



June marks the start of Pride Month. This is a time we celebrate and recognize the LGBTQIA+ community and bring a focus to equity and inclusion. Pride represents individuals coming together in Love and Respect, acknowledging how far gay rights have come and the work that still needs to be done.



Throughout history, the rainbow has been seen as a symbol of Hope. The iconic rainbow flag was created by Gilbert Baker in 1978. He was asked by Harvey Milk (the first openly gay elected official) to create a new symbol for the gay community to replace the pink triangle. The pink triangle was used by Nazi Germany to identify gay men in concentration camps. The flag originally had eight colors, but later was reduced to six – Red, Orange, Yellow, Green, Blue and Purple.

Each color holds its own meaning.

- Red** = Life
- Orange** = Healing
- Pink** = Sexuality
- Yellow** = Sunlight
- Green** = Nature
- Turquoise** = Creativity
- Indigo** = Harmony
- Purple** = Spirit



Today, there are over 20 different LGBTQIA+ flags. Each one has its own meaning, just like the different colors of the flag. You can learn more about the different flags [here](#).

How did it all start?

The Stonewall Inn, a well-known gay club in New York's Greenwich Village, was raided by New York City police on June 28th 1969.

The raid sparked a wave of protests and violent confrontations in local bars and neighbourhoods.

This served as a catalyst for the global gay rights movement.

The first official Pride Parade took place in 1970, on the 1yr anniversary of the Stonewall Riots.

The following year, cities around the world held Pride marches and celebrations.



Did you know?

Sao Paulo Brazil hosts the world's largest Pride Parade in the world.

It started in 1997 with only 2,000 attendees.

The Guinness World Record was set in 2006 with 2.5 MILLION attendees!

In comparison, New York has about 2 million and San Francisco has around 1.7 million attendees.

Portland Oregon holds its own 2 day festival and parade on July 15-16th 2023

Portland's festival is one of the largest donation-based Pride Events on the West Coast and draws tens of thousands of people.



Remember that we are all different, but here for the same goal.

To live our lives and to hopefully make our community a better place.

Every one of us are different and that is what makes us special and better together.

EVERYONE DESERVES
A LOVING COMMUNITY.

