

Cork LGBTI+ Awareness Week 2026

Theme: "Intersectionality in the LGBTI+ Community"

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, "Intersectionality in the LGBTI+ Community" examines the diversity within the LGBTI+ Community and how various intersecting identities can shape people and their experiences, as well as how they can create further barriers for an already marginalised person.

Hate speech and attacks on members of the LGBTI+ Community, both in person and online, are growing as more and more people are influenced and emboldened by anti-LGBTI+ global sentiments and trends.

We invite you to explore the events throughout the week and to attend, engage, and learn more about family, friends, neighbours, and colleagues who are part of the LGBTI+ Community.

Allies are key in helping to oppose anti-LGBTI+ sentiment. Please join us as we grow and learn through a series of events, discussions, and community gatherings for Cork LGBTI+ Awareness Week 2026. The more we know, the more we understand. The more we understand, the more supportive we can be.

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MAY 11th - 17th 2026

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PROGRAMME 2026

MONDAY 11TH MAY

- Event:** Launch of Cork LGBTI+ Awareness Week 2026 and raising of the Progress Flag
- Time:** 4pm - 6pm
- Location:** Millenium Hall, Cork City Council, Eglinton Street.
- Info:**
- Formal launch of LGBTI+ Awareness Week by Lord Mayor Cllr Fergal Dennehy
 - Keynote address by Senator Laura Harmon
 - Guest speakers
 - Music by Choral Con Fusion
 - Tea, coffee, light refreshments. All welcome.

TUESDAY 12TH MAY

- Event:** Progress Flag raisings & Partner Coffee Mornings
- Time:** 10am-1pm
- Location:** Multiple locations across the city and county.

WEDNESDAY 13TH MAY

- Event:** Annual LGBTI+ Awareness Week Seminar: *Understanding Intersectionality: What shapes LGBTI+ lives?*
- Time:** 10am - 2pm
- Location:** Council Chamber, City Hall, Anglesea Street.
- Info:**
- Join us as we examine diversity within the LGBTI+ Community and how various intersecting identities can shape people and their experiences.
 - Keynote address delivered by **Dr Ailbhe Smyth**
 - Panel discussion chaired by **Dr Kara Hosford**, Co-chair LGBTI+ InterAgency Group
 - All welcome. This event is free to attend, but ticketed.

Tickets are available on Eventbrite.



THURSDAY 14TH MAY

- Event:** LGBTI+ Culture Night: Drinks Reception & Film Screening
- Time:** 5pm - 7:30pm
- Location:** Triskel Arts Centre, Tobin Street.
- Info:**
- Drinks reception sponsored by Coolgrey
 - Screening of short film **Claonagh** & film **The Mattachine Family**
 - All welcome. This event is free to attend, but ticketed
 - **Booking Essential:** triskelartscentre.ie/

FRIDAY 15TH MAY

- Event:** Rainbow Cities Network Poto Exhibition 2026: Bi+ Visibility & Pride
- Time:** 1pm
- Location:** City Library, Grand Parade.
- Info:**
- Cork, as a member of Rainbow Cities Network (RCN), takes part in the annual RCN Photo Exhibition where one photo from each Rainbow City is submitted to form a collection. This year's RCN theme is **Bi+ Visibility & Pride**. The exhibition will be formally opened by David O'Brien, City Librarian.
 - Cork's submission to this year's exhibition is by Amie Spillane.

SATURDAY 16TH MAY

- Event:** Rainbow Picnic
- Time:** 2pm-5pm
- Location:** Bishop Lucey Park, Grand Parade, Cork
- Info:** Live music, DJ, Face painting, Family fun & games
#RainbowPicnicCork

SUNDAY 17TH MAY

- Event:** IDAHOBIT 2026 THEME: "At the Heart of Democracy"
- Event:** IDAHOBIT Service, with Rev. Meghan Farr & congregation of St Anne's
- Time:** 10.15am
- Location:** St Anne's, Shandon.

EAST CORK EVENTS

- **Info** Queer Vibes Café
Wednesday 13th May
5.30pm - 7.30pm
- **Location** Cobh Community Centre
Orelia Terrace
Kilgarvan
Cobh
P24 WP82

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

Further Co. Cork events to come.

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