

ESSEX PRIDE 2023

**SATURDAY
24TH JUNE**

**CENTRAL PARK
CHELMSFORD**

**A community celebration
of lesbian, gay, bisexual
& transgender life in
Essex & beyond**



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Welcome to Essex Pride 2023

This year its the 19th Essex Pride!, Since starting at Smiths Bar in 2003 it's become a huge event for the whole community to enjoy, to celebrate diversity, encourage acceptance, and promote Essex as a diverse and accepting place to live.

Being involved since it began has been very rewarding, and for anyone questioning their sexuality, I hope this event gives you the courage and freedom to be yourself, make new friends, and just have a really great time.

From all the team, we wish you a safe and happy pride.

Garry Ormes: Essex Pride Chairman.

First Aid and Wellbeing break out zone

Provided by Elite Care Medical

For location: see the site map on the centre pages of the event program.

Lost and Found

If you loose any personal items, become separated from family or friends, or find someone else's property, please head to the main bar.

Sun Protection

Even when it is cloudy we can become sunburnt - remember to wear appropriate sun protection or seek shelter.

Also ensure that you stay hydrated and drink plenty of water during the day.

Age Restrictions

The whole site is open to all ages; although, some live acts may not be suitable for children. Parent/guardian or viewer discretion is required. The purchase of alcohol from the licensed bar is strictly for those aged 18 and over, and proof of age may be necessary.

Drink Responsibly

Pace yourself, and drink soft drinks and eat food between alcoholic drinks.

No Drugs

We have a strict no drugs policy. Anyone found taking illegal substances will be asked to leave the site and reported to Essex Police.

Event Stewards

There will be plenty of help around the site - just look out for our Stewards. If you have any concerns speak to a Steward or our security team.

Photography and videography

We will be recording and taking photographs at the event which may be used in publicity. If you do not wish to be featured, let the photographer know.

Essex Pride does not accept liability for images used.





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To Underpass to train station

Emergency vehicle exit

Emergency exit

Emergency exit

Main Entrance

Exit to city centre and High Chelmer car park (open until midnight)

RIVER CAN

SKATE PARK

A1060 PARKWAY

Sideshow

Food Zone

Children's play area

Dog Show Arena

First aid & wellbeing

Market Zone

Emergency Services Zone

Lost and found

Main Bar

Rum Bar

Dance Tent

Drag and karaoke stage

Community Showcase

Back stage access

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We're **#ARUProud**
to be the headline
sponsor of
Essex Pride 2023

REPEAL OF SECTION 28 20 YEARS ON

This year marks 20 years since the repeal Section 28.

This was a law enacted as part of the local government act of 1988 to prevent the intentional promotion of homosexuality or publication of material with the intention of promoting homosexuality.

It also prohibited the teaching in any maintained school of the acceptability of homosexuality as a pretend family relationship.

It came into effect on May of that year and remained law until 2003.

It effectively stopped any teacher or local authority from discussing relationships beyond a "normal" heterosexual one and silenced those in schools who may have wanted to support people coming to terms with their sexuality.

It was a law that continued a trend of demonisation of the LGBTQ+ community which had intensified further in the wake of the AIDS epidemic and was grist to the mill of many newspapers.

It led to widespread protest including the invasion of the six o'clock news by a group of lesbian activists. It was likely to have been instrumental in the formation of the rights group Stonewall which was formed by Lisa Power, Sir Michael Cashman and Sir Ian McKellen in 1989.

Its repeal allowed the opening up of relationship and sex advice in schools; but its legacy lives on with many still finding it a difficult subject to discuss in schools and similar arguments used to demonise gay people are now being turned on to the trans community.

The fight for equality and acceptance, not just tolerance, continues.





We're Proud to celebrate Pride

In the UK, Aegon are focused on providing pension, retirement savings and investment solutions for our customers throughout their lifetime.

We're committed to being a socially responsible business, whether that's reducing our environmental footprint, helping customers invest responsibly, or supporting our local communities.

As well as sponsoring Pride events across the country, we're dedicated to raising awareness and promoting allyship. Our internal Proud network was established in 2017 to educate, empower, listen and be visible to support our LGBTQIA+ colleagues.

Find out more about us at aegon.co.uk and aegonam.com



ESSEX PRIDE 2023

PRIDE FESTIVAL STAGE RUNNING ORDER

11:30	- PRIDE ANTHEMS - - NINA AMBROSE -
12:50	- CARROT - - CAODS - - BILLERICAY THEATRE COMPANY -
14:05	- SASKI - - DRAG WITH NO NAME - - JORDAN GRAY -
15:10	- KITTY SCOTT-CLAUS - - STARSTRUCK : YEARS AND YEARS TRIBUTE - - ELECTRA FENCE -
16:40	- JAYMI HENSLEY - - TIA KOFI - - STEPTACULAR: STEPS TRIBUTE -
18:15	- MIRIAM-TEAK LEE - - THE VIVIENNE -
19:15	- NINA AMBROSE - - HIP HOP POP - DANCE EXCLUSIVE -
20:15	- DJ JESSIE BROOKE -



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DRAG AND KARAOKE STAGE RUNNING ORDER

11:30	- PRIDE ANTHEMS -
12:15	- KARAOKE WITH JASON THORPE -
13:30	- HOTHaus DRAG - - HOSTED BY: KENZIE BLACKHEART - - SCARLETTE VIGILANTE - ESTALLA SAFELLA - TRACEY PAPER - ACE SPECTRUM -
14:30	- PRIDE GAME SHOW HOSTED BY: SHAR COOTERIE - - KARAOKE -
15:30	- CARROT - - S-BARS (SPOKEN WORD) - - SHAR COOTERIE - - DRAG WITH NO NAME -
16:30	- KARAOKE WITH JASON THORPE -
17:30	- SIRENA HART -
18:00	- KARAOKE WITH JASON THORPE -
19:30	- CLOSE -



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LIVE ON THE PRIDE STAGE

YOUR HOSTS



LIVE MUSIC



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The Billericay
Theatre



TOP DRAG



KARAOKE DRAG AND COMEDY STAGE

HOTHAUS DRAG

SCARLETT VIGILANTE **ESTELLA SAFELLA** **KENZIE BLACKHEART** **TRACEY PAPER** **ACE SPECTRUM**



THANKS TO OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS:



4 THE MUSIC DANCE TENT SILENT DISCO

**MULTIPLE DJs THROUGHOUT THE DAY.
CHOOSE YOUR FAVOURITE TO LISTEN TO.**



DJ AVALANCHE



STEVE MORLEY



JAT



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ANDY SCOTT



JESSIE BROOKE



**DJ MEL-LO &
KID DYNAMITE**



STEVE JAMES



GARY CHAPMAN

brought to you by:



THE ESSEX PRIDE DRAG DOG SHOW

With your drag host:
Sirena Hart



**Has your dog got what it takes
to be best in show?**

Categories include:

- **Prettiest Purebreed -**
- **Cutest Crossbreed -**
 - **Lovable rogue -**
- **Best puppy dog eyes -**
- **Creative costume -**
 - **Musical sit -**
- **Egg and spoon race -**
- **Sit and stay challenge -**
- **Best ball catcher -**
- **Cleverest trick -**

**£1
per
category**



Registration from 12:00pm

Judging from 2:45pm



**Pick up your entry form
from the dog show
arena area**





Proudly Sponsoring Essex Pride

At Teledyne, Equality, Diversity and Inclusion means Opportunity.

To cherish and celebrate the value of diversity.

To bring our full and authentic selves to work.

To feel fully involved and respected.

This way, we can do our best work, have fun and collectively make a difference.

We're recruiting!



Sanctuary

We're pleased to celebrate and support this year's

ESSEX PRIDE EVENT

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THURSDAY 29 JUNE

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COLOURFUL FOOD & FLAVOURS**

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Support and social groups

Essex and the surrounding areas have many organisations and venues that provide advice, support and social opportunities for LGBT people:

Basildon

Colors

Transliving International

Women 4 Women Essex

Chelmsford

Essex Pride

G Sundays @ pop world

Colchester

Outhouse East

Lesbian & Gay Christian Movement

Terence Higgins Trust

University of Essex LGBT & Friends Society

Essex LGBT Alliance

Colchesetr Kings Rugby club

Southend-on-Sea

Gay Essex Men's Social & Support Group

The Cliff

Hush Bar

Women 4 Women Essex

Sexual Health Information

Sexual health services In Essex (excluding Southend and Thurrock) are now run by **Essex Sexual Health service**.

They offer Walk in services and appointment based consultations at many locations throughout Essex.

Scan the QR codes to access their websites directly.

Call 0300 003 1212

or

visit: www.eshs.org.uk



Southend residents

Access Essex Sexual Health services (above)

or Brook Southend:

Call: 0330 135 5916

or:

visit: www.sexualhealthsouthend.co.uk



Thurrock residents

Call: 0300 303 9970

Or

visit: www.thurrocksexualhealthservice.org.uk



National and international support groups

There are many national and international organisations that support the LGBT community:

Age UK - working to improve later life for all, including LGBT people.

Albert Kennedy Trust - for young LGBT people living with hostility.

Beaumont Society - national support group for the Trans community.

biUK - for bisexual research and activism.

Educate & Celebrate - giving teachers the tools to tackle LGBT-phobia.

FLAGS Scouts Active Support Unit - support for LGBT adults in Scouts.

Fire Brigades Union - Gay & Lesbian Members.

Gay Outdoor Club - recreational activities for LGBT people.

Gay & Lesbian Association of Doctors & Dentists.

Gay & Lesbian Association for Racing & Yachting.

Health with Pride - resource for LGBT patients and health professionals.

Kings Cross Steelers Rugby Union Club.

LGBT History Month - celebrating achievements of the LGBT community.

London Gay Men's Chorus.

London Spikers Volleyball Club - for men of any sexual orientation.

Mermaids - helping gender diverse young people and their families.

Metro Charity

Mind Out .org.uk - mental health service for LGBTQ community

National Union of Students - supporting LGBT students.

NAZ Project - sexual health, HIV prevention and support for BAME people.

Opening Doors London - services and information for older LGBT people.

Outdoor Lads - social group for gay and bisexual men.

Press for Change - the UK's leading experts in transgender law.

Proud 2 Serve - LGBT Network for the British Armed Forces.

Queer Youth Network - national LGBT youth network.

rukus! - working with black LGBT artists.

Sailing & Cruising Association - LGBT sailing and powerboat club.

Stonewall - international organisation working for LGBT equality.

True Vision - providing info about hate crimes and how to report them.

Transpire - Supporting transgender people, friends and Family

Trans Living - Supporting the trans community

.UK Black Pride - Europe's largest celebration for African, Asian, Middle Eastern, Latin American and Caribbean-heritage LGBTQI+ people.



Bourn Hall
FERTILITY CLINIC

We help LGBTQ+ people start a family

We have many types of treatment available at multiple clinics across the East of England.

To find out more, call our patient services team on **01954 717210** or email **info@bourn-hall.com**

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We want our workforce to reflect our diverse communities.

We're recruiting firefighters, control officers, support staff and volunteers. Search 'Join Essex Fire' for details.

Happy Essex Pride from Moat

We want Moat to be a truly inclusive housing organisation that enables our colleagues and customers to thrive.

Moat is proud to celebrate #PrideMonth and continue the celebrations all year round - as every month is a time to ensure that the voices of our LGBTQ+ customers and colleagues are heard, discrimination and bias are challenged, and inclusion is achieved.



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OFFICIAL AFTER
PARTY AT

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CHELMSFORD



Open to 4am
Free entry b4 11pm with Essex Pride Wristband
over 18s only

SEE YOU THERE

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