

Foyle Pride Festival

16-27 AUGUST 2023





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- ☐ We Shall Overcome
- ☐ Civil Rights
- ☐ Environmental Rights

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A RIOT.



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Derry City & Strabane
District Council
Chairman: Councillor
Catherine O'Donnell
Derry City & Strabane
District Council



WELCOME

FOYLE PRIDE 2023



It has been an honour to hold the position of Chairperson of Foyle Pride 2023 in this our 30th anniversary year. Grassroots is our theme and it's very fitting as Foyle Pride grew from the work of a small group of dedicated activists back in 1993. One of those involved, Michael Kerrign, has just been recognised by Dublin Pride and given the honour of being Grand Marshall and leading their parade earlier this Summer!

Foyle Pride is now one of the most successful and community based Prides on these islands and remains



committed to the legacy and lessons of Stonewall in 1969. Our main concern is the continuing persecution of our people wherever they struggle to survive and we will continue to highlight such abuse. We think of our sisters and brothers in Uganda at this time.

I invite you to read our programme and get some dates in your diary. Join us for the main parade on Saturday August 26th leaving the Waterside Train Station at 2pm. Finally I want to thank Derry City and Strabane District Council, our many supporters and the brilliant committed tireless Committee members for their hard work and dedication.

See you all soon.
Happy Foyle Pride!

Jim Doherty
Chairperson Foyle Pride, 2023

WHO WE ARE



Jim Doherty



Éimear Willis



Mel Bradley



Nina Pulis



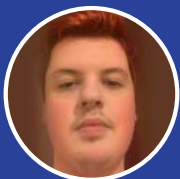
Sophia McFeeley



Daran McCann



Philip Baxendale



Aaron Devlin



Catherine Isobel



Martin McConnellogue



Meabh O'Neill



Shanagh Henderson

Foyle Pride would like to remember our dear friend and supporter Joe Mulheron who sadly passed away in May of this year. His generosity ensured Foyle Pride always had a home on Water Street. We miss him terribly and remember him fondly.



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JOIN OUR BOARD

We're looking for committed and motivated people to assist the current committee in supporting and delivering Foyle Pride Festival next year and beyond. If you feel you have what it takes then please attend our annual AGM in December to put yourself forward and we're especially keen to appoint people who have experience in fundraising and finance. We would love to hear from you.
Email: foylepridefestival@gmail.com



I'm delighted as Mayor to support Foyle Pride in this it's 30th anniversary year! We have come a long way since several young activists marked Pride for the first time officially at the iconic Free Derry Wall in August 1993.

However, we still have work to do and Derry City and Strabane District Council will continue to liaise closely with the LGBTQ+ community and its representatives in the Council area.

Grassroots is a fitting theme as that's where the journey for change really

begins and it's a journey this Mayor and Council will continue to support you on!

Enjoy Pride week and the many events included in a comprehensive programme that includes every section of our increasingly diverse community.

I will certainly be there to join you on the PARADE on 26th August and at other events.

Patricia Logue, Mayor
Derry Strabane District Council, 2023



PRIDE IN SPORT

Wed 19th July - Wed 16th August

Foyle Pride Festival for it's 30th year is holding a 5 week Pride in Sport Programme, finishing with our popular Football v Homophobia tournament in the Ryan McBride Brandywell Stadium. We have 'Queers and Peers' taster sessions in a variety of sports, including Boxing, Gaelic Football, and Rugby with our local sports clubs. This programme is for over 18s, all genders welcome, trans inclusive.



Week 1: Wednesday 19th July at 6pm will be with City of Derry Rugby Club, holding a 'give it a try' session for people of all genders.

Week 2: Wednesday 26th July at 6pm will be in Springtown Boxing Club with introduction to boxing for all. You will get the chance to learn how to defend a punch and throw a punch. You will get to hit a punch bag in a safe inclusive environment.

Week 3: Wednesday 2nd August at 6pm will be in Springtown Boxing Club for a HIIT session, High Intensity Interval Training', a total body circuit for 40min Participants should be prepared to sweat. This session will be catered to all fitness levels.

Week 4: An evening on the week of the 7th August will be 'Queers and Peers' Gaelic football session open to all genders with Sean Dolans GAA Club. There will be a special appearance from Aeracha Uladh, Ulster's first LGBTQ+ Inclusive GAA Team.

Week 5 on Wednesday 16th August at 6pm is the annual Football V Homophobia tournament in the Ryan McBride Brandywell Stadium, a 5-a-side Football Tournament. Teams entering must have at least 2 players who identify as LGBTQ+.



Football v Homophobia

Wed 16th August // 6pm-8pm

Venue: Ryan McBride, Brandywell stadium, BT48 9LA.

The 5 a side tournament is open to all genders, skill levels and all communities celebrating diversity and tackling discrimination in sport. Players must be 16+, with no upper age limit. There will be prizes for the winners in each category.

For information and registration contact
foylepridefestival@gmail.com

BE YOURSELF?

LGBTQIA+ Perspectives in Derry in 2023

This new Féile production follows Dee McLaughlin, a youth worker from Creggan, as he meets with a range of members of the LGBTQIA+ community in Derry to share stories about the issues they have faced in the past, those they face today and their hopes for the future. A Communities In Transition project funded by The Executive Office.



Launch at Free Derry Wall and hoisting of Trans flag

Fri 18th August // 2pm



Official launch and annual Pride Awards with Mayor

Fri 18th August // 7pm
The Guildhall, Whittaker Suite,
BT48 7BB.

Official launch of Foyle Pride Festival
2023 with the Mayor of Derry and
Strabane District Council.

THE RAINBOW PROJECT
PRESENTS



CABARET AND DRY DISCO

Giuseppe's Ballroom

Fri 18th August

Nerve Centre, 7-8 Magazine Street,
BT48 6HH.

Junior disco

8pm-10pm. Doors 7.45pm

Followed by 18+ event

10.30pm. Alcohol free event

For the full pride experience, look no further! Giuseppe's hosts the finest of local DJs, cabaret and tasty refreshments to keep you entertained 'til home-time.

An alcohol-free space, this is a world where you can dance freely, love openly, and sing your heart out without the headache, built on compassion, we want everyone who comes along to feel safe and valued, free from risk.

We ask that you do not consume alcohol before or during this event for the safety of others.

Accessibility: Darkened room, flashing lights, loud music, smoke machine, wheelchair accessible bathroom, quiet cafe area, quiet room.



WORKSHOP

Pitch Shifting

Sat 19th August // 12-2pm

Waterloo House, Magazine St,
BT48 6HH.

Adm: FREE

Sound is amazing. The possible combination of sounds is infinite. Yet what we hear every day is usually restricted by expectations of what sounds familiar, conventional or... nice. So, what happens in a queer playground for your spoken sounds? For Outburst Queer Arts Festival 2024 we'll be creating an immersive sound installation and this workshop is one of the stops along the way – an exploratorium where you're encouraged to expand your ears beyond usual expectations. Get curious about the surprising, different and usually discarded sounds and transform them through different ways of listening. Your voices will form the basis of the final soundscape composition.

Book via email peter@northernlightsproject.org

EXHIBITION LAUNCH

Exhibition: Oliver Grant

Sat 19th August // 6pm

Ally Theatre, Strabane, BT82 8EF.

Adm: FREE

Series of portraits of members of our community in Derry Strabane area. Followed by 'LBGTQ+ representation in rural NI' panel discussion.



CRAFT

Queer Craft Club

Sat 19th August 2023 // 11am

Offing Coffee, 1 Foyle Road,
BT48 6SQ.

Adm: FREE

Get your queer craft on and at our stitch and social.

Whether you are an experienced crafter or someone new, come along with your current craft project or get started with something fresh! It could be a political knit, crocheting your pride, cross stitching a message, darning something that needs mending or anything really - come along, share tips and have a chat!

BORDER FAIRIES



FILM

Sun 20th August // 7pm
An Croí / Cultúrlann Uí Chanáin,
Great James Street, BT48 7DF.
Adm: £10 / £8



A Catholic fairy escapes from 1980's Cork to Belfast, that well known utopia of Gay Liberation. A 1920's Protestant with a Cork accent flees the Irish Free State for the freshly bordered North.

What buried stories bring two dislocated fairies together in life and in death? Hiding out in "Bandit Country", who is actually the bandit?

Excavating his own fascinating stories that shine a light on the troubled relationship between The Fairies and The State, master storyteller Richard O'Leary brings us Border Fairies, a poignant and powerful one-man stage show that weaves his trademark storytelling theatre with hidden Irish histories.

Using surviving love letters, personal photos, unofficial papers and fascinating ephemera, this intimate, revealing and funny show reminds us that The Official Version never gives the whole story and that questions are

often more interesting than answers. Originally produced by Outburst Queer Arts Festival in 2021, Richard O'Leary's Border Fairies is an insightful and smart hybrid stage performance that effortlessly brings the traditional art of the "seanchaí" bang up to date in the most delightful and accessible way around our often-erased LGBTQ+ histories.

Border Fairies is on Tour throughout the north and south of Ireland in Summer 2023. The tour is supported by An Roinn Gnóthaí / Department of Foreign Affairs Reconciliation Fund.

Duration: Approximately 70 mins. No interval but the performance is relaxed
 Age Guidance: 16 +

Tickets available at: www.outburstarts.com/events-projects/on-tour-border-fairies/



SKATE

Roll Out

Sun 20th August // 2pm
Meet at Derry/Londonderry Railway Station, Waterside Link, BT47 6AH.
Adm: FREE

Roller skate meet for queer skaters! Bring your skates / boards and we'll head along the greenway for a roll OUT!

Protective gear recommended; skaters participate at own risk.

QUIZ

Big Gay Quiz



Mon 21st August // 10pm
Venue: Sandinos, Water Street, Derry, BT48 6BQ.
Adm: Free



Image credit: Suds McKenna, work from the exhibition 'a familiar plough into the knot of a tie', 2022.

EXHIBITION

Sam's Eden: Life Drawing

Mon 21st August // 7-8.30pm
CCA Derry~Londonderry,
10-12 Artillery Street, BT48 6RG.
Adm: Free, booking essential:
CCADLD.org/Shop

Join artist Cara Donaghey and model Mel Bradley for a life drawing session, using the exhibition SAM'S EDEN as a backdrop. The themes of the exhibition are Queer Bodies, Virtual Spaces, Community, Imaginative Landscapes and Futures. Paper and drawing materials informed by the artwork in the exhibition will be provided. Places are limited and booking is essential for this free event.

This is a Public Programme event for SAM'S EDEN, an exhibition at CCA Derry~Londonderry curated by Thomas Wells. The exhibition runs until Saturday 9 September, 2023.

Supported by Arts Council of Northern Ireland, Derry City & Strabane District Council and Jerwood Developing Artists Fund.



WORKSHOP

Cinema for the qu(ears)

Tues 22nd August // 10am - 4pm
 Nerve Centre, 7-8 Magazine Street,
 BT48 6HJ.

Adm: Free. To book email
peter@northernlightsproject.org

Are you a young lgbtqia+ creative? Are you aged between 12 and 18 and living in a rural area in the North West? Are you interested in the arts? Perhaps you write songs, or poetry, or play a musical instrument. Perhaps you are a member of a drama group, or a creative writing group. If you can imagine new things and want to express yourself, then this might be the project for you! From Tuesday 22nd - Friday 25th August 2023 we will work together on an intensive 4-day project to create the soundtrack for a new audio artwork to be presented as an immersive installation. With help from workshop leaders at the Nerve Centre, you will use sounds to build up an imaginary cinema soundtrack - Cinema for the qu(ears) - using recordings from daily life, songs you might compose during the project, interviews with friends and family, or imagined sound created in a studio. The content of the soundtrack can be anything you wish - the only limits are the limits of your imagination!



DISCUSSION

The ongoing fight for LGBTQ+ Liberation

Local to Global Panel discussion

Tues 22nd August // 7.30pm
 Sandinos, Water Street,
 Derry, BT48 6BQ.
Adm: Free

Given the current situation in Uganda and the repeal of our rights elsewhere this timely discussion will invite insights from our guest panellists then open to the floor. For further details email Jim or Meabh at foylepridefestival@gmail.com.



FAMILY EVENT

Drag Queen Story hour with Demi Dé Tourné

Wed 23rd August // 11am
 Central Library, Foyle Street,
 BT48 6AL.
Adm: FREE

An interactive drag show for all the family. Recommended ages 3+. Join Demi and her puppet friends for stories, songs and games.

OUR JOURNEYS



SCREENING & DISCUSSION

Our Journeys

Wed 23rd August // 7.30pm
 Nerve Centre, 7-8 Magazine Street,
 BT48 6HJ.
Adm. Free entry with nibbles and (popcorn if you want).

Our Journeys looks at the Trans Community in the North West with input from Trans, their friends and families followed by a discussion. Further details contact Nina at foylepridefestival@gmail.com

This event is sponsored by Unison LGBT+.





COMEDY

Chicken Box Comedy

Wed 23rd August // 8.30pm
Foyle Pride Special at Bennigans Bar,
John Street, BT48 6JY.

Chicken Box presents our third smorgasbord of hilarious comedy talent for Foyle Pride. Featuring rising stars from the LGBTQIA+ comedy scene across the country. MC Rory McSwiggan introduces David Doherty Jebb, Emer McGinnity, Heather Anderson, Leo Lardie, Ms Derry and Joseph James. Winners of Helen Harris Freedom award 2018 and Chortle Luminaries of Lockdown 2021.

Free tickets with optional donation to Foyle Pride. Search "Eventbrite Chicken Box Comedy".

FILM

'Different' film screening and Q&A

Writer / Director: John Farrelly

Thurs 24th Aug // 6-7pm
Ulster University Magee Derry/
Londonderry Room MU114.
BT48 7JL.
Limited Availability - early booking
is advised.

Summer 1980's, The West of Ireland. A time and place where homosexuality is frowned upon, a promising young gaelic footballer, Patrick, falls in love with another young man from his local village.

John Farrelly is an Irish filmmaker. At the age of 17, John was crowned 'Ireland's Best Young Filmmaker' following the success of his short film, 'Choice'. He then embarked on his first feature film, 'The Sleep Experiment', which earned him the Jury Prize at the LA Horror Film Festival. Farrelly subsequently directed the Star Wars short film, 'The Lost Jedi', and the coming-of-age Irish language short, 'Different'. Currently, he is working on his second feature, 'An Taibhse' (The Ghost), notable for being the first Irish language horror feature ever made.



THEATRE

Sole Purpose Productions and Foyle Pride present

The Pride Monologues

Fundraiser for Foyle Pride

Thurs 24th Aug // 8pm
Derry Playhouse, 5-7 Artillery
Street, BT48 6RG.
Adm: £7 suggested donation

The Pride Monologues is here! Come along to an evening of zany, wild, moving, radical, thought provoking, tear jerking, side splitting monologues by local LGBTQIA+ writers and performers. This will be a great evening to celebrate the 30th Foyle Pride Festival. MC will be the amazing Mel Bradley! If you would like to take part please contact Pat Byrne at solepurpose@mac.com



DISCO

Dusty Grooves Gay disco/ Classics night



ART MARKET

Creative Queers: Art Market

Friday 25th August // 12noon-5pm
Cultúrlann Uí Chanáin,
Great James Street, BT48 7DF.

Creative Queers is inviting you to a celebration of Queer Art from across our community. Come along and support your queer artists and find that special artwork you might not even have known you needed! Contact: foylepridefestival@gmail.com.





CABARET

People of Colour (POC) Cabaret

Thurs 24th August // 10pm - Late
Sandinos Main room, Water Street,
Derry, BT48 6BQ.
Adm: £10

Join Foyle Pride in an evening of gasps, thrills, and wonder, as we host our first Cabaret showcasing the amazing talents of the Queer POC Community. Its an evening not to be missed!
Tickets to be purchased at door or on Eventbrite.
Contact: foylepridefestival@gmail.com



DAVID HOYLE

A CABARET SPECTACULAR

WITH SPECIAL GUESTS
GERRY POTTER - ABBY OLIVEIRA

SANDINOS MAIN ROOM
DOORS 7PM. SHOW STARTS AT 7.30PM
SHOW ENDS AT 10PM. DOOR TAX £10



FRIDAY
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FOYLE PRIDE FESTIVAL

PRIDE Parade



SAT 26TH AUGUST // 2PM // WATERSIDE RAILWAY STATION, BT47 6AH.

Leaving Waterside Train Station 2pm retracing the steps of the first ever Civil Rights March in the City in October 1968. Entertainment afterward in the beautiful surroundings of Guildhall Square.

MAIN STAGE

TRAMP
FAKE FRIENDS
FIREWORKS DOTA DANCERS

ALCOHOL FREE EVENT

Access needs? Book a place on the mini bus by emailing foylepridefestival@gmail.com

The Western Trust will offer advice on sexual health and wellbeing and the South Eastern Trust will offer the Monkey pox vaccine at the Guildhall Square from midday during the festivities.



FAMILY FUN

Family Fun Afternoon

Sat 26th August // 3pm
Peace Garden, Foyle Street,
BT48 6AP.

Hosted by HereNI. Face painters, circus skills workshop, bouncy castles and some fun entertainment for all the family! Also a quieter space for those who may be sensitive to loud music and / or large crowds.

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OFFICIAL AFTER PARADE

PARTY

including first ever Derry and Strabane

Drag Queen/King Competition

Hosted by

Ms Fonda Boyzz and Miss Mary Jane



SAT 26TH AUGUST FROM 4.30PM

SANDINOS, WATER STREET, BT48 6BQ.

DJs and BBQ



SATURDAY 26 AUGUST



MEMORIAL PICNIC

Annual Mark Ashton memorial picnic

Sun 27th August // 2pm
St Columb's Park, BT47 6JY
Alcohol free event



PRIDE FINALE

Pride Finale with DJ Jackie

Sun 27th August // 11pm
Sandinos, Water Street,
Derry, BT48 6BQ.
Adm: Free entry

FOYLE PRIDE FESTIVAL

CLOSING PARTY

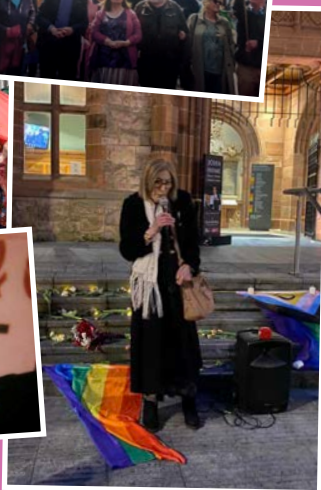
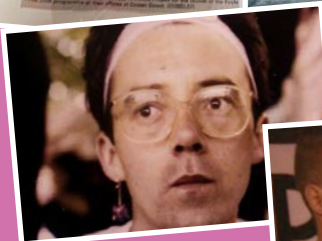
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HOSTED BY
MISS MARY JANE

SUN 27TH AUGUST // 8PM
TAP HOUSE, GUILDHALL STREET, BT48 6AA
ADM: FREE ENTRY

Celebrating 30 years



The Pink Mile Bars & Cafés

Foyle Pride welcomes you to the Pink Mile our list of bars and Cafés that we highly recommend as safe welcoming and fun spaces for Pride regulars and visitors to the city.

1. Bennigan's, John Street
2. Sandinos, Water Street
3. Tap House, Custom House Street
4. Brickwork, Magazine Street
5. Rosie Joes, Waterloo Street
6. Paedar O'Donnell's, Waterloo Street
7. Central Bar, Strand Road





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