

Cork LGBTI+ Awareness Week 2025

Theme: "Trans Allyship In Action"

Cork marks May 17th, the International Day Against Homophobia, Lesbophobia, Transphobia, and Biphobia (IDAHOBIT) each year with LGBTI+ Awareness Week, reaffirming our commitment to equality, inclusion, and solidarity.

This year's theme, "Trans Allyship in Action," highlights the urgent need for meaningful and active support for trans and non-binary people. At a time when trans rights are increasingly under attack globally, allyship must go beyond statements of support. It must be a commitment to advocacy, protection, and empowerment.

We invite you to attend, engage, and stand in unwavering solidarity with trans and non-binary people in Cork and beyond.

Through a series of events, discussions, and community gatherings, Cork LGBTI+ Awareness Week 2025 will explore what it means to be a true ally in policy, workplaces, schools, healthcare, and everyday life.

Nearly a decade after the Gender Recognition Act 2015 granted legal recognition to trans male and trans female people in Ireland, many still face barriers to healthcare, safety, and full social inclusion. Hate crimes and transphobic rhetoric are on the rise, highlighting the need for strong protections and meaningful allyship. While discussions around hate speech legislation continue to evolve, it remains vital to ensure that all communities feel supported and safeguarded. Together, we can build a future where trans people are not just accepted but celebrated and protected.

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MAY 12th - 18th 2025

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PROGRAMME 2025

MONDAY 12TH MAY

- Event:** Launch of Cork LGBTI+ Awareness Week 2025 and raising of the Progress Flag
- Time:** 4.15pm - 6pm
- Location:** Millenium Hall, Cork City Hall, Eglinton Street.
- Info:**
- Formal launch of LGBTI+ Awareness Week by Lord Mayor Cllr Dan Boyle
 - Guest speakers
 - Music by Choral ConFusion
 - Tea, coffee, light refreshments. All welcome.

TUESDAY 13TH MAY

- Event:** Progress Flag raisings & Partner Coffee Mornings
- Time:** 10am-1pm
- Location:** Multiple locations across the city and county
- Event:** Empowered Choices: LGBTI+ Future Planning
- Time:** 6.30pm - 8pm
- Location:** South Parish Community Centre, Sawmill Street
- Info:**
- Join us for an essential event designed to support LGBTI+ people in planning for the future with confidence
 - This session will cover key topics like the Assisted Decision-Making process, will writing, and enduring power of attorney—helping you understand your rights and make informed choices about your future care, finances, and legal affairs.

Tickets are available on Eventbrite.



WEDNESDAY 14TH MAY

- Event:** IDAHOBIT Seminar: Trans Allyship In Action
- Time:** 10am-1pm
Registration from 9.30am Seminar 10am-1pm
- Location:** Council Chamber, City Hall, Anglesea Street.
- Info:**
- As trans and non-binary people face growing challenges, true allyship requires action. This seminar explores how individuals, workplaces, and communities can move beyond passive support to create a more inclusive and affirming Cork for all.
 - Presentations from:
Dr. Kevin Hosford
Gender Rebels
Ryan Goulding
PATHI
Saoirse Macken
Trans + Pride Cork
Kate Moynihan
LINQ Ireland
 - Panel discussion chaired by **Eleanor Moore**, HSE
 - Refreshments will be served. All welcome. This event free to attend, but ticketed.

Tickets are available on Eventbrite.



THURSDAY 15TH MAY

- Event:** LGBTI+ Culture Night: Wine Reception and Movie Screening
- Time:** 5.15pm-7.30pm
- Location:** Triskel Arts Centre, Tobin Street.
- Info:**
- Movie screening of Rūrangi.
 - Wine reception sponsored by Coolgrey. This event free to attend, but ticketed.
 - **Booking Essential:** triskelartscentre.ie/

FRIDAY 16TH MAY

- Event:** Rainbow Cities Network Photo Exhibition 2025 – Queer Sports
- Time:** 1pm
- Location:** City Library, Grand Parade.
- Info:**
- Cork, as a member of the Rainbow Cities Network (RCN), 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 this year's exhibition is **Queer Sports**, which aims to highlight LGBTI+ inclusion in Sports.
 - The exhibition will be formally opened by David O'Brien, City Librarian. Cork's submission to the exhibition is by Ryan O'Sullivan.

SATURDAY 17TH MAY

- IDAHOBIT DAY 2025 THEME: The Power of Communities
- Event:** Rainbow Picnic
- Time:** 2pm-5pm
- Location:** Fitzgerald's Park, Mardyke, Cork City
- Info:**
- DJ, live music, food court, face painting, poetry, storytelling, and fun & games for everyone
- #RainbowPicnicCork**

SUNDAY 18TH MAY

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



EAST CORK EVENTS

Organised by the East Cork LGBTI+ Network

- **Mon May 12th** – Raising of the Progress Flag at Youghal Town Hall (Time TBC)
- **Sat Mat 17th** – IDAHOBIT Rainbow Picnic in Green Park, Youghal, from 2pm-4pm. Bring your picnic and wear your brightest colours!

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

