



1970

FIRST PRIDE MARCH IN THE USA

On the year anniversary of the Stonewall Inn, the first pride marches were held in New York, Los Angeles & Chicago.

1972

FIRST PRIDE EVENT IN LONDON

Organized by the London Gay Liberation Front, the first gay pride march & carnival took place on the 1st of July 1972. It took place from Trafalgar square to Hyde park.

1977

HARVEY MILK ELECTED

He was the first openly gay American elected to public office in San Francisco. He was an instrumental in promoting civil rights for gays and lesbians. Barack Obama awarded him the President Medal of Freedom. On the 22nd of May is a California state day of recognition in honour of the gay community icon, Harvey Milk.

1969

STONEWALL INN

This is the most important event in history of gay rights. The Stonewall Inn in New York was raided by the police on the 28th of June 1969.

1972

FIRST GAY NEWSPAPER

Britain's first ever gay newspaper; 'Gay News'. It was founded by the Gay Liberation Front & members of the Campaign for Homosexual Equality.

1976

THE HISTORY OF SEXUALITY PUBLISHED

Michel Foucault; an openly gay French philosopher who published 'The History of Sexuality' which explained the medical and psychiatric discourses defining homosexuals'. He remains a major influence on Queer theory.

1977

CHINA

Homosexuality was decriminalized and sodomy was removed from China's criminal code.



1980

AIDS

The disease aids became an epidemic. A stigma was attached to the disease, which was labelled as gay plague. A red ribbon was used a symbol of the campaign.

1982

AIDS CHARITY

Terence Higgins Trust launched as the UK's first AIDS charity. Named after Terry Higgins, who was the first man to have died with Aids.

1988

SECTION 28 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT

1983, Section 28 came into play after an escalated argument between the daily mail & the council about a book found in the local library.



1979

BERLIN

The First Christopher Street Day in Berlin took place on June 30th 1979.

1981

PARIS

On the 4th of April 1981, Paris participated in their first pride parade.

1982

ITALY

First law in Italy to introduce the possibility of changing your gender.



1990

JUDITH BUTLER PUBLISHED GENDER TROUBLE

An American philosopher and gender theorist who is known for her books in political philosophy, feminisms and queer studies.

1996

COPENHAGEN

The same year Copenhagen was the European Capital of Culture, the city hosted EuroPride. This became the start of the annual Copenhagen Pride Parade.

1999

LUXEMBOURG

In 1999, a few people from Rosa Lëtzebuerg asbl gathered together at the Place du Théâtre to raise awareness.

1989

STONEWALL UK FOUNDED

A charity in the UK was created to go against the section 28 of the Local Government Act, which was the Stonewall rights charity. The founders included Sir Ian McKellen.

1990

MADRID

Madrid holds the largest pride parade in Spain. In 1997, Madrid had their first pride parade, where a few people joined to participate for the first time.

1998

STOCKHOLM

Stockholm Pride is annual LGBT pride festival held in Stockholm, the capital of Sweden. The first pride march happened in 1998 and it has grown since.



2000s Progress

2001

SEXUAL OFFENCES ACT LOWERS THE AGE

The Sexual Offences Act lowers in the age of consent to 16, inline with the heterosexual age.

2002

EQUAL RIGHTS

The Adoption and Children Act 2002 allowed gay and lesbian single people, same-sex couples to adopt a child in the UK.

2003

BELGIUM

Belgium was the second to allow same-sex marriage in 2003. Also legalized adoption and IVF in 2005.

2000

NETHERLANDS

The Netherlands became the first country to legalize same-sex marriage in December 2000. "A marriage can be contracted by two people of different or the same sex"

2001

BAN ON GAYS

British government lift the ban on gays in the military. Same sex couples are given the right to apply for adoption.

2003

DISCRIMINATION AT WORK

Discrimination at work was made illegal by the Employment Equality Regulations act.

2004

FIRST TRANS MARCH

An anonymous email was sent out in San Francisco with the author of the email called for a trans rights march for a trial murder of a young trans woman.

2000s Progress

2004

CIVIL PARTNERSHIP ACT PASSED

The act gave same-sex couples the same rights & responsibilities as married heterosexual couples in England, Scotland, Northern Ireland and Wales.

2005

SPAIN

In 2005, Spain legalized same-sex marriage with joint adoption, being the third country in the world to allow it. It has been recognized as a country at the forefront of LGBTQ+ rights.

2008

ECUADOR

In 2008, the country considers everyone has equals regardless of their ethnicity, origin, sexual orientation, gender identity, culture, language or religion.

2004

DISCRIMINATION TOWARDS GAY MEN

The Sexual Offence Act 2004 sweeps away the Victorian Laws that were discriminatory towards gay men. Recognition of homophobic assault becomes a "hate crime."

2005

CANADA

Canada, becoming the fourth country to legalize same-sex marriage. They had their first pride parade in 2018.

2007

SINGAPORE

Singapore decriminalized females for same-sex sexual activity.

2009

NORWAY

Norway allowed same-sex marriages, adoption and IVF in 2009.

2000s Progress

2009

STOCKHOLM

Same-sex marriage has been legal in Stockholm since 2009.

2010

EQUALITY ACT PASSED

The Equality Act 2010 passed in the UK. It makes it unlawful for employers to treat employees or job applications differently because of age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race or ethnic origin, religion/belief (or non-belief), and sex & sexual orientation.

2012

DON'T ASK, DON'T TELL

End of the controversial of "Don't ask, don't tell" policy. In 2012, President Barack Obama signed legislation to revoke the controversial policy that prohibited openly gay men and women serving in the armed forces.



2009

HATE CRIMES PREVENTAION ACT SIGNED INTO LAW

In 2009, President Barack Obama signed the Matthew Shepard & James Byrd Jr. Hate Crimes Prevention Act into law. It was named after Matthew Shepard, who was brutally beaten and killed because of his sexuality and after James Byrd Jr. because of his race. It expanded to include crimes motivated by a victim's sexual orientation, gender or disability.

2010

ARGENTINA

First country in South America to legalize same-sex marriage in 2010. Gender Identity were passed in 2012.

2010

PORTUGAL

Portugal legalized same-sex marriages in 2010. The gender identity law was enforced in 2011.

Pride Month



2013 - 2014

MARRIAGE (SAME-SEX COUPLES) ACT PASSED

29th March 2014, same-sex marriages occurred in England & Wales.

2015

LUXEMBOURG

Same-sex marriage has been legal since 2015.

2017

MALTA

Gender neutral language on legal documents, same-sex marriage and adoption rights were all legalized in 2017.

2023

VENEZUELA

LGBT people can now serve openly in the military since 16th March 2023.

2013

FRANCE

Same-sex marriage in France has been legal since 2013, making it the thirteenth country worldwide to allow it.

2015

END OF DISCRIMINATION

The United States Supreme Court ruled in Obergefell v. Hodges that same-sex marriage is a legal right across the US. End of discrimination on same-sex marriage.

2016

ITALY

Italy allowed same-sex couples to enter a civil partnership with their partner. They had their first pride parade in 2022.

2022

SINGAPORE

Same-sex sexual activity is now legalized for both males and females. For women, it was decriminalized since 2007 and officially allowed for males in 2022.

