

# Pride around the World

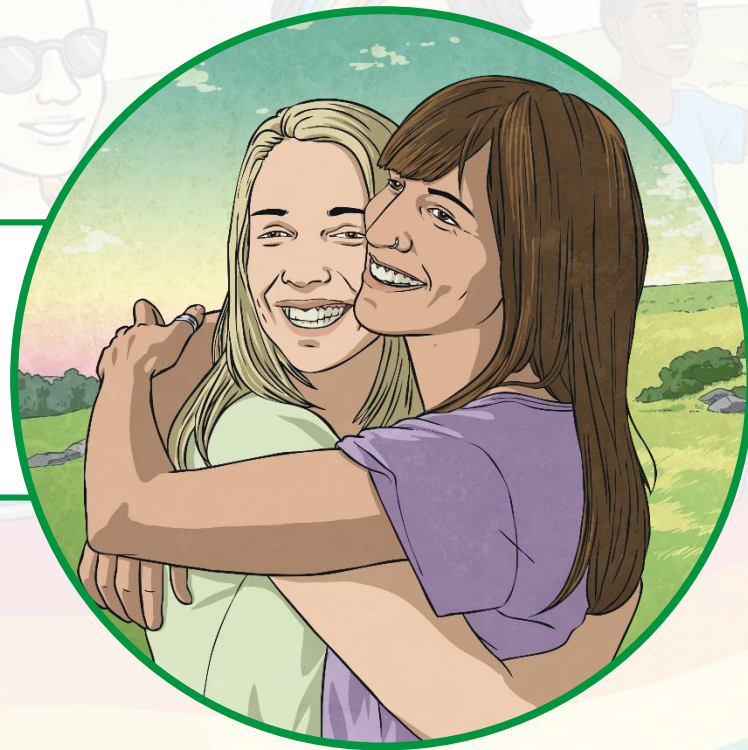


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# LGBT + Pride

Every year, usually in June or July, there are Pride marches, parades and events all over the world.

These events represent the [lesbian](#), [gay](#), [bisexual](#), [transgender](#) and [plus](#) (LGBT+) community.



# Pride's Purpose

Pride events are an opportunity to celebrate the diversity and gender differences in our world, promoting equal rights for all.

There is pride in how far equal rights have come and how LGBT+ people are viewed in society.



# Pride History

Being gay was once illegal in both the UK and the USA.

In June 1969, fighting broke out between the police and LGBT+ people in New York City. A year later, the first Pride march took place in Chicago to remember the riots. This event still continues in the city today.

Pride marches quickly spread across America and then around the world.

**Fact:** The UK's first Pride march took place in London in 1972.



# Rainbow Flag

The rainbow flag was first used at the San Francisco Pride parade in America in 1978.



Gilbert Baker created the flag for the LGBT community as a symbol of their diversity.

He chose the rainbow because...

'We are all the colours and all the genders and all the races. The rainbow is a magical part of nature.'





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