to escape the hustle and bustle and reconnect with nature. Guests have access to comfy

communal areas, including a communal kitchen in the garden, and a cosy lounge area that's perfect for dining and sharing experiences. Each room is equipped with a refrigerator and mosquito nets, ensuring peaceful nights of nature's tranquillity.

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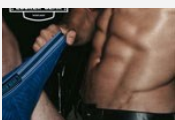
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## Our Prides/LGBTQ Events

**We have broken our record for the number of global prides this year.** Last year we had 1,093.

In **2024**, we have **292** prides/LGBTQ+ events in the UK, and **1,208** globally in **58** countries.

In **2025** we have **26** in the UK, and **91** globally, in **19** countries.

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

## Featured UK pride:

Pocklington, East Yorkshire, England



**Wolds Pride** will be holding its third annual pride celebrations at the Pocklington Arts Centre and Market Place. It will be jam-packed with free family-friendly, accessible, joy-filled activities and entertainment.

From workshops to stalls, to live drag

king royalty, disco dance parties, dedicated quieter zone delivered in collaboration with Autistic Pride at Pride. So there will be something for everyone to enjoy.

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