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WELCOME

On the 3rd of December 1990, in her inaugural speech as President of Ireland, Mary Robinson said that “the best way we can contribute to a new integrated Europe is by having a confident sense of our Irishness – that we must play to our strengths and take full advantage of our vibrant cultural resources in music, art, drama, literature and film.”

We were never going to be a great power as a nation, a little island on the western edge of Europe where it seemed to rain a lot, it’s not in us to be conquerors. And we were never going to be world leaders in industry, getting up early in the morning just isn’t our strong point. And yet we had one gift that allowed us to take our place in the world, one the thing that made people not just notice us, but remember us and identify with us – We can tell a story.

Telling stories is part of the Irish psyche, it’s what we’re famous for, it’s the thing we do best, in fact we’re a UNESCO City of Literature. Our stories have travelled the globe for centuries, today over 100 million people across the world identify as being of Irish descent and carry on our tradition of story telling.

2022 will mark the 100th anniversary of Irish independence, 100 years of stories. Stories of struggle and oppression, but also stories of liberation and empowerment.

Our bid for EuroPride 2022 is our stories, the story of how we got here, where we are now and where we want to go, of course we have all the budgets and marketing plans at the back, but before you read them, we want to tell you our story and we want to tell you another story too. In fact that’s the reason we’re doing this, we need to tell you that story.

In a lot of ways its one of the oldest stories there is, two brothers start out together on a journey and one gets terribly lost and the other desperately wants to save him but needs help. So, if you have the time, put the kettle on or maybe open a bottle while we tell you a tale.



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OUR STORIES

Like so many countries, the story of Pride in Dublin started in the early 1970's, shortly after Stonewall. Of course Stonewall had a galvanising effect on the international LGBT+ rights movement, but there was a zeitgeist at that time and Dublin was part of it.

1973 saw the first organised group come together in Dublin as 10 people in Trinity College Dublin established the Sexual Liberation Movement, though the group didn't last long it was a start.

On June 27th 1974, 10 people with placards reading 'Homosexuals are Revolting' and 'Lesbian Love' marched from The British Embassy to the Irish Department of Justice.

You might wonder why they started at the British Embassy. Well it was a law carried over from our time under British rule that criminalised homosexuality, and while the UK had changed its law in 1967, no such progress had reached our shores. We had inherited something we didn't want and we couldn't get rid of it.

Around the same time, 1973, Ireland joined the European Union (EEC at the time) and while those two things, embracing Europe and developing an LGBT+ rights network would go on to transform the country it was going to take time to see any real change. During the 1970's and 1980's both socially and economically Ireland was a difficult place to live, and by their thousands people emigrated. In 1973 our population was at a low of just 3 million (it had been 8.2

million in 1841), to many it was easier to leave than to try change things, but those who stayed behind were ready to do that.

1974 saw the establishment of The Irish Gay Rights Movement who among other things set up a helpline called The Gay Switchboard which still exists today. Club nights, social events and support networks were being established. In 1977, The Friends of Eon, a Trans support group was also established in Dublin.

As we entered the 1980's Dublin had an LGBT+ community, complete with its own fulltime space, The Hirshfield Centre, which had opened in 1979. Homosexuality was still illegal, despite ongoing challenges to the law, and violence towards the community was growing, so things weren't getting any easier but at least we had each other.

Then in March 1983 something happened that changed everything for LGBT people in Dublin.

The previous September, a young gay man called Declan Flynn had been viciously killed in a park in Dublin. A group of young men guilty of his murder were before a Judge for sentencing when the Judge said that what they did couldn't be called a crime, they were just cleaning up the neighbourhood, and gave them suspended sentences, setting them all free.

While this wasn't the first time something like that had happened, it was different this time, the stories were making it different. It wasn't just some anonymous

gay man who'd been murdered, he was known in this new LGBT+ community we'd built, people knew him from The Hirshfield Centre, he was a shy and gentle man, they had stories to tell. He had a job, he worked in Dublin Airport, he was a member of the staff union, they had stories to tell. He was some mother's son, he had a family, they had stories. Soon the LGBT+ community, politicians, trade unions, women's rights groups and the media were all speaking out. Stories were being told all over the country, and the stories had power.

Just days after, on March 19th 1983, the Dublin Lesbian and Gay Collective organised a protest march from Dublin's Liberty Hall to Fairview Park, the park Declan was murdered in. Over 700 people joined the march and on that day we learnt one of our most valuable lessons, one that would eventually help us make Ireland one of the most LGBT+ welcoming countries in the world - we needed more people to tell our stories, we needed allies.

Among the allies we made that day were a group of women fighting plans by the government to make abortion illegal in Ireland in any circumstances. Though that awful law and breach of fundamental human rights came in to Ireland in 1983 a chance came in 2017 to repeal it and we were faced with a simple question, did we know what being an ally actually meant?

Now, I'll digress from our story for a bit here, though as Seamus Heaney would say "Since when has the first and last line ever been the beginning and the end." Good stories don't travel in straight lines and this is important.

Over the last few years the term Ally has become really popular in the LGBT+ community, we use it to describe all those groups and friends who help us and support us. We have so many allies these days, but do we really? Being an ally is a

two way thing, if all you've ever had is people helping you fight for your rights but you've never fought for someone else, are you really allies?

Well in 2017 we had one of the proudest moments LGBT+ history in Dublin when our entire community joined in the fight to repeal the eight amendment and grant some form of bodily autonomy to women in Ireland. Young LGBT+ people who weren't even born in 1983 when we made that alliance, many of whom would never be faced with the hard realities of an unwanted pregnancy, went door to door ask people to vote Yes. Gay clubs donated their door takings to the cause. And when the fight got dirty, and the No side started to display huge banners with grotesque pictures of aborted fetuses around our city, often at maternity hospitals, the most amazing thing happened. A group of radical queers took our famous rainbow flags and travelled around the city using them to cover up these images.

Now we know that the rainbow flag is just a symbol, but as our former President, Mary Robinson once said "Symbols give us our identity, our self image, our way of explaining ourselves to ourselves and to others. Symbols in turn determine the kind of stories we tell and the stories we tell determine the kind of history we make and remake." It had turned out that the symbol we'd been using as part of our fight could be used just as well to protect others. In 2019, one of those rainbow flags was taken into the permanent collection of The National Museum of Ireland to ensure that that symbol would never be lost.

Now, back to 1983. Spurred on by that march, a few months later in June, Dublin held its first Pride Parade. We'd had Pride events since the 1970's but this was different, there's something about a Pride Parade and March that nothing else in world compares to, it is direct action in its

purest form, it is solidarity in its most absolute.

It would take another 10 years before we would see homosexuality decriminalised in Ireland, 10 hard years. Ireland was still a poor country, our community was being ravaged by AIDS and the Catholic Church was still a powerful force but change was coming, there was light at the end of the tunnel and Pride was the train we were going to ride through it.

In 1993, just days before the annual Dublin Pride Parade the Irish government repealed its anti gay legislation and as our little island on the western edge of Europe was celebrating the same thing was happening on the other side. In the same year that Ireland decriminalised homosexuality, Boris Yeltsin signed a law to legalise homosexuality in Russia.

For a moment both sides of Europe stood up and spoke as equals with the centre, and this is where our second story starts.

The story we have to tell.

Actually, it started a long time before that, Ireland and Russia share a lot more than just decriminalising homosexuality in the same year. In fact, according to the son of Irish revolutionary James Connolly, Lenin spoke with a Dublin accent. Of course he was taught English by a Dubliner so that was probably true. In 1922 when The Soviet Union was established, Ireland gained its independence, both countries born from the same socialist ideals, cut from the same cloth. We were two ancient cultures at either side of Europe who were reborn as brothers at the same time. Though it took us a while to find our way, in the early 1990's with the European dream at its peak, it looked like we both had. It looked like our story had a happily ever after and we were telling it together.

There's something about losing a comrade that makes every victory after that just a little bit bittersweet. When anti discrimination laws to protect LGBT+ people were brought in to Ireland in 1998 and 2000 we didn't get to share that date. And when gender recognition laws came in 2015 we didn't share that one. And on May 22nd 2015 when we became the first country to bring in marriage equality by popular vote and enshrine it in our constitution so that no government could ever take it away, we were on our own.

And it wasn't just that we didn't get to share the joy of those dates. Some dates have burned as we moved so far apart from each other on our paths.

In 2012 when our Pride Parade moved its finishing point to a new venue 5 times bigger than the previous one, courts in Moscow enacted a 100 year ban on Pride Parades.

In 2013 when Anna Grodska, a transgender MP from the Polish Parliament led the 30th anniversary Dublin Pride Parade as our Grand Marshall and we celebrated 20 years since the decriminalisation of homosexuality, Russia marked the date, the very same date, June 29th, by introducing its so called "propaganda" laws which led to arrests for acts as simple as displaying our rainbow flag.

We need to tell that story, not that the country didn't collapse when it embraced its LGBT+ community and joined in in celebrating all the strange and precious things that it brings to a nation, not that things got better the more we accepted people for who they are, everyone knows that story.

Our story is very simple, and we want to send it as loud as we can, from one edge of Europe to the other, but we need the help of everyone in between. The story is this - we can hear you.



"Feel empowered. And if you start to do it, if you start to feel your voice heard, you will never go back."

Mary Robinson, former President of Ireland and United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights







Dublin has been inhabited since prehistoric times and has been a city since 988AD, that's over a thousand years.

At various times its been ruled over by Vikings, Normans and the British Empire before it became the capital city of The Irish Free State in 1922. The varied history can be seen across the city in its architecture and even just in the spirit the city embodies.

Situated on the east coast of Ireland, divided by the River Liffey and bordered by mountains and sea, it's a whole world condensed into 115 square kilometres.

Dublin as a visitor centre is one of the premier go to cities in the western world. It is LGBTQ+ friendly. It attracts millions of visitors from all parts of the globe. It is a welcoming, sophisticated, modern city with stylish hotels, first-class restaurants, and world class air and ground transport infrastructure. million in 1841), to many it was easier to leave than to try change things, but those who stayed behind were ready to do that.

GETTING HERE

As we're an island you can't exactly walk here, but we do have an International Airport just 10km north of the city that handles over 30 million passengers every year.

Flights into Dublin Airport are available from most European Cities. Aer Lingus, our national airline is the Official

Airline of Dublin LGBTQ Pride and a regular generous sponsor of our festival.

Once you land, getting to the city centre or your final destination is pretty easy. We have a regular and regulated taxi service, a taxi ride from the airport to the city costs about €20 - €25. There are also regular bus services from the Airport, usual fares are between €7 and €10 for airport to city busses or just €3 on regular commuter busses that serve the airport area. If you're lucky, you might end up on The Proudest Bus in Dublin. As part of their ongoing partnership with Dublin LGBTQ Pride, Dublin Bus wrap 2 busses in rainbow colours every year and set them loose on the roads to promote Pride.

Check out the videos in our media section and see some of the journeys they've been on.

You can also get to Dublin by ferry with regular passenger ships from the UK and France. The port is 4km from the city centre.

Once you're in Dublin, we have rail networks that travel across the city, the DART and the LUAS.

To plan a journey anywhere in Ireland go to www.transportforireland.ie

STAYING HERE

As a vibrant tourist city, there's a wide range of accommodation options available. In addition to the many hotels and hostels, as a university town, there is also a lot of student accommodation available during the summer. Dublin is also an engaged city for room sharing (AirBnB). If successful in our bid, we will launch a dedicated accommodation portal for the festival.

"The most important things to do in this world are to get something to eat, something to drink and somebody to love you"

Brendan Behan

We might not be able to help with the last bit but food and drink will be no problem.

As a diverse city we have something for everyone, our beef and dairy are world famous and in recent years a vibrant and adventurous vegan and vegetarian community has developed in the city. So whether it's a Pint and a Burger for €10 or a visit to one of our Michelin starred restaurants, you won't go hungry.

As you go around, watch out for all the bars and restaurants that donate part of the bill to local LGBT groups. Dublin Pride is the biggest fundraising event of the year for local LGBT community groups and we work with businesses across the city to use Pride to help raise funds for vital frontline services.

EXPLORING

Did we mention that we're a small island? Well if you're staying for a few days, why not go exploring? It's just 2 hours on a train to Belfast, or if you have an extra half hour you can go to Cork or Galway. Daily bus tours run from Dublin to places like the Cliffs of Moher, The Giant's Causeway and Newgrange.

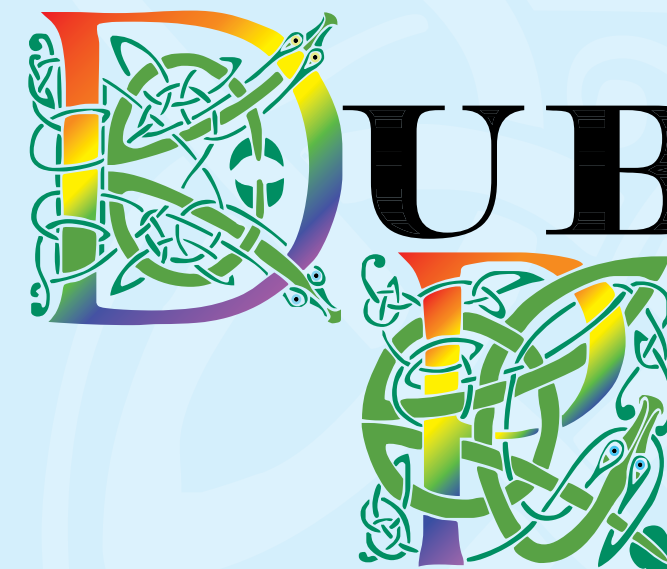
As part of our regular Pride month activities we'll also be running LGBT+ themed tours of the city and its galleries and museums.

LGBT+ LIFE IN THE CITY

The heart of LGBT+ life in the city is The George, officially established as a gay bar long before homosexuality was legal, it has grown in size with us over the years and remains of Dublin LGBTQ Pride biggest financial supporters.

Other LGBT+ bars in the city are Pantibar, run by the now famous Queen of Ireland Dr Panti Bliss, Penylane and Street 66. There are also a huge number of regular club nights catering for every taste. We also have a full time LGBT+ community centre, Outhouse, with a café, library and theatre on Capel Street.

Dublin is an extremely safe city for LGBT+ people with very low rates of LGBT+ abuse. Over the past 20 years we have evolved from a tolerant city to an embracing one and holding hand or kissing in public or venues is no longer considered out of the ordinary. Ireland has come a long way in the last decade, led by the new generations who condemn the archaic customs of our past in favour of a world where people are welcomed and accepted regardless of their nationality, gender, sexuality, religion or race. In Ireland, we recognise that Pride is both a celebration and a protest. We celebrate our lives and the rights we have won. We protest for further rights for the LGBTQ+ community in Ireland and abroad. We speak out for people who are still not able to speak for themselves, who live in fear of persecution. Ireland has become a home for many LGBTQ+ people from all around the world, who are seeking to live their life, for who they really are.



DUBLIN PRIDE

Originally run by The National LGBT Federation, in the 1990's Dublin Pride became an organisation of its own. In 2006 it became established as Dublin LGBTQ Pride, a Non Profit Company Limited by Guarantee. We have a non executive board of directors (Cormac Cashman, Lisa Connell, Jason Flynn, Clodagh Leonard and Maura Molloy) that are voted in for terms of 3 years each by the membership. The organisation has 3 employed staff who work year round and a core group of volunteers.

Of course, we don't run the whole thing on our own. They say it takes a village, well Dublin Pride has grown so much over the years that now it takes a whole city. We are very fortunate to have to have so many wonderful partners to help us deliver the very best possible Pride event every year.



COMMUNITY PARTNERS

We see Pride as a platform for community groups, we're the loudspeaker to their voice. We work closely with all LGBT+ groups in Dublin and commit to putting the community first in our planning, our policies and most importantly - in our Parade. In 2019 over 70 community and non profit groups led out the Dublin Pride Parade.



EVENT PARTNERS

Running an event of the scale we are proposing requires sound people with a solid foundation to start from. Having the continued support of Dublin City Council, our largest funder, along with backing of national government, Failte Ireland/Tourism Ireland, An Garda Siochana (Irish Police), and all the city's statutory agencies gives us that foundation.

services of Safe Events, the most qualified, experienced, insured and dedicated Crowd & Event Safety professionals in Ireland. Their team will work with us every step of the way, attending all planning meetings, writing a full and robust event management plan and safety policy. They will also act as safety officers and event controllers on the day of the event to ensure that health and safety of everyone attending is never compromised.

Safety is our priority in running an event of this scale and we will be engaging the



SPONSORS
AND
CORPORATE PARTNERS

As a European hub of technology and finance we are lucky to have so many sponsors and partners to help finance our event. We share something very special with each one of them, a determined belief that Pride is not just one day. We work year round with them, helping with diversity training and projects and linking them up with other LGBT+ groups in the community. The majority of these partnerships are the result of staff led initiatives to improve and celebrate diversity in the workplace.



For your world





KEY EVENTS

We want EuroPride 2022 to be as diverse and inclusive a festival as possible. Pride is different things to different people, no one group owns it, and they shouldn't. Pride isn't like cake, the more you share it, the more you have. As part of EuroPride we will invite the whole community to take part and curate over 100 events in association with a variety of LGBT+ and community groups. In association with The National Museum and National Gallery of Ireland we will present a series of LGBT+ tours over the full month of June.

Wednesday June 1 FESTIVAL LAUNCH

EuroPride 2022 will be officially launched by The Lord Mayor of Dublin and the chosen Pride Grand Marshall at the beginning on June 1st 2022. This event will mark the beginning of an entire month dedicated to LGBT+ history, celebration and events. The entire festival will take place in the City of Dublin from June 16th to June 26th 2022.

Our 2019 Festival was launched in the historic GPO building on O'Connell Street,

Thursday June 16th OPENING CEREMONY

The festival will be officially opened by the unveiling of a public work of art to recognise the struggles of the LGBTQ+ community and celebrate the contributions to society we make. This project is being fully funded by Dublin City Council and is carried out in association with Dublin LGBTQ Pride and a number of other LGBT+ organisations in consultation with the wider community. It will be a permanent feature within the city and maintained by the city council.

Following this there will be a drinks reception and party in The George, Dublin's oldest and most popular LGBT+ venue. Admission will be free.

Friday & Saturday June 17-18 THE CELTIC CUP

This will be a two day sporting event run by Ireland's Sporting Pride group and supported by LEAP Sports Scotland and Pride Sports UK. Hosted within a city university campus.

Sunday June 19th FUN SPORTS DAY AND DOG SHOW

This is family friendly fun day out hosted in The Cabbage Patch Park, next to the Iveagh Trust buildings on Kevin Street, the oldest social housing complex in Dublin. This event is run in association with the communities department of Dublin City Council and has the objective of bringing Pride into the community and in particular into disadvantaged sections of the community.

Wednesday & Thursday June 22-23 PRIDE CONFERENCE

This two day conference will feature a mix of keynote speeches, panel discussions and workshops. Supported by the international conference section of Failte Ireland (The Irish Tourism Board) this will be a high profile and high calibre event. The conference will seek to address the different challenges and human rights issues faced in different parts of the world with strong focuses on mental health, the environment and family. We will also discuss why it is that after 50 years, Pride as a social movement has been so successful in some countries while others continue to persecute LGBT+ people or are even regressing when it comes to LGBT+ rights.

In 2019, our conference was inspired by Human Rights

This event will be subsidised with free tickets available.

Saturday June 25th PRIDE PARADE & MARCH

The annual Dublin LGBTQ Pride Parade & March is now one of the biggest events held in Ireland and is supported by all departments of both local and national government.

Upwards of 100,000 take part, either by participating and marching with us or by watching and cheering on from the side lines. The parade route starts on O'Connell Street, the main street of Dublin, and travels across the city with over 150 different groups taking part and over 70 community and non profit organisations leading it.

As it moves along, the public are welcome to join in, making it the biggest people march in Ireland.





PRIDE CONFERENCE

HUMAN RIGHTS, HUMAN WRONGS, HUMAN RESPONSIBILITIES
WEDNESDAY JUNE 22 - THURSDAY JUNE 23



Saturday June 25th PRIDE IN THE PARK

A full day festival style event held in one of Dublin city's main parks. This will be a family friendly event with a host of entertainment and recreation options. A main stage will feature local and international talent but also give community leaders a chance to address the country's biggest gathering of LGBTQ+ people. Secondary stages and zones will allow for a variety of activities to meet the needs of our diverse community.

Saturday June 25th
MOTHER BLOC
PARTY

Set in the grounds of Collins Barracks, once one of the largest military barracks in Europe, this music festival event with capacity for up to 10,000 people will appeal to a 20's and 30's demographic. Now a regular feature of Dublin Pride, The Mother Bloc Party raises vital funds every year for GCN, Irelands LGBT community newspaper.

Sunday June 26th
CLOSING
CEREMONY

Our annual closing ceremony of Love and Remembrance is held in Merrion Square in Dublin City, this park was the location of some of the very first Pride events held in Dublin in the early 1970's. In the corner of the park, next to a statue of Oscar Wilde, and actually facing his original family home, we have a fruit tree planted by Dublin Pride over a decade ago along with a plaque and it has been our tradition every year to close our festival by going back to where we started and taking time to remember those we lost on our journey and those who helped us get this far.



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FUN SPORTS DAY & DOG SHOW

CABBAGE PATCH PARK
KEVIN STREET DUBLIN 8



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FABULOUS FAMILY FUN
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SUNDAY JUNE 19TH 2022



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DUBLIN

THURSDAY JUNE 23RD 9PM
PANTIBAR

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GARDEN OF EMEMBRANCE

G.P.O.

LIBERTY HALL

MERRION SQUARE





Our 2019 Pride Stage at Merrion Square



PRIDE VILLAGE

SATURDAY JUNE 25TH 12.00- 22.00

FREE ENTRY

MAIN STAGE IN THE PARK COMMUNITY ZONE
STREET THEATRE ON MERRION SQUARE SOUTH
FOOD VENDORS PICNIC AREA SPONSORS ZONE
CRAIC AGUS CEOIL CHILDREN AND FAMILY AREA
AND LOTS MORE



BUDGET

Our projected income for the year is €1m with an even split between corporate sponsorship and government funding. 25% of our income goes on administrative costs, this includes staff who work year round for Dublin LGBTQ Pride CLG, fund-raising costs, permanent offices, accounts and audit fees. This leaves a balance for the event of €750,000.

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Event Planning
€50,000.00

Insurance & Fees
€30,000.00

Marketing & PR
€75,000.00

Pride Conference Costs
€80,000.00

Parade Costs
€195,000.00

Infrastructure
€40,000.00

Traffic Management
€25,000.00

Security/Stewarding
€50,000.00

Safety/Medical Staff
€10,000.00

Viewing Platforms
€10,000.00

Accessibility
€10,000.00

Community Support*
€50,000.00

Pride in the Park
€205,000.00

Infrastructure
€60,000.00

Security/Stewarding
€25,000.00

Safety/Medical Staff
€10,000.00

Staging & Sound
€50,000.00

Entertainment
€50,000.00

Accessibility
€10,000.00

Total Cost
€635,000.00

Contingency
€37,500.00

Profit**
€77,500.00

*Community Support – This is to help community and non profit organisations with their participation in Pride.
**Dublin LGBTQ Pride CLG is a not for profit company, any profits raised through our events help fund our activity throughout the year or are redistributed to other community projects.

MARKETING PLAN

LOCAL MARKETING

GCN (Gay Community News) is Irelands main LGBT print and digital media outlet. As part of our partnership with GCN, they manages our social media, publish our annual Pride Guide magazine and promote the work of Dublin LGBTQ Pride year round.

RTE – This is the Irish national broadcaster, our media partnership ensures promotion and coverage of EuroPride across their TV, Radio and online channels.

INTERNATIONAL MARKETING

Fáilte Ireland

This is Ireland's state tourism board, through our partnership we will be promoting EuroPride in Dublin on an international level at tourism events across the globe and through their media outlets. In particular, we will be targeting the Irish Diaspora, that is the 100 million people across the globe who identify as being of Irish decent.

Pride Organisations

Our main target audience is of course the LGBT+ community across Europe. In the 2 year lead up to EuroPride Dublin, we will advertise through and attend as many local Pride events across Europe as possible. This will not only be a great way for us to promote our event, but will also allow us to support and learn from our Pride colleagues.





2022 will mark the 100th anniversary of Irish Independence.

"Independence? That's middle class blasphemy. We are all dependent on one another, every soul of us on earth."

George Bernard Shaw

Maybe it wasn't independence we wanted and maybe that's not the main thing to celebrate, we wanted to be free and we wanted to be equal. Two of the best things we've done as a nation were to embrace Europe and to embrace Pride. That's what we want to celebrate.

We believe that hosting EuroPride in 2022 will send a message right across Europe that we are dependent on each other, if we at the western edge are depending on you then you can depend on us.

We hope that you'll decide to choose Dublin for EuroPride 2022. We know we're ready. We know we can deliver an amazing event, we know we can tell our story and we know your visit here will give you a life time of stories of your own.

*"I am of Ireland,
and the Holy Land of Ireland,
and time runs on, cried she.*

*Come out of charity
And dance with me in Ireland"*

William Butler Yeats

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In 2022 we will mark the centenary of the founding of the State.

Dublin LGBTQ+ Pride Festival and Parade are bidding to take EuroPride to Dublin in that year and I hope it is successful.

It would be an important statement about Ireland today, our transformation as a country over the past 100 years, and a recognition that we believe in freedom and respect for all our people.

As for this year, there will be a thousand strong group made up of people from across all Government Departments, along with a number of other statutory bodies, and elected representatives.

This is perhaps the most visible endorsement of equality and LGBTQ+ rights by the Irish State in our history. We follow in the footsteps of all the brave people who started this journey when attitudes were different, and freedoms were more limited. We do so with joy, with love and with hope for the future.

Happy Pride!

Leo Varadkar T.D.
Taoiseach



Ardmhéara Bhaile Átha Cliath
Lord Mayor of Dublin

Paul Mc Auliffe

17th July 2019

To the European Pride Organisers Association,

I am delighted to know that the city of Dublin is being considered to host EuroPride 2022 along with an International Human Rights Conference. Based on our longstanding relationship with Jed, Eddie and the whole Dublin Pride team, I am confident of their ability to deliver a world class event and can assure you of the support of Dublin City Council in this bid.

We look forward to the opportunity to show Europe and the world the value Pride brings to any modern city and hope to welcome you here in 2022.

Kind Regards

Paul Mc Auliffe
Lord Mayor of Dublin

19 July 2019

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Eddie McGuinness
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Re: EuroPride 2022

Dear Mr McGuinness,

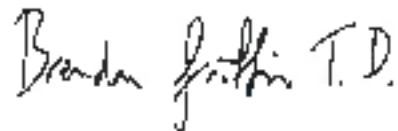
It is with great interest that I learned of your proposed bid to host EuroPride in 2022, which of course also marks the centenary of the foundation of the State. I am aware that both you and fellow event organiser Jed Dowling have been working well with Fáilte Ireland on a number of events in recent times.

Dublin is well placed to host such an event, our capital city having grown as a cosmopolitan city where traditional Irish hospitality and culture meets modern technology and design.

If selected to host EuroPride in 2022, I have complete faith in you and your colleagues to provide Dublin with an event which surpasses all expectations. For this reason, as Minister of State at the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport, I would like to fully endorse this bid.

Please be assured of the support of my Department through the Business Tourism Unit and the Festivals and Events Department of Fáilte Ireland.

Yours sincerely,



Brendan Griffin T.D.
Minister of State for Tourism and Sport



17 July 2019

Dear European Pride Organisers Association,

I am writing today on behalf of BeLong To, the national organisation for LGBTI+ young people in Ireland in support of Dublin LGBTQ Pride's bid to host EuroPride in Dublin in 2022.

2022 will mark 100 years since Ireland became an independent state, a milestone in our history and an opportune time for us to host EuroPride in Dublin.

The team behind Dublin LGBTQ Pride, including Eddie McGuinness and Jed Dowling are exceptional. Under their leadership the festival has grown to become the largest street festival in Dublin City with a record 60,000 individuals marching in the Pride parade in 2019 with tens of thousands more onlookers and over 100 events over 10-days.

They have invested significantly in improving the planning, organisation, and execution of the Pride Festival over the last number of years, growing revenue, the spread of events, and crucially participation. While doing so they have managed to keep the core community elements of Pride and worked ever closer in partnership with stakeholders including ourselves.

Dublin LGBTQ Pride has both the vision and skills required to host EuroPride and has the support of LGBTI+ community organisations, city authorities, and the business community to bring EuroPride to Dublin.

We look forward to celebrating EuroPride in Dublin in 2022.

In Pride,



Moninne Griffith

CEO



Letter of Recommendation for Dublin LGBTQ+ Pride for EuroPride 2022 Bid

Date: 18/07/2019

To whom it may concern,

Ireland has come a long way in the last decade, led by the new generations who condemn the archaic customs of our past in favour of a world where people are welcomed and accepted regardless of their nationality, gender, sexuality, religion or race.

Nowhere is this new Irish spirit of acceptance and comradery more evident than in the capital city on the week of the Pride festival.

Even in the two years AXA has been involved as a Silver Sponsor, Dublin Pride has grown exponentially. The massive support from the city, its businesses and its citizens is palpable in the lead up to the parade, and there is a real sense of celebration and community in the air.

Added to this, I can safely say that no other event garners the levels support and enthusiasm from our employees and customers as Dublin Pride.

This is all down to the incredible Dublin Pride team, particularly organisers Eddie McGuinness and Jed Dowling who work tirelessly in the weeks and months leading up to the event to ensure they put on the best show possible for the LGTBQ+ community and its allies.

I wholeheartedly support their bid for EuroPride 2022 and wish them success in their application.

Yours sincerely,

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19th July 2019

Dear EuroPride members ,

In Ireland we are so lucky to have a pride family. All of our prides are connected in some way, be it through friendship, support or a shared vision. Over the past few years, Dublin Pride has led the way in promoting the history of pride, why we need pride and how they can operate to include everyone. They are a world leader in the year round activities and community connections it takes to put on one of the biggest parades in Ireland.

The growth of Dublin pride, and the new friendships and networks that has created year on year, are not only a benefit to the LGBTI+ community in Ireland, but they make Ireland a better place to live. This is achieved through social acceptance and the promotion of a better quality of life for all.

These feats have only been possible through the insight, vision and charisma Jed Dowling and Eddie McGuinness bring to Dublin, and Ireland, all year round. We are so proud of the work they have done and the pathway they have paved for smaller prides like ours. Because of this, we want to officially nominate Dublin Pride to be the home for EuroPride in 2022. That year would also co-inside with the centenary of the formation of our state, and incredibly poignant year for every citizen of Ireland.

Yours sincerely,

John Paul Payne
EVENT ORGANISER
Carlow Pride Festival

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GAZE Film Festival
105 Capel Street
Dublin 1

18/07/19

To whom it concerns,

I am writing on behalf of the Board of Directors of the GAZE International LGBT Film Festival, to express our support for the Dublin LGBTQ+ Pride team, in their bid to host EuroPride 2022. They are a remarkable team who achieve the coordination of a diverse and inclusive Pride Festival every year, and I have every confidence in their ability to deliver Europride 2022.

To give you context on who we are, GAZE was established in 1992, and has executed 27 successful festivals. Our mission is to celebrate the power of LGBT stories on film. We accomplish this through 50+ film screenings including features, documentaries, shorts and related events, including panels, Q&As with industry professionals, educational workshops and social spaces to discuss and celebrate film.

GAZE celebrates the finest in LGBT cinema, providing a valuable place of community, developing the art form for artists and filmmakers, and bringing international cinema not seen anywhere else to our growing audience of 4,000+. We have incredible loyalty from our audience, and seek to develop this further as both cinema and the LGBT landscape changes.

GAZE creates an annual shared, cultural space for the LGBT community unlike any other film festival. The strength of the programming and attendance are testament to the special offering this festival holds. We offer a large number of Irish premieres and unique access to foreign and LGBT content that otherwise would not have screening time in Ireland.

Kind Regards
Sarah Williams



89 South Great George's Street,
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18-07-19

To whom it may concern,

The George is Ireland's oldest established LGBTQ+ bar and nightclub and has been a proud supporter of Dublin Pride for many decades. We fully support Dublin Pride in its bid to host EuroPride 2022. Over the last three decades Ireland has grown as a nation with regards to its inclusivity and the progressiveness of society, which can be seen by the landslide result of the 2015 Referendum on Marriage Equality.

Dublin Pride has grown each year, the organisers meeting the challenges and logistical difficulties that come with this growth. Dublin Pride 2019 was one of the largest and best run festivals the country has seen.

We hope That Dublin Pride is successful in its bid and we will welcome EuroPride with open arms and a lot of craic!

Please do not hesitate to contact me on the above details if you have any further questions.

Yours faithfully,

Sophie McDonald
General Manager



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July 15th, 2019

Dear Members of the European Pride Organisers Association,

I am writing to recommend Dublin City, and the Dublin LGBTQ Pride as organisers, to host EuroPride 2022.

Firstly, may I say how delighted I was to hear that your committee chose Dublin Pride as one of the 5 Prides in the running to host the event.

You will most likely already know Ireland's history of promoting human rights and equality for the LGBTQ+ community and for the general population of women. The majority of Irish voters voted in 2015 to amend the Constitution of Ireland to permit marriage to be contracted by two persons without distinction as to their sex. (This was the first time that a state legalised same-sex marriage through a popular vote). In 2018, a referendum was also passed by a majority of voters to permit the Oireachtas (parliament of Ireland) to legislate for abortion thus giving women the right to make decisions about their own bodies.

It is well known that the LGBTQ+ community in Ireland was at the forefront of these human right campaigns and that this community helped bring about outstanding change in Irish history. Dublin was certainly the campaign Head Quarters during both campaigns and it was unsurprising that the leading activists were also those involved in organising Dublin Pride those years. Those of us who attended the Prides in 2015 and in 2018 (in Dublin and in other Irish counties) will know just how special they were in light of the incredible achievements of both the LGBTQ+ community and its many, many, allies here in Ireland.

One of the most outstanding dynamics to have emerged from these two events is the increasing cross-cultural support being given by the LGBTQ+ to other marginalised communities and vice versa. This has been witnessed particularly in the Dublin Pride events of 2018 and 2019; for example, the LGBTQ+ community supporting migrants and calling for the abolishment of the 'Direct Provision' asylum process (it is not a humane system), and Irish Travellers and Roma (distinct ethnic minorities) supporting their LGBTQ+ family and friends in the Pride Parade. There is a growing feeling of solidarity amongst these groups (they are turning up in high numbers at each other's events) and a sense of mobilisation that everyone knows is going to be beneficial to all. It is very exciting and your committee can rest assured

that human rights and equality are the boldest and brightest threads in our beautiful Irish LGBTQ+ tapestry.

I am also very confident that the Dublin LGBTQ Pride Team can organise this event. They have organised magnificent Prides in the past and have worked really hard to always get things right (not easy). Importantly, they have always actively sought feedback from the community after each event and have taken on board all constructive criticism with such good hearts (not easy!). The team listens, adjusts, and each Pride becomes that little bit better, a little more special. Furthermore, they are *passionate* about their community.

The Pride Parade has grown considerably over the years – particularly since 2015 – with many businesses and agencies wanting to show their support. (How could they not?). However, the Dublin LGBTQ Pride team never ever forget the non-government organisations, or their allies, working to support LGBTQ people. They have acknowledged us, watched out for us, prioritised us, and served us so well over the years. This has meant so much to HIV Ireland and other NGOs I know.

As for Dublin as a host city? What can I say? Dublin is warm, embracing, fun, and vibrant. The infrastructure is well used to great numbers and its citizens are too. Anyone who witnessed this year's Pride events, including the Parade, will know just how LGBTQ+ friendly Dublin is. Anyone who was in Dublin on the days that marriage equality and a woman's right to bodily integrity were assured will know what an incredible, special, and indeed fair city this is.

Choose Dublin. Choose the Dublin LGBTQ Pride Team for EuroPride 2022.

With hope and the kindest of regards,

Dr Erin Nugent
Community Support Manager



To whom it may concern,

We are writing to enthusiastically recommend Dublin LGBTQ+ Pride's bid to host Euro Pride 2022. As Ireland's national organisation for people parenting alone, sharing parenting and separating we work with thousands of families across Ireland supporting, advocating and championing the rights of people in diverse families.

Dublin is an open, accepting, multi-cultural city but it wasn't always like this way it took the work of pioneers to challenge the status quo and fight for minorities whether they be members of the LGBTQ+ community or one-parent families. As a society we have made significant progress, but we still have work to do in promoting and accepting family diversity. We believe that if Dublin LGBTQ+ Pride bid was successful it would significantly help to promote positive images of family diversity throughout Ireland and Europe.

We have been hugely impressed by Dublin LGBTQ+ Pride's senior leadership team of Eddie McGuinness and Jed Dowling and believe that they have the skills and aptitude to successfully deliver a Pride event that all Europe and the world would take notice off.

Noel Sweeney
Communications Manager,
One Family,

To whom it may concern,

I represent Carrolls Irish Gifts. We are a retail chain with 18 stores on the island of Ireland. We support Pride Festivals in Dublin, Cork, and Belfast.

We would like to endorse and support Dublin Pride, and their bid to host Euro Pride 2022.

We have worked closely with Dublin Pride for 5 years now, in particular both Eddie Mc Guinness and Jed Dowling. They have always shown positivity, professionalism and flexibility and I know are both are deeply committed to LGBTQ+ matters both locally and globally.

Ireland were the first country in the world where the members of the public voted in same sex marriage via a referendum – I know Dublin Pride were very active in this area being part of a driving force in delivering a message of positivity and inclusion amongst the people of Ireland.

Any further queries can be directed to dara@carrolls.ie

Kind regards,

Dara de Buitlear

Marketing Manager

Carrolls Irish Gifts

18th July 2019**Re: Dublin LGBTQ+ Pride Team – Letter of support**

To whom it may concern,

Wet and Wild would like to support Dublin LGBTQ+ Pride Team with their bid for EuroPride 2022.

Wet & Wild is an LGBTQ+ outdoor pursuits and social club based in Ireland. Our club's aim is to run an adventurous, fun and welcoming club by running a wide range of indoor and outdoor activities. Our club is open to all members of the LGBTQ+ Community, and anyone else who wants to join in, have an enjoyable time and meet other people.

We are a friendly, all-inclusive group established in 2009 with over 2,000 members. All you need to do to be a part of the club is to share in the enthusiasm, take on the adventures and have some fun!

I first met Eddie and Jed through my involvement with Wet and Wild. From our first meeting, both have provided support through the Pride Team. The Pride team have been extremely supportive of the club and our promotion and development in the Dublin LGBTQ+ Community. The Dublin Pride Team are a huge asset to the LGBTQ+ community by organising the Dublin Pride festival and all the events associated with it. The festival is fully inclusive of the LGBTQ+ and wider community and gives a sense of belonging and atmosphere during the festival. Community groups and clubs such as Wet and Wild particularly benefit from the festival as our engagement and awareness are greatly increased from our involvement in the festival.

Yours Sincerely,



Dara O'Arcy

Chairman

Wet & Wild Sports Club

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18 July 2019

Re: EuroPride 2022

To whom it may concern,

Dublin Bus is the largest public transport provider in Ireland carrying 143 million customers in 2018. Dublin Bus employs over 3,550 people and is considered to be one of the most progressive companies for inclusivity and supporting diversity among its workforce.

Dublin Bus has supported Dublin LGBTQ+ Pride since 2008, as part of our commitment to support our LGBTQ+ employees and the wider LGBTQ+ community.

During this time we have worked closely with the Dublin LGBTQ+ Pride team including Eddie McGuinness, Pride Festival & Parade Manager and Jed Dowling, Festival Director. We support Dublin LGBTQ+ Pride team and Dublin city as a location for EuroPride 2022.

Please do not hesitate to contact us should you require any further information.

Yours sincerely



Vivienne Kavanagh

Employee Development and Equality Executive



17/07/2019

Re: Dublin Pride bid to host EuroPride 2022

Dear EPOA

It's my pleasure and honour to recommend Dublin LGBTQ+ Pride, its dedicated team of organisers, in particular, Jed Dowling and Eddie McGuinness, along with the city of Dublin, as organisers and hosts for EuroPride 2022.

As a former event co-ordinator, board member and chair of Dublin LGBTQ+ Pride, I'm often amazed by the growth of Dublin Pride over the last 10 years. This growth can be attributed to a much more open and loving Ireland. A country that has shaken off the shackles of its past, embracing a modern, more inclusive outlook and life. The ever-increasing numbers of people attending Dublin Pride has brought with it several issues, in terms of organisation, health & safety, event management, costs etc. Dublin LGBTQ+ Pride team, along with Jed & Eddie have risen to the challenge of finding solutions to these issues, creating close working relations with Dublin City Council, Garda (police) agencies, event management companies, national and international sponsors, press & media, LGBTQ+ community & advocacy groups and various other Prides from around Ireland.

In Ireland, we recognise that Pride is both a celebration and a protest. We celebrate our lives and the rights we have won. We protest for further rights for the LGBTQ+ community in Ireland and abroad. We speak out for people who are still not able to speak for themselves, who live in fear of persecution. Ireland has become a home for many LGBTQ+ people from all around the world, who are seeking to live their life, for who they really are.

TheOuting Festival team is proud to offer its support to Dublin Pride's bid to host EuroPride 2022 and will offer any help need, if it is chosen as host.

Yours in Pride

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Friday 19th July 2019

Hi Jed,

Many thanks for your email.

Dublin Pride has gone from strength to strength in recent years. Under the stewardship of Jed and Eddie, Dublin Pride grown to be the second largest parade in Ireland, behind the St. Patrick's Day event and is still growing. It has returned to its central route in Dublin City and for Dublin Pride festival, our capital becomes particularly vibrant and colourful. Even with its huge growth, Dublin Pride has managed to retain its core values of inclusivity, activism and diversity.

Is mise, le meas,
Mary Lou McDonald TD.



Newry Rainbow Community
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Thursday 18 July 2019

To whom it concerns.

I am the chairperson of Newry Rainbow Community (NRC) and Pride In Newry International UK & Ireland Pride 2019. The NRC has served the needs of the LGBTQ+ community across counties Down and Armagh in the North of Ireland for almost 20 years.

In 2018, the NRC successfully bid for the International UK & Ireland Pride 2019 festival and we are on course to deliver the first such festival in Ireland in a few weeks time featuring international artistes, a spectacular parade, a fireworks display and many LGBTQ+ related events over 10 days. The other two international stonewall 50 festivals have taken place in Vienna & New York.

The NRC and Pride In Newry - International UK & Ireland Pride 2019 have worked with and proudly support Dublin LGBTQ+ Pride team's bid for EuroPride 2022.

Dublin LGBTQ+ Pride's team have a track record of being very successful at enthusiastically promoting the rights of LGBTQ+ people in Ireland. They played a strategic role in securing Marriage Equality legislation in Ireland in 2015; the first country in the world to pass this legislation through a vote of the people.

They have been at the forefront of organising the largest LGBTQ+ Pride parade on the island of Ireland for many years now. They have also worked tirelessly to assist other LGBTQ+ Pride Festivals and community organisations throughout Ireland with an enthusiasm that is second to none.

Dublin as a visitor location is one of the premier go-to cities in the western world. It is LGBTQ+ friendly. It attracts millions of visitors from all parts of the globe. It is a welcoming, sophisticated, modern city with stylish hotels, first class restaurants and world class air and ground transport infrastructure.

We have no doubt that if Dublin LGBTQ+ Pride are successful in their bid for EuroPride 2022 they will create a memorable European festival and leave a legacy that will benefit EuroPride, EPOA and Ireland for years to come.

Kind Regards.

Rory Rafferty

Rory Rafferty
 Chairperson
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To whom it may concern

OUTLaw Network is a network established to promote and drive the inclusion of LGBT+ people across the Irish legal community. We launched our Network in January 2019 and have held several successful educational and networking events since then, including our NETworking for Change panel event in April and our Recognising Rainbow Families event in June. We also were delighted to march with c.200 other members of the Irish legal community behind the OUTLaw banner in Dublin Pride 2019.

The purpose of this letter is to lend support to Dublin's bid as a host city for EuroPride 2022. The size and layout of the city are well suited for such an event. We would also recommend the Dublin LGBTQ+ Pride team (including Eddie McGuinness and Jed Dowling in particular) for having hosted an excellent Dublin Pride 2019 event. It was, in our experience, the best run Pride in some years.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you require further information.

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For and on behalf of
 OUTLaw Network

18 July 2019

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18th July 2019

To whom it may concern,

I am writing on behalf of LGBT Ireland to recommend Dublin as the host city for EuroPride 2022 and the Dublin LGBTQ+ Pride team as organisers for this prestigious event.

As a leading national LGBT+ support organisation in Ireland we see first-hand the impact the Dublin LGBTQ+ Pride team have made in advancing positive visibility, inclusion and solidarity towards LGBT+ people not just in our capital city but across the country. The team's energy, enthusiasm, ambition and creativity have propelled Pride in Dublin into a massive celebration of diversity, attracting hundreds of thousands of participants and spectators to the city each year.

In 2022, Ireland will celebrate 100 years of independence. How fitting it would be, as the country marks the centenary of Irish self-determination, that the long road to freedom for Irish LGBT+ citizens is brought centre stage through our hosting of EuroPride.

We urge you to support Ireland and Dublin LGBTQ+ Pride's bid and if you need any further information on our recommendation please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Paula Fagan

CEO LGBT Ireland



19th July 2019

To whom it may concern,

My name is Lisa Daly I am the Chairperson and festival director of Limerick Pride Festival, which I've been involved with since 2013.

On behalf of Limerick Pride Festival I would like to offer our support to Dublin Pride in it's bid to host Euro pride 2022.

In the last number of years Limerick and Dublin Pride has grown a strong relationship with has worked great with promoting LGBT+ community. Dublin LGBTQ+ Pride in particular Eddie McGuiness who is the manager has been of great support to Limerick Pride on the ground with helping us promote, decorating venues and helping us with our main parade and aftershow. Also with extra help and support coming from Jed Dowling.

We know the Euro pride 2022 would be amazing in amazing hands in Dublin LGBTQ+ Pride team with their organisation taking care of it.

We are very grateful for Dublin LGBTQ+ Pride and Eddie McGuiness help each year and wish them all the best of luck in their bid to holding Euro pride 2022.

We also looking forward to their idea of taking Europride on tour to the smaller Pride festivals and bring an extra hand and creativity plus support to the wider LGBT+ communities around Ireland North, South, East & West. This is what Pride is all about.

Yours sincerely,

Lisa Daly

Chairperson and Festival Director of Limerick Pride Festival

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MERCANTILE
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Eddie McGuinness
Jed Dowling
Dublin Pride Parade and Festival



July 17th 2019

19th July 2019

Dear Eddie and Jed,

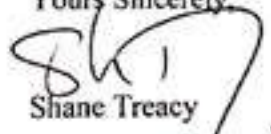
I hope you both are well. Congratulations on the most recent Pride celebrations, it was a tremendous weekend in the city and a fantastic community event that was enjoyed by the entire city. The execution of the event was superb this year as always and all things considered we feel Pride is our favourite period of the year to work in hospitality.

As the Managing Director of The Mercantile Group I am very proud to be associated with the festival. We as a group of very diverse and different styles of bars and venues really love the opportunity to be part of Pride and love opportunity the festival presents to us as we get to open our doors to a wider audience and showcase our hospitality to a host of local, tourists and visitors.

I understand that work on attempting to bring Euro Pride to Dublin is still on going. Our hope is that you are successful in this regard and we are committed to helping in whatever way we can, both in the bidding process and in the delivery of the best Pride showcase Dublin can offer.

Dublin has always shown itself to be a great host to international events and I think with the talent, commitment and dedication displayed by the Pride Committee, Euro Pride could be the biggest and best thing to happen Dublin for years.

Yours Sincerely


Shane Treacy
Managing Director

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To whom it may concern.

On behalf of the International Dublin Gay Theatre Festival, I am writing in support of the Dublin LGBTQ+ Pride team's bid to host EuroPride 2022.

Eddie McGuinness, Jed Dowling and their team have shown that they have the skills and vision to run an inclusive and well-organised event. The growth and evolution of the Pride Festival over recent years is a testament to their ambition and hard work. We were particularly happy this year to see the support given to grassroots LGBT community groups, balanced with corporate and other organisations.

The International Dublin Gay Theatre Festival (IDGTF) is the largest dedicated festival of LGBT theatre in the world. We have hosted over 4,000 performances of theatre to date from five continents over 16 years, celebrating the diversity of Irish & international LGBTQ+ culture.

Since our foundation in 2004, Dublin and Ireland have evolved rapidly as a diverse society that increasingly celebrates LGBTQ+ inclusivity. We have been proud to establish Dublin as a leading international centre of LGBT theatre. Our participants & attendees find Dublin to be a welcoming and supportive city with a rich LGBT cultural heritage, stretching from Oscar Wilde to the present day.

We would be delighted to see EuroPride hosted in Dublin to continue this exciting evolution for both our city and for the local LGBTQ+ community. With Eddie and the Dublin LGBTQ+ Pride team involved we are confident that EuroPride Dublin 2022 would be in very good hands.

Yours faithfully,

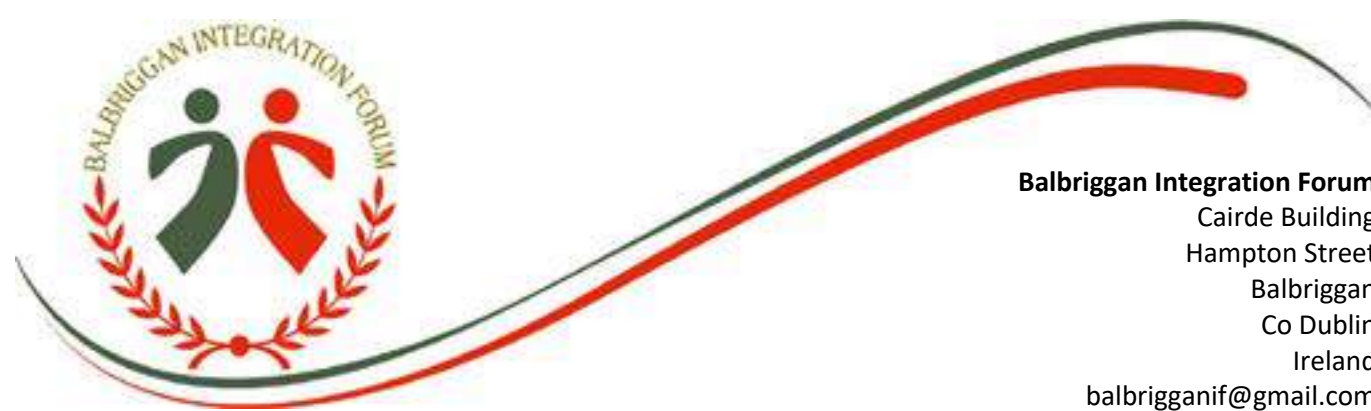
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18 July 2019

To Whom It May Concern,

The Balbriggan Integration Forum is a voluntary body that believes in developing positive intercultural relationships by respecting and sharing the richness, beauty and potential of all people. We promote the integration of migrants in Irish society.

Dublin City will be an excellent venue for Europride 2022. There is a marvellously diverse population in Dublin City and the surrounding areas (such as my own town of Balbriggan in North County Dublin). LGBTQ migrants from all over the world were drawn to live in Ireland in the aftermath of our 2015 referendum vote in favour of marriage equality. Everyone wants to celebrate with Ireland.

Dublin City is a popular tourist location in the summer months and will provide a lively and vibrant backdrop to Europride. I marched in the 2018 and 2019 Dublin LGBTQ Pride parades and was delighted to meet many people who were Pride tourists, specifically visiting Ireland to enjoy Dublin LGBTQ Pride.

Dublin LGBTQ Pride gets bigger year by year, attracting crowds of well over 60,000 people. The organising committee, including Eddie McGuinness and Jed Dowling, do excellent work in preparing for Pride each year. A bright and positive Pride experience awaits Europride in Dublin!

Yours sincerely,

Aoife Leahy

Secretary, Balbriggan Integration Forum

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ShoutOut
Outhouse
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July 17th 2019

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to outline ShoutOut's support for Dublin LGBTQ+ Pride in their bid to secure EuroPride 2022 for Dublin.

Hosting EuroPride in Dublin would be an amazing achievement for the community and sector in Ireland. It would also be in the very capable hands of Eddie McGuinness and Jed Dowling, who are competent, professional, community focused and passionate.

Dublin would, I believe, be a fitting venue for EuroPride 2022 as it is a proudly European capital which has become one of the most accepting and celebratory cities in Europe for LGBTQ+ community. The fact that 2022 also marks the 100th anniversary of Irish statehood would be an added reason to celebrate EuroPride in Dublin.

If you have any queries in relation to this please do not hesitate to contact me on 085 1947339, or via email on decansmeehan@gmail.com.

Kind regards,

Declan Meehan
Chairperson, Board of Directors
ShoutOut



19 July, 2019

July 17th 2019

Eddie McGuinness
Festival Manager,
Dublin Pride Ltd.,
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105 Capel Street,
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Dear Eddie,

We are delighted to hear that you, together with Jed Dowling and the Dublin LGBTQ Pride Team are bidding to host EuroPride 2022.

We have extensive experience in facilitating a wide range of sporting and cultural groups travelling through Dublin Airport on a regular basis. We have worked with annual events such as St. Patricks Festival, Inspirefest and Pendulum to present a 'first welcome' experience to visitors arriving into Dublin Airport.

We also worked very closely with the FAI, Dublin City Council, Fingal County Council, An Garda Síochána and Failte, as well as our airline stakeholders in facilitating the UEFA Europa Cup League final in 2011, and we are currently working with the same stakeholders to host four UEFA 2020 games in Dublin next year.

Dublin Airport is fully supportive of your bid in bringing EuroPride 2022 to Ireland. We are happy to work with you to ensure all aspects of the festival go smoothly from an airport arrival and departure perspective.

We are very much look forward to supporting this exciting event where we can and wish you every success with the bidding process.

Yours sincerely,

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in support of Dublin LGBTQ+ Pride's bid to bring EuroPride to Dublin in 2022. Cara-Friend, as an organisation based in Northern Ireland, would be fully supportive of Dublin Pride's efforts to host EuroPride in Dublin. I believe that this would provide a unique opportunity for the LGBTQ+ community and sector to come together from all across the island of Ireland.

Having worked with Dublin Pride previously, and having participated in several Dublin Pride festivals and parades I can personally vouch for Eddie McGuinness and Jed Dowling as excellent organisers, with the requisite skills and passion to deliver a truly remarkable EuroPride 2022.

If you have any queries or require further information from me, please do not hesitate to contact me on Declan.meehan@cara-friend.org.uk or by telephone on +44 28 9089 0202.

Kind regards,

Declan Meehan
Deputy Director
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To whom it may concern

I am pleased to confirm letter of recommendation for Eddie McGuinness of Dublin LGBTQ+ Pride for being at the forefront of raising awareness of LGBTQ+ issues and for his outstanding contribution over many years.

His innovative and visionary approach together with his charming and persuasive ability has positioned him as a true 'trail blazer' for the LGBTQ+ community in Ireland.

I wish him every success in the future.

Kind regards,

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Wednesday 17 July 2019

Dublin LGBTQ Pride CLG bid to host EuroPride 2022

Dear Eddie,

I write to you on behalf of Volunteer Ireland, as you know we are the national volunteer development organisation in the Republic of Ireland and managed the volunteer programme for Dublin LGBTQ Pride in 2019, alongside over 100 festivals and events over the last 6 years.

I would like to express our strong support for the bid by Dublin LGBTQ Pride to host EuroPride in 2022.

Dublin and Ireland has a long history of volunteering, volunteering has always played a key part in city life. Dublin LGBTQ Pride has much experience of running a large scale event for many years and this in turn would help to underpin the success of the proposed EuroPride 2022.

We at Volunteer Ireland enjoy a strong relationship with Dublin LGBTQ Pride We had the privilege to be an event partner to the 2019 event when we recruited, engaged, trained and supported volunteers from the community and our allies. We believe we have the skills and expertise to develop this volunteer programme over the coming two years in the lead up to a proposed EuroPride in Dublin in 2022 to be most inclusive and accessible ever.

Having worked alongside *Safe Events* and a number of other key statutory and event partners in 2019 I am confident that you will deliver an excellent event. We would be delighted for you to be given this honour. We wish you every success in your bid and look forward to engaging with you further as the planning for the event moves ahead.

Yours Sincerely,

Stuart Garland
Training & Programmes Manager



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To whom it may concern,

I am writing this letter to support Dublin LGBTQ pride in their bid for Euro pride 2022. My name is Cameron Keighron and I am the chairperson of AMACH! LGBT+, a charity which support the LGBT+ community in the West of Ireland. Pride is such an important occasion for members of our community and it connects us from all over the country. Eddie and Jed have put their heart and souls into growing and developing Dublin LGBTQ pride into the amazing and empowering event it is today. We would be delighted to see this bid be a success and have no doubt that Euro Pride 2022 in Dublin would benefit our community around the county immensely.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me,

Kindest Regards,

Cameron Keighron

19/07/2019

AMACH! LGBT+ Chairperson

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To Whom it may Concern

I am writing to you today in great support of Dublin LGBTQ Pride's application to host Euro Pride 2020.

I am 35-year-old male who came out just 4 years ago. Being from the west of Ireland I felt isolated and found that there was no outlet for me as a gay man. There was little in the way of support groups and or a Pride in my County, so along with three other people we decided to start Mayo Pride. Not having much experience in running an event let alone a Pride we decided to contact Dublin LGBTQ Pride. The immense help we received from both Eddie McGuinness and Jed Dowling of Dublin Pride gave us a footing to go forward and host one of the most successful first Prides the West of Ireland has seen in years. On the day of our parade Eddie arrived at our gathering point pre parade and helped us coordinate the event and brought along the famous rainbow flag from Dublin LGBTQ Pride.

I now travel the country with Eddie & members of Dublin Pride in a voluntary capacity to help give support to both new and established Prides. Eddie & Jed have also given me help in promoting my own business, Knot Normal Crafts, where I craft bespoke Pride related crafts. The team in Dublin work tirelessly to ensure not only Dublin, but every other Pride in Ireland has the platform for success. Last year i attended Dublin Pride for the first time and was blown away by the whole experience. Again, this year I attended, but with my family and to say it was more spectacular than last year would be an understatement.

I would love to see Dublin LGBTQ Pride host Pride 2022 and can hand on heart say that Eddie, Jed and their team would pull out every stop in making Pride 2022 an unforgettable experience for the whole of Europe!

Kindest Regards
Gary Duffy

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EuroPride

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16 July 2019

Dear Colleague,

I write in support of the application of DUBLIN LGBTQ+ PRIDE to host EuroPride 2022 in Dublin, Ireland.

Over the past number of years, Dublin LGBTQ+ Pride Festival has grown to become one of the largest and most successful outdoor festivals in Ireland.

As a national LGBTQ+ civil society organisation, Transgender Equality Network Ireland (TENI) has participated in Dublin LGBTQ+ Pride Festival since our inception in 2006. This culminated in our Chairperson and long time trans activist Sara R. Philips being nominated as Dublin Pride Grand Marshall in 2018 with TENI leading a parade of an estimated 60,000 participants.

We have always found the festival to be open and inclusive of the Irish trans community and we are pleased to endorse the festival and the festival organisers for delivering a consistently well organized and high quality festival, including the annual Dublin LGBTQ+ Pride Parade through Dublin city centre.

The Europride Festival in 2022 would coincide well with the centenary celebrations in Ireland to mark 100 years as an independent state, 1922-2022. Dublin is a safe and welcoming place for the LGBTQ+ community and I believe the wider community would embrace wholeheartedly this event.

I would like to commend the festival organisers and parade managers Eddie McGuinness, Jed Dowling and the organising committee for their inclusive and imaginative approach to the event each year. I have no doubt that a EuroPride Event in Ireland would be a great success and TENI would be delighted to support and participate in such a festival.

If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Stephen O'Hare

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On March 31st 2019, Dublin became the 100th member of the European Pride Organisers Association in Belfast and launched our bid to host EuroPride 2022





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