





History of UK Pride

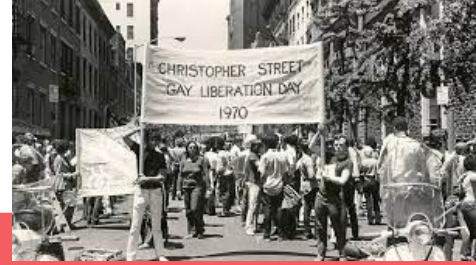
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The First LGBT March

The first LGBT march was in the USA, a year after the Stonewall Riots, on 28th June 1970.

The Stonewall Riots occurred Saturday 28th June 1969 at the Stonewall Inn on Christopher Street in New York. Stonewall Inn was a gay bar—a pub that welcomed LGBT people without discrimination—which was raided by police. They arrested people in the bar for untaxed alcohol and for violating the “gender-appropriate clothing statute”, which resulted in police officers dragging people to bathrooms to check their genitals.

Being gay at this time was still illegal, and, in the US, still isn't completely legal without caveats such as raised age of consent, don't ask don't tell ideas, and sodomy laws.



This police raid resulted in mass protests over gay laws in the US which surrounded the area around the Stonewall Inn for the next five days.

The first LGBT march was held the following year as another protest. LGBT people walked through Christopher Street, protesting for better rights for LGBT people.



Bob Mellors and Aubrey Walter



In the USA, the Gay Liberation Front (GLF) was founded soon after the Stonewall riots. This group, as well as the Women's Liberation Front (a feminist group), were invited to a convention in Philadelphia hosted by the Black Panthers (a group fighting against racism).

It was here that Bob Mellors and Aubrey Walter met and brought the GLF back to the UK. The First meeting of the UK's own GLF was on 13th October 1970 in the basement of the London School of Economics.

The Gay Liberation Front (GLF)

The GLF were about changing society's views on gay people—gay at the time not meaning just male homosexuals, but anyone who was discriminated for their gender or sexuality. They drew up a list of things they wanted from society, ideas anywhere from employers no longer being able to discriminate against gay people to simply being able to hold hands in public.

They would wear badges like the purple one on the right in public to raise awareness and present themselves as people rather than a faceless other. They would create slogans like “Gay is good” and “We are human-sexuals” and hold protests against the raised age of consent and other homophobic laws.



The GLF Manifesto

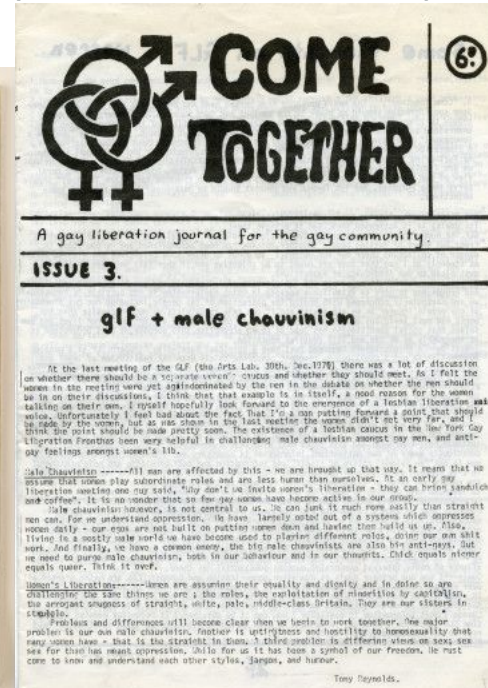
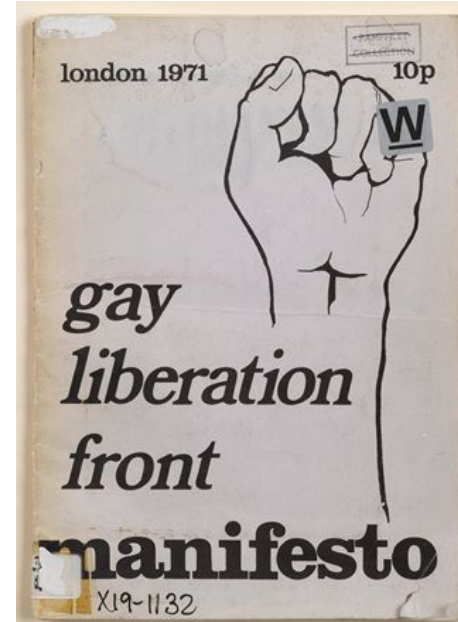
Like any good society trying to change the world, the GLF created a manifesto—a book that explained exactly what they stood for.

It was written by a chair committee from the GLF and began like this:

“... if we are to succeed in transforming our society we must persuade others of the merits of our ideas, and there is no way we can achieve this if we cannot even persuade those most affected by our oppression to join us in fighting for justice.

We do not intend to ask for anything. We intend to stand firm and assert our basic rights. If this involves violence, it will not be we who initiate this, but those who attempt to stand in our way to freedom.”

On top of the manifesto, there was a newspaper called “Come Together” created by the group and weekly meetings of 200-300 people were carried out every Wednesday.



Monday 26th June - Pride Picnic on the Field!

This year, we are having a pride themed picnic on the main and lower school fields at lunch.

Bring a picnic blanket, bring a pride flag, rainbow lollies will be available from the canteen. Come and join the fun!

The LGBT+ group will be based on the main school field, so come and ask questions if you are interested in joining.

The UK's First Pride March

The first pride march was held on the closest saturday to the anniversary of the Stonewall Riots—Saturday 1st July 1972. It was a protest held in London, starting from Trafalgar Square and finishing in Hyde Park.



The police in the top right photo were not there to protect the marchers, but to try and stop the march.

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Form Time task

A link to a google form can be found here: [LGBT+ questions](#) to ask any questions you may have about any LGBT related topics. Your job this form time is to fill it out, so we have things to answer for a follow up headstrong that will happen soon! The QR code below also links to the form.

