

Cork LGBTI+ Awareness Week 2024

Theme: 'A Safe City For All'

Cork marks May 17th, the International Day Against Homophobia, Lesbophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia (IDAHOBIT) annually by organising an LGBTI+ Awareness Week. In a world grown increasingly intolerant and threatening, the importance of marking IDAHOBIT is essential.

The world has just celebrated the 75th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights — a document that is much more than a cornerstone of international law: it is a guide to navigate a deeply divided world, a set of values that everyone can live by, and ultimately a force for good.

And yet, we know that “*All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights*” represents a promise not yet fulfilled — for LGBTI+ people across the world, and for everyone experiencing the suffocating impact on their lives of diverse layers of inequalities.

2022 was reported by ILGA, the International Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans and Intersex Association, as the most violent year for LGBTI+ people. In Ireland, we have experienced that increase in violence and hate speech

at the same time as efforts are underway to criminalise Hate Crime. At a time when hard-won advances for LGBTI+ communities around the globe are increasingly under threat, the power of solidarity, allyship and community across identities, borders, and movements has never been more necessary.

The Cork LGBTI+ Awareness Week 2024 theme is ‘*A Safe City For All*’ which will be explored at various events throughout the week. This theme is a call for unity: only through solidarity for each other will we create a world without injustice, where no one is left behind.

We invite you to attend an event, come together to challenge homophobia, lesbophobia, transphobia, and biphobia and to demonstrate the solidarity of the people of Cork with LGBTI+ communities, here and globally.

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MAY 12th - 19th 2024

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SUNDAY 12TH MAY

- Event:** IDAHOBIT Day Service with Rev Meghan Farr and congregation of St Anne's.
- Time:** 10.15am
- Location:** St Anne's, Shandon.

MONDAY 13TH MAY

- Event:** Launch of Cork LGBTI+ Awareness Week 2024 and raising of the Progress Flag.
- Time:** 4.30pm-6pm
- Location:** Millenium Hall, City Hall, Eglinton Street.
- Info:**
 - Formal launch of LGBTI+ Awareness Week by Lord Mayor Cllr Kieran McCarthy.
 - Guest speaker: Minister Roderic O'Gorman, Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth.
 - Music by Choral ConFusion. Wine and finger food reception. All welcome.

Tuesday 14TH MAY

- Event:** Progress Flag Raisings.
 - Time:** 10am-1pm
 - Location:** Multiple locations across the city and county.
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- Event:** HSE: Allies In The Workplace.
 - Time:** 2.30pm-3:30pm
 - Location:** St Finbarr's Hospital Campus.

- Event:** East Cork LGBT+ Network Film Night.
- Time:** 6.30pm
- Location:** Cumann na Daoine, Catherine St., Youghal.

Wednesday 15TH MAY

- Event:** IDAHOBIT Seminar: A Safe City for All
- Time:** 9.30am-1pm
- Location:** Council Chamber, City Hall, Anglesea Street.
- Info:** In a time of increased violence and hatred towards the LGBTI+ community and other marginalised groups, it is timely this Awareness Week that we look through an intersectional lens to see how Cork can be a safe city for all.

Presentations from:

- Kieran O'Connell & Martha Halbert Cork City Council.
 - Dr Matt Kennedy, BelongTo.
 - Dr. Louise Crowley, UCC.
 - Sarah Clancy, Clare PPN.
 - Panel discussion to follow including guest presenters, plus Traveller Visibility Group, Gender Rebels, and Gay Project.
 - Chaired by Siobhán O'Dowd, LGBTI+ InterAgency Group.
- Refreshments will be served. All welcome. This event is free to attend but ticketed.

Tickets are available on Eventbrite. (See QR Code)



- Event:** LGBTI+ coffee morning.
- Time:** 11am-1pm
- Location:** Skibbereen Community Resource Centre.

- Event:** LGBTI+ Culture night - drinks reception and movie screening 'All Of Us Strangers'.
- Time:** 5.15pm-7.30pm
- Location:** Triskel Arts Centre, Tobin Street.
- Info:** Wine reception sponsored by Coolgrey. Note that this screening is free but ticketed.

Booking Essential:
<https://triskelartscentre.ie/>

Thursday 16TH MAY

- Event:** The Safety of LGBT Art in Libraries: Eibhear Walshe, Julie Goo, and Sarah Clancy in Discussion.
- Time:** 3pm
- Location:** Thomas Davis Room, Central Library, Grand Parade.

Friday 17TH MAY

IDAHOBIT DAY 2024 THEME: No One Left Behind: Equality, Freedom and Justice for all.

- Event:** Online Petition Campaign: Launch of European Citizens' Initiative "Ban Conversion Practices in the European

- Info:** **What is an ECI?** The European Citizens' Initiative (ECI) is the only tool of participatory democracy of the European Union. Seven citizens from seven EU member states can call on the European Commission to debate around a specific topic, after having gathered one million signatures.

What we are calling for: We ask the Commission to add conversion practices to the list of euro-crimes (art 83 TFEU), to amend the Directive on Equality (2008) and to guarantee the rights of victims of conversion practices by modifying the Victims' Rights Directive. 9000 signatures from Ireland are required. The signature collection will open online on the 17th of May.
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- Event:** Queer+ Elders and Pioneers Rainbow Cities Network Photo Exhibition 2024
- Time:** 1pm-2pm
- Location:** Gallery 2, The Glucksman, UCC
- Info:** Cork, as a member of the Rainbow Cities Network takes part in the annual RCN Photo exhibition, where one photo from each participating RCN City is submitted to form a

collection. The theme of the exhibition this year is Queer+ Elders and Pioneers, and will be formally opened by Tadhg Crowley, Senior Curator, Education and Community at The Glucksman. Cork's submission to the exhibition is by photographer Ryan O'Sullivan.

Saturday 18TH MAY

- Event:** LOAFERS: Screening of local historian Orla Egan's documentary on Cork's iconic gay bar.
- Time:** 3pm
- Location:** Lending Library, Central Library, Grand Parade.

Sunday 19TH MAY

- Event:** Rainbow Picnic.
- Time:** 2pm-5pm
- Location:** Fitzgerald Park, Mardyke, Cork City.
- Info:** **MC:** Colm O'Sullivan with live music, food court, face painting, fun & games for everyone.
2.30pm - Out-Lit LGBT+ Book Club Meeting.
3.30pm - Fairytales for Everyone.
#RainbowPicnicCork

Events running all week

Monday 13th - Sunday 19th: Social media campaign from all members of County Cork Interagency LGBT+ Network (CCILN) Facebook @SeedingtheCounty (Information: hayleycummannadaoine@gmail.com)

Tuesday 14th - Tuesday 21st: LGBTI+ books and materials display at Youghal Library.

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Contact: lgbt@corkcity.ie for more information on all of these events

