

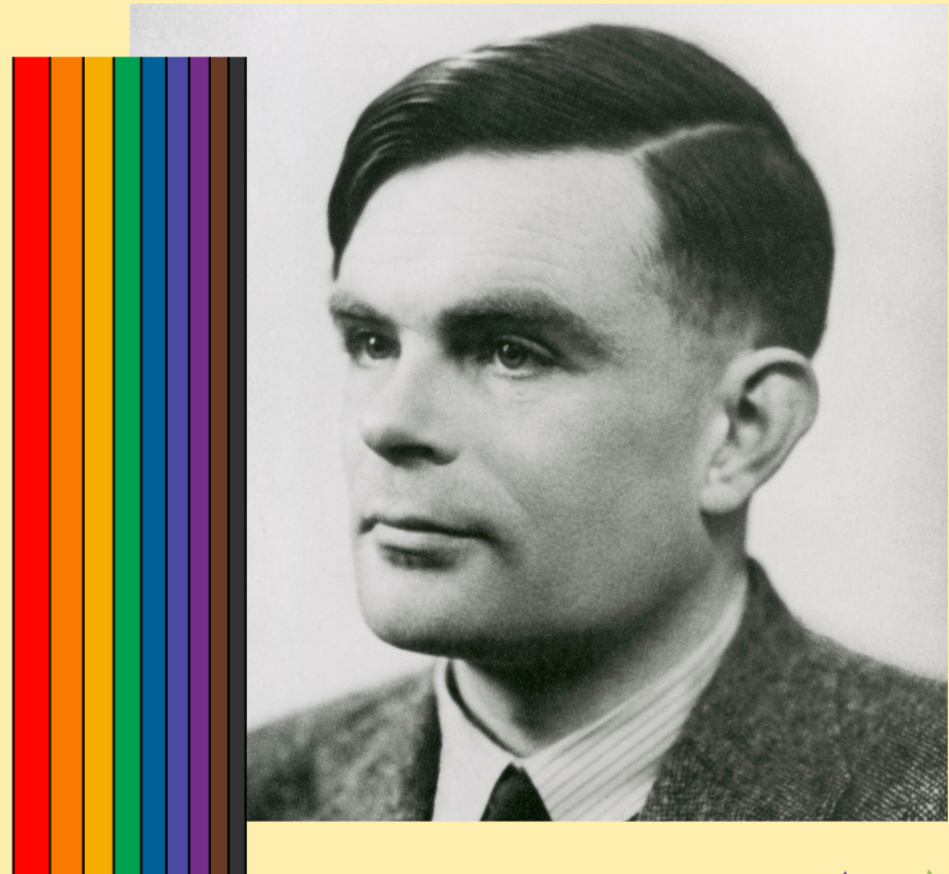
# who's alan turing?

Born 23rd June 1912, Alan Turing was a mathematician, whose work throughout the mid 20th century created the foundations of artificial intelligence and computer science.

During the Second World War, it was Turing's machine that cracked the Nazi Enigma code, which marked a critical point for the Allied Forces towards winning the war.

In the 1950's, he told police that he had homosexual relations with a man and was arrested for gross indecency. He was then chemically castrated as method to curtail his homosexuality, and in 1954, Turing died by cyanide poisoning.

He was granted a posthumous royal pardon in 2013. Three years later, the UK government announced it would posthumously pardon other men convicted of abolished sexual offences, in what was dubbed "The Turing Law."



# who's bayard rustin?



Born 17th March 1912, Bayard Rustin was an African American leader in social movements for civil rights, socialism, nonviolence, and gay rights. Although most people associate the March on Washington with Martin Luther King Jr., Bayard Rustin is the person who actually organised the massive event. In fact, Rustin is the one who taught Dr. King about Gandhi's belief in non-violence and civil disobedience.

Rustin was also an openly gay man, so he often spoke about the importance of fighting for LGBTQ rights. He shifted his focus from civil rights to LGBTQ activism in the '80s.

# who's christine jorgensen?

Born 30th May 1926, Christine Jorgensen was one of the first people ever to publicly come out as transgender. Born George Jorgensen, Christine grew up in the Bronx, New York. As she grew up, Jorgensen came to the realisation that "she felt like a woman stuck in a man's body".

When she read about a doctor who was carrying out gender therapy in Copenhagen, she jumped at the chance to go. After hormone therapy and sex reassignment surgery in Europe,



Jorgensen returned to the US in the 1950s as Christine.

Overnight, she became a celebrity, and carried out a successful career as an actress and singer. The media and the general public were fascinated with her physical transformation as the first person in the United States to undergo a successful gender-reassignment operation, with the biggest headlines reading 'G.I Joe to G.I Jane', after the time Christine spent before her surgery fighting for the Allies in World War Two.

# who's harvey milk?

**Harvey Milk, born May 22nd, 1930, was an American politician and the first openly gay man to be elected to public office, serving on the San Francisco Board of Supervisors between 1977 and 1978.**

**During his time in office, Milk sponsored a bill banning discrimination in public accommodations, housing, and employment on the basis of sexual orientation. The Supervisors passed the bill by a vote of 11-1, and it was signed into law by Mayor George Moscone.**



**On November 27, 1978, Milk and Moscone were assassinated by Dan White, a disgruntled former city supervisor who cast the sole vote against Milk's bill.**

**Despite his short career in politics, Milk became an icon in San Francisco and a martyr in the LGBT community. In 2002, Milk was called "the most famous and most significant openly LGBT official ever elected in the United States". Milk was posthumously awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2009.**

# who's marsha p johnson?

Born 24th August 1945, Marsha was born Malcolm Michaels Jr. in Elizabeth, New Jersey. Marsha felt an affinity for feminine clothing from a young age and began wearing dresses at five years old, before bullying from neighbouring boys led her to suppress her self expression for a time.

Johnson played a major role in the historic Stonewall riots in 1969 that jump-started the gay liberation movement. After the riots, Johnson became a leader in the community and used the power to open Street Transvestite Action Revolutionaries, which helped transgender youth.

Although Marsha P. Johnson never officially identified as transgender, she is considered a transgender pioneer. As a drag performer, a sex worker, and a self-identified transvestite, Marsha was among the first drag queens to frequent Greenwich Village's Stonewall Inn after the famous gay bar began admitting women and drag queens, rather than just gay men.



# what is pride?

**LGBTQ+ Pride, or Pride Month, is a month-long observance in celebration of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer people—and the history, culture, and contributions of these people and their communities.**



# when did pride start?

What we know as Pride today originated from the 1969 Stonewall Uprising in New York. Following a police invasion of The Stonewall Inn, a gay club in Greenwich Village, riots and protests broke out across the city.

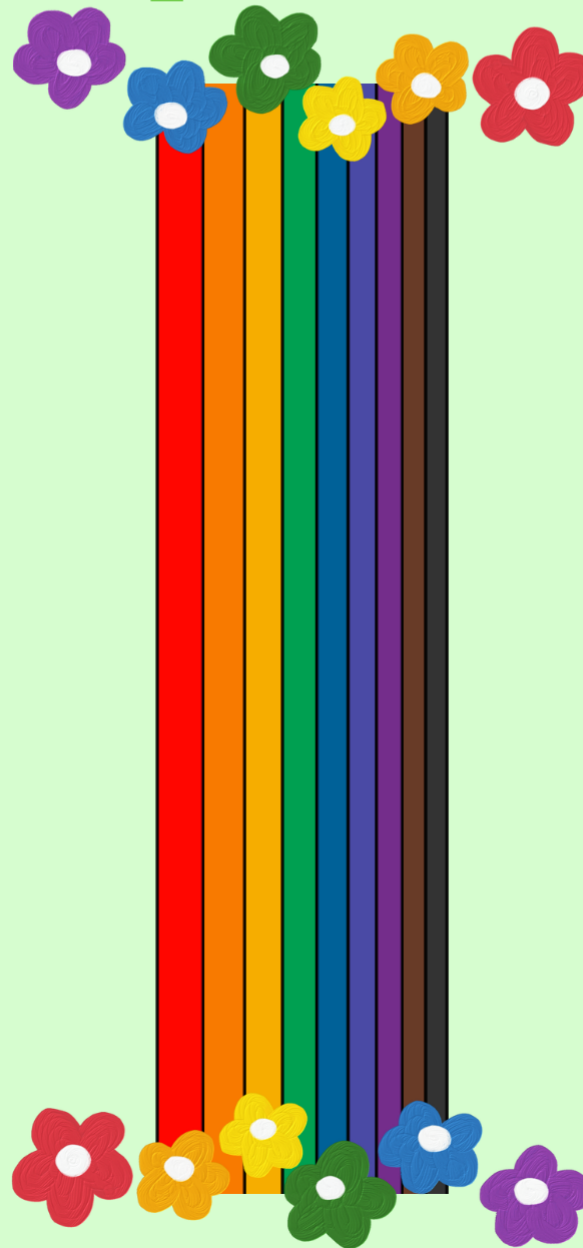


After transgender activist Marsha P Johnson 'threw' the first brick, three days of riots erupted as LGBTQ+ crowds gathered to fight against police brutality and systematic discrimination.

The Stonewall Riots sparked the British Gay Rights Movement, UK activists coming home from the first ever Pride event in New York in June 1970 and forming the British Chapter of the Gay Liberation Front. Two years later, on July 1st 1972, the first UK Gay Pride Rally took place in London.

# why does pride matter?

For the majority of modern human history, members of the LGBTQ+ community have faced discrimination and criminalisation for being who they are. At the point in time of the Stonewall riots, the act of 'masquerading' as the opposite sex was illegal, and specifically targeted those like the gay men of colour and drag queens that frequented The Stonewall Inn.



Thanks to the ongoing gay rights movement, the past decades have seen major reform in legal systems to allow members of the LGBTQ+ community freedoms they were kept from or punished for.

Not only is Pride Month about raising awareness and support for ongoing community struggles, but it's a celebration from when it started to where it is now!