

Barnet LGBT+ Pride

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Council Notes:

- 1) That LGBT+ people are part of our community, our family and our friends and that we celebrate them.
- 2) That there has been hard won progress on equality for LGBT+ people in the UK such as the repealing of Section 28 and same-sex partnerships under the last Labour government and equal marriage less than a decade ago during the Coalition government. However, there is still far more that needs to be done.
- 3) LGBT+ people still face discrimination in the UK: two thirds have experienced hate crime and/or abuse; one half feel they cannot be open about their identity to their family; one third feel they cannot be open about their identity at work. Barnet's LGBT+ residents face similar challenges.
- 4) That Trans people in particular face a hostile environment at this time, often at the centre of a vitriolic national debate which is about them but often does not include them.
- 5) That this environment risks further marginalising this group of our fellow citizens, who too often suffer from ostracisation, workplace discrimination and hate crime.
- 6) That for the first time this year, there was a specific Pride programme for Barnet, run in collaboration between the council and community groups such as Inkluder CiC and Masorti Judaism's LGBT+ Network, which ran throughout June.
- 7) The programme included a rollerskating event, a tea party at the Flower Bank, and *The Identity Project – Barnet Edition*, a collection of stories and portraits of the LGBTQ+ community of Barnet hosted by Middlesex University among other activities, and engaged 100s of Barnet residents.
- 8) That the inaugural LGBT+ celebration Pride in the Park will be held on 20th August 2023 in Victoria Park, Finchley

Council Resolves:

- 1) To thank Inkluder CiC and Masorti Judaism's LGBT+ Network, community volunteers and council officers for all their hard work in organising Pride events.
- 2) To encourage members to attend the Pride Event in Victoria Park, Finchley, on 20th August 2023
- 3) To call upon all political parties at a national and local level to work for the equality and protection of all LGBT+ people, and in particular trans people.
- 4) To restate the Council's determination to ensure Barnet is a borough where LGBT+ people are valued, celebrated and safe.

Under Council Procedure Rule 15.5 this motion is to stand referred to the Executive as an executive side function