

2025 PRIDE POWER LIST

CELEBRATING SOME OF THE INCREDIBLE INDIVIDUALS IN THE LGBTQIA COMMUNITY



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When we produce the annual Pride Power List, I am reminded just how important these lists are in the current climate of uncertainty. This is the list's 16th year, and although there are now more LGBTQIA lists, I am proud this is the longest running, and was truly visionary when it first began. It highlights those in our LGBTQIA community, and our allies, who consistently advocate and champion the diversity of our rainbow community. When I originally founded this list, I can remember scrabbling around

this could be a top 1000 list! This is incredibly heartening, given the increasingly troubled times we live in. Although in the UK many of us are now able to openly celebrate who we are and who we love, it is very disappointing to see that we are falling behind in our battle for full LGBTQIA Equality. One only has to look at ILGA-Europe Rainbow Map & Index 2025 to see that we have slipped seven places to number 22 in just one year. For overall LGBTQIA laws, in Western Europe and Scandinavia, only Italy ranks lower than the UK. I believe a key reason for this

decline is that the UK continues to lag behind many of our European neighbours when it comes to granting equal rights to our trans siblings. How can we accept a proposed ban on so-called "conversion therapy" that excludes trans people? The recent Supreme Court ruling shows just how much we still have to do to ensure equality for our trans family. Now, more than ever, is the time for allies to step up. There are many ways to challenge the recent ERHC ruling, which, if implemented, strips back trans rights – the simplest is to write to your local MP

and explain why you oppose it. Until every one of us has equal rights, none of us truly do. So, as we celebrate Pride, and the incredible individuals on the Pride Power List, let's not forget that the fight for equality isn't over. Real change will only come when we stand together and keep pushing forward together. Congratulations to this year's no 1, Yasmin Finney, who is using their platform to constantly speak up and out to try to ensure the world is a safer place for our LGBTQIA community. pridepowerlist.com



1 Yasmin Finney (she/her)
Actor
[@yazdemand](https://www.instagram.com/yazdemand)

Yasmin is an English actor and internet personality. Initially, Yasmin gained a following through her TikTok videos about her experiences as a Black British teenage trans woman. She starred as Elle Argent in the Netflix show Heartstopper and as Rose Noble in Doctor Who.



2 Victoria McCloud (she/her)
Former High Court Master

Victoria is a British lawyer who became the youngest High Court Master in 2010 and the UK's first transgender judge. After 14 years on the bench, she retired in April 2024 and now works as a litigation strategist and advocate for whistleblowing and trans rights.



3 Jonathan Bailey (he/him)
Actor [@jbayleaf](https://www.instagram.com/jbayleaf)

Jonathan is a British actor and outspoken LGBTQIA+ advocate. Openly gay, he uses his platform to challenge stereotypes and promote queer visibility in media. Known for Bridgerton, he co-founded the Shameless Fund to support LGBTQIA+ mental health, storytelling, and community resilience globally.



4 Phyll Opoku-Gyimah (she/her)
Co-Founder and CEO, UK Black Pride
[@MSLadyPhyll](https://www.instagram.com/MSLadyPhyll)

Lady Phyll, a legendary LGBTQIA+ activist, uses her platform to advocate for the intersectional needs of Black LGBTQIA+ people. In 2024 she became a Pro Chancellor for the University of Northampton and took Lesbian Visibility Week to New York.



5 Munroe Bergdorf (she/her)
Model and activist
[@munroebergdorf](https://www.instagram.com/munroebergdorf)

Munroe, a prominent activist, model, author and broadcaster, is a British Vogue contributing editor. She is the author of Talk To Me, and has graced the covers of Vogue, Rolling Stone and Gay Times. In June this year, she released Love & Rage: Munroe Bergdorf, a film telling her unflinching story.



6 Adele Roberts (she/her)
DJ and broadcaster
[@AdeleRoberts](https://www.instagram.com/AdeleRoberts)

Alongside her work as a broadcaster, Adele is a fervent campaigner for LGBTQIA+ rights. She uses her athleticism to raise money for charity and this year, she earned a new Guinness World Record for the first and fastest woman with a stoma to earn the Six Star medal. Adele's book, Personal Best, was released in 2024.



7 Owen Jones (he/him)
Political commentator, journalist and activist
[@OwenJones84](https://www.instagram.com/OwenJones84)

Owen Jones is a British journalist, author, and political commentator known for his left-wing views. He writes for The Guardian and is a vocal advocate for social justice, workers' rights, and LGBTQ+ equality. Jones is also the author of Chavs and The Establishment, which critique inequality and power structures in Britain.



8 Heather Peace (she/her)
Actor and musician
[@heatherpeace](https://www.instagram.com/heatherpeace)

Heather is known for her roles in Waterloo Road and Eastenders. She came out as a lesbian to her mother when she was 19 and has since been a prominent supporter of LGBTQIA+ equality. She is a patron of Manchester Pride and has worked with other LGBTQIA charities such as Stonewall.



9 Jake Graf & Hannah Graf MBE (he/him, she/her)
Trans activists, Patrons of Mermaids
[@hannahw253](https://www.instagram.com/hannahw253), [@JakeGraf1](https://www.instagram.com/JakeGraf1)

Jake and Hannah made history in becoming the UK's most high profile trans parents. Jake is a multi-award winning director, writer and actor whilst Hannah is a decorated former British army officer working in the financial sector. Their memoir, Becoming Us, was published in June 2023.



10 Ella Morgan (she/her)
Reality TV star
[@ellamorganc](https://www.instagram.com/ellamorganc)

Ella is an award-winning trans advocate, having risen to fame after becoming the first trans woman to appear on Married At First Sight UK. Ella uses her platform to elevate trans rights and is the patron of LGBTQIA+ charity Switchboard.

11 Eddie Izzard (she/her)
Comedian, actor, political activist
[@eddieizzard](#)

An acclaimed British comedian, actor, and political activist known for her surreal humour and gender-fluid identity. A trailblazer in LGBTQIA+ visibility, she has openly embraced her trans identity and continues to challenge societal norms around gender, inspiring generations with her courage and advocacy.

12 Cynthia Erivo (she/her)
Actor and singer
[@cynthiaerivo](#)

Cynthia is a British actor, singer, songwriter, and producer. She has won Tony, Grammy, and Emmy awards for *The Color Purple* and earned Oscar nominations for her role in *Wicked*. She is a vocal champion of representation and queer identity.



13 Andrew Scott (he/him)
Actor
[#AndrewScott](#)

Andrew is known for his roles in *Sherlock*, *Fleabag*, *Pride* and *All Of Us Strangers*. In early

2024, he spoke out about getting rid of the term “openly gay” during a roundtable discussion for *The Hollywood Reporter*, and has been a vocal supporter of LGBTQIA+ rights across his career.

14 Cat Burns (she/her)
Singer-songwriter
[@catburns](#)

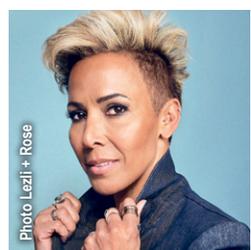
Double-platinum-selling artist Cat was the biggest-selling British female artist of 2022 and gave a superb performance of her viral smash “Go” at the 2023 BRIT Awards. Last year, she released her debut album, *Early Twenties* which was nominated for the 2024 Mercury Prize.



15 Rosie Jones (she/her)
Comedian, writer and actor
[@josierones](#)

A British comedian, writer and actor, Rosie has described herself as proud to

be both disabled and gay. She has cerebral palsy, and uses her platform to discuss her experiences, hoping to empower the wider community. She recently announced her new tour *I Can't Tell What She's Saying*.



16 Dame Kelly Holmes DBE (she/her)
Double Olympic Champion and media personality
[@damekellyholmes](#)

Receiving an MBE in 1998, Col.

Dame Kelly is a military veteran and retired international athlete. She won two gold medals at the Athens Olympics in 2004, and was awarded a DBE in 2005. She is a global inspirational speaker and a trusted voice for the LGBTQIA+ community.

17 Alex Scott MBE (she/her)
Sports commentator
[@alexscott2](#)

A sports presenter, pundit and former professional footballer, Alex played as a right-back for Arsenal in the WSL and made 140 appearances for the England national team. She has been a vocal supporter of LGBTQIA+ rights across her career, notably wearing a rainbow armband whilst presenting the World Cup in Qatar in 2022.



18 Kit Connor (he/him)
Actor
[@kit.connor](#)

Kit is best known for his portrayal of Nick Nelson in Netflix's *Heartstopper*, a coming of age show

that explores LGBTQIA+ issues. He came out as bisexual in 2022 after feeling forced to by pressure online but later described it as empowering. His character Nick is also bisexual.

19 Bella Ramsey (they/them)
Actor

21-year-old English actor Bella Ramsey identifies as non-binary. They starred in *Game Of Thrones*, and most notably as Ellie in the HBO drama *The Last Of Us* alongside Pedro Pascal. They are an inspiring young voice in the queer community.



20 Bobbi Pickard (she/her)
CEO and Co-Founder, Trans In The City
[@BobbityP](#)

Bobbi is the CEO of *Trans in the City*, which has over 350 major organisations

collaborating on furthering trans awareness worldwide. Bobbi is Patron of FFLAG, Golden Champion of Stonewall Housing and Champion of Chippenham Pride. She has raised over £500K for LGBTQIA+ charities in the last 5 years.

21 Christopher Joell-Deshields (he/him)
Chief Executive, Pride in London
[@441_Man](#) [@PrideInLondon](#)

Chris is Chief Executive of *Pride in London*, London's annual LGBTQIA+ Pride festival and parade. A not-for-profit organisation, *Pride in London* is run by volunteers, with all surplus funds going towards supporting LGBTQIA+ communities. Chris also led on embedding Equality, Diversity and Inclusion at *Sense*, the national disability charity.



22 Jude Guitamacchi (they/them)
Trans activist and campaigner
[@becomingjude](#)

Jude is a speaker and trans+ rights campaigner, and the founder of *Trans*

Solidarity Alliance (TSA), the national advocacy network advancing the rights and conditions of trans people in the UK. In recognition of their work, Jude won *Campaigner Of The Year* at the 2024 *Rainbow Honours*.

23 Kate Osborne MP (she/her)
MP for Jarrow and Gateshead East
[@KateOsborneMP](#)

Since 2019, Kate served Labour MP for Jarrow and Gateshead East. Additionally, Kate has consistently been on the Women and Equalities Committee, and previously the Backbench Business Committee. She is an active LGBTQIA+ activist.

24 Dr Ranj Singh (he/him)
Doctor, TV presenter, columnist and author
[@DrRanj](#)

Dr Ranj presented the BAFTA awarding-winning CBeebies show *Get Well Soon* between 2012 and 2015. His latest book, *How To Be a Boy: And Do It Your Own Way* was published in May 2023, and he is playing *Lance* in the UK and Ireland tour of the awarding-winning musical *& Juliet*.

25 Joelle Taylor (she/her)
Poet and playwright
[@jtaylortrash](#)

Having penned four poetry collections, Joelle won the 2021 T.S. Eliot Prize, and the 2022 Polari Book Prize for LGBTQIA+ authors. She is a co-curator and host of *Out-Spoken Live* at the Southbank Centre, and released her most recent book *The Night Alphabet* last year.

26 Ncuti Gatwa (he/him)
Actor
[@ncutigatwa](#)

Beginning his acting career on stage in Dundee, Ncuti is best-known for co-starring in Netflix's *Sex Education* as Eric Effiong. He recently portrayed the fifteenth reincarnation of the Doctor in *Doctor Who*, the first Black and queer actor to do so, and appeared in *Greta Gerwig's Barbie* in 2023.

27 Golda Rosheuvel (she/her)
Actor
[@goldarosheuvel](#)

Guyanese-British actress and singer, best known for portraying Queen Charlotte in *Bridgerton*. Openly lesbian, she proudly represents Black queer voices in mainstream media, advocating for inclusivity and authenticity both onscreen and off, challenging industry norms with grace, power, and presence.

28 Nick Grimshaw (he/him)
Broadcaster, former Radio 1 DJ
[@nicholasgrimshaw](#)

A beloved British broadcaster and former BBC Radio 1 DJ, known for his vibrant personality and music expertise. Openly gay, Nick has long been an influential LGBTQIA+ figure in media, using his platform to champion diversity, advocate for mental health, and support queer communities.



29 Miriam Margolyes (she/her)
Actor and Media Personality
[@mmargolyes](#)

Miriam is a celebrated British-Australian actor

known for her outspoken wit and captivating performances. An openly lesbian icon, she is a fearless advocate for LGBTQIA+ rights and visibility, using her platform to champion equality, challenge prejudice, and speak candidly about her experiences in life and love.

30 GK Barry (she/her)
Influencer, podcaster, TV personality
[@gkbarry_](#)

GK Barry, real name Grace Keeling, is a popular British influencer and podcast host. Openly queer, she has used her platform to have candid conversations with queer guests, supporting visibility and acceptance. Her humour and platform foster safe spaces for LGBTQIA+ voices in digital and social media.



31 Lianne Sanderson (she/her)
Broadcaster and former professional footballer
[@liannesanderson](#)

Lianne is a gay former professional

football player who debuted for England in 2006 as part of the England squad for the 2007 FIFA Women's World Cup. She began her training with Arsenal in 1997 as part of their youth programme and is now a sports broadcaster.

32 Dame Julia Hoggett DBE (she/her)
CEO, London Stock Exchange
[@JuliaHoggett](#)

Julia joined the London Stock Exchange Group in April 2021 and is its first openly gay CEO. She held the positions of Director of Market Oversight and Head of Wholesale Banking Supervision at the Financial Conduct Authority. She was listed as number two in *OUTstanding's* 2022 list of top LGBTQIA+ Executives. Julia received a DBE for services to business and to finance in the King's Birthday Honours List 2024.

33 Gok Wan MBE (he/him)
Stylist, TV presenter, author and DJ
[@therealgokwan](#)

Gok is a British fashion consultant, author, TV presenter, actor, DJ, chef and event manager. He presented *How To Look Good Naked* from 2006 to 2010, and has previously collaborated with *Gay Times* on *#GlobalPrideMakeover*, raising awareness of the prejudice LGBTQIA+ people continue to face globally.

34 Bradley Riches (he/him)
Actor | [@Brad_riches](#)

Bradley is best known for portraying James McEwan in Netflix's *Heartstopper*, a coming of age series that explores LGBTQIA+ love in all its forms. In November 2023, Bradley released his debut book, *A Different Kind Of Superpower* and in 2024, he appeared as a housemate on the twenty-third series of *Celebrity Big Brother*.

35 Lauren Hemp MBE (she/her)
Professional footballer
[@lauren_hemp](#)

Lauren Hemp MBE plays for Manchester City and the England Lionesses and is a 2022 European champion and 2023 World Cup runner-up. Off the pitch, Hemp is a visible LGBTQIA+ figure, contributing important representation in women's football. Appointed MBE in 2024 for services to football, she continues to inspire as a player, role model, and advocate.

36 Olly Alexander (he/him)
Singer and actor
[@ollyalexanderr](#)

Charismatic lead singer of *Years & Years*, Olly is also a celebrated actor, notably starring in *It's A Sin*. An openly gay icon, he's a passionate advocate for LGBTQIA+ rights and mental health awareness, using his artistry and activism to inspire queer youth and challenge stigma.



37 Eva Echo (she/they)

Trans activist and writer
@EvaEch0

Eva is a trans activist, writer and public speaker, passionate about trans rights

and mental health. Eva is well known for their courageous legal action against NHS England in the High Court, challenging the unlawful waiting times for trans patients. They are also part of the Crown Prosecution Service's hate crime panel.

38 Anthony Watson CBE (he/him)

Founder, Bank of London
@AnthonyWatson

LGBTQIA+ activist Anthony was appointed Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire in His Majesty The King's inaugural Birthday Honours for services to the LGBTQIA community, Equality and Diversity. Anthony is the first openly gay CEO of a British bank, and is a patron of Diversity Role Models.



39 Kat Parsons (she/her)

Group Head of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, Centrica
@katparsons_kp

Kat is dedicated to creating an inclusive and progressive

workforce. With a passion for Diversity and Inclusion, she has earned numerous awards, including the Head of Diversity & Inclusion Award at both the DIVA Awards and the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion in Tech Awards.

40 Lucy Spraggan (she/her)

Singer-songwriter
@lspraggan

A fierce voice for LGBTQIA+ representation, Lucy found fame as a contestant on The X Factor in 2012. She has gone on to release eight studio albums with her latest, Other Sides Of The Moon, released in June this year. Her bestselling memoir, Process: Finding My Way Through, was published in July 2023.

41 Rylan Clark (he/him)

TV and radio presenter
@Rylan

A TV and radio presenter, Rylan rose to fame after competing on The X Factor in 2012, where he finished in fifth place. In 2024, he released a documentary entitled Rylan: Football, Homophobia And Me, in which he, as a lifelong West Ham supporter, explored the complicated relationship between LGBTQIA+ fans and football.



42 Cathryn Wright (she/her)

Managing Director, Sedulo
#CathrynWright
@sedulo_group

Cathryn is MD of award-winning national advisory

firm and investment house Sedulo. Prior to this, Cathryn was MD of human rights charity Stonewall. She is also a trustee of Manchester International Festival and Factory International and throughout her career has worked to build inclusive workplaces and improve working practices for LGBTQIA+ people.

43 Sir Ian McKellen (he/him)

Actor and LGBTQIA activist
@IanMcKellen

Renowned for his remarkable stage and screen performances, Sir Ian has portrayed iconic characters from Gandalf in The Lord Of The Rings to Magneto in the X-Men series. A founding member of Stonewall, Sir Ian has been a staunch campaigner for LGBTQIA+ rights since he came out publicly in 1988.

44 Charlie Condou (he/him)

Actor and activist
@charliecondou

Charlie is a patron of Diversity Role Models and the akt, and has volunteered with the Terrence Higgins Trust. He also set up Out With The Family, through which he hosts events for LGBTQIA+ families. As an actor, he appeared in the likes of Holby City and Coronation Street.

45 Dawn Airey CBE (she/her)

Chair, FA Women's Super League & Women's Championship Football
@dawn_airey

A veteran of the media industry, Dawn is the Chancellor of Edge Hill University, and chairs the Barclays FA Women's Super League and Championship board, the National Youth Theatre and the educational platform Digital Theatre+. She is a non-executive director of Channel 4, Getty Images, Grosvenor Estates and Blackbird. Dawn was awarded a CBE in the 2024 King's Birthday Honours for services to theatre and charity.

46 Nancy Kelley (she/her)

Former Executive Director, DIVA Media Group
@Nancy_M_K

In 2024, Nancy took on the role of Executive Director of DIVA Media Group. She has a background in policy, and campaigns across a wide range of social justice issues, including mental health, migration and poverty. She was the Chief Executive Officer of LGBTQIA+ charity Stonewall from 2020 to 2023.

47 Simon Blake OBE (he/him)

CEO, Stonewall
@simonablake

Simon has been CEO of Stonewall since September 2024, previously leading Mental Health First Aid England. Awarded an OBE in 2011 for voluntary-sector service, he's also Chair of the Support After Suicide Partnership and an Ambassador for the Dying Matters campaign. A lifelong LGBTQ+ advocate, he worked on repeals of Section 28 and age-of-consent equalisation.



48 Stephen Bailey (he/him)

Stand-up comedian and TV show host
@stephencomedy

An English stand-up comedian and television presenter, best known for

hosting Celebs on the Farm and Takeshi's Castle. As a proud gay man, he openly shares his experiences—including his relationship and real-life homophobia—advocating for normalised LGBTQIA+ representation in mainstream media

49 Charlie Craggs (she/her)

Trans activist and author
@Charlie_Craggs

Dubbed "the voice of a community" by Vogue, Charlie is best known for her award-winning campaign, Nail Transphobia, her LAMBDA-nominated book, To My Trans Sisters, and her BBC documentary Transitioning Teens. After a video of her experiencing hate crime on the tube went viral, Charlie set up free self-defence classes for trans people.

50 Marie-Helene Tyack (she/her)

Global Inclusion, Diversity & Belonging Manager, Allianz Commercial
#MarieHeleneTyack @Allianz

Diversity and Inclusion are at the heart of Marie-Helene's career. As an out gay woman, inclusion, visibility and acceptance have always been constant drivers for her. She has been intrinsic in increasing the awareness and importance of Inclusion, Diversity and Belonging topics across the company and wider insurance industry.



51 Jacqui Rhule-Dagher (she/her)

Associate, Hogan Lovells International LLP
@DagherRhule

Jacqui is dedicated to promoting

LGBTQIA+ Inclusion and raising awareness surrounding intersectionality. In 2023, Jacqui founded Legally Lesbians, an initiative that saw 25 lesbian lawyers write about their careers and the importance of lesbian visibility. In 2024, she was named Diversity Champion of the Year at the DIVA Awards.

52 Jill Scott MBE (she/her)

Former professional footballer
@jillscottjs8

Jill Scott MBE is a retired England Lioness and former Manchester City midfielder. A Euro 2022 champion, she's also recognized as the first openly LGBTQIA+ woman to win I'm a Celebrity... Get Me Out of Here! in 2022. She has become a respected TV pundit, and motivational speaker, and continues to inspire with her authenticity.



53 Val McDermid (she/her)

Author
@valmcdermid

Val created the first British lesbian detective in her debut, Report For Murder, in 1987.

Since then she's sold over 19 million books, many featuring LGBTQIA+ characters. Her bestselling books have been translated into more than 40 languages, and she's also a regular broadcaster on radio and TV.

54 Duncan James (he/him)

Singer and Actor
@mrduncanjames

A singer, TV presenter and actor, Duncan is best known as a member of boy band Blue, who shot to fame with hits including All Rise and One Love. Duncan first came out in 2009, and has since been a vocal supporter of LGBTQIA+ rights.



55 Nadia Whittome MP (she/her)

Labour MP
@nadiawhittomemp

Nadia is a British politician and the Labour MP for Nottingham East and has held the position since 2019. She is an advocate for migrants and refugees, people of colour, disabled people and the LGBTQIA+ community.

56 Oscar Davies (he/they)

Non-binary Barrister
@nonbinarybarrister

Oscar Davies is a British barrister and non-binary advocate who made history as the UK's first practising barrister to publicly identify as non-binary. Championing diversity in the legal profession, they work to break down barriers for LGBTQIA+ people and promote greater inclusion across traditionally conservative spaces.

57 Suzi Ruffell (she/her)

Comedian and writer
@suziruffell

Suzi is a critically acclaimed comedian, boasting five sell-out runs at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe and an award-nominated 2021 tour show, Dance Like Everyone's Watching. This June, she released her book Am I Having Fun Now?

58 Travis Alabanza (they/them)

Performance artist, writer, activist
@travisalabanza

Travis is an award-winning performance artist, writer, and theatre-maker whose work explores Black, queer, and trans identities. Known for their powerful voice and stage presence, Travis challenges societal norms, advocating for trans rights and queer liberation through art that is unapologetically political and deeply personal.



59 Sue Sanders (she/her)

CEO, School's OUT UK
@suesanders03

For over 50 years, British LGBTQIA+ rights activist Sue has challenged all forms of oppression. She is CEO of Schools

OUT UK, which aims is to visibilise LGBTQIA+ people in all their diversity. Sue also co-founded LGBT+ History Month and The Classroom, a website which provides resources on LGBTQIA+ issues for use across the curriculum.

60 Shon Faye (she/her)

Writer, podcaster, trans rights advocate
@shon.faye

Shon is a British writer, broadcaster, and former lawyer whose bestselling book The Transgender Issue reframed public discourse on trans rights. A proud trans woman, she uses her platform to amplify marginalised LGBTQIA+ voices and advocate for systemic change through activism, journalism, and compelling storytelling.

61 Moud Goba (she/her)

National Manager, Micro Rainbow
@MsMGoba

Moud is a LGBTQIA+ and human rights activist with over 15 years' experience working with grassroots community groups. She is currently Chair of the Board of Trustees at UK Black Pride. In 2023, she was honoured with BET International's Global Good Award for "fostering LGBTQ+ safe spaces and refugee integration in society."

62 Michael Gunning (he/him)

Former Professional Swimmer, Media Personality
@michaelgunning1

Michael is a Jamaican-British competitive swimmer known for participating in the 200-metre butterfly event. He came out as gay on the television show The Bi Life in December 2018 and is Jamaica's first openly gay athlete. He continually champions LGBTQIA+ rights and mental health in sports.

63 Megan Jayne Crabbe (she/her)

Writer, influencer and campaigner
[@meganjcrabbe](#)

Megan is a best-selling author, presenter and host with over a million followers across her social media. Her book, *Body Positive Power*, is a call to arms for anyone that has struggled with their image. She has worked with major broadcasters including the BBC, Universal Studios and Channel 4.

64 Peter Tatchell (he/him)

LGBTQIA campaigner and activist
[@PeterTatchell](#)

Peter has been campaigning for human rights for 57 years and been involved in over 3,000 protests and campaigns. He is best known for his work with LGBTQIA+ social movements. His Peter Tatchell Foundation works to promote the human rights of individuals, communities and nations, in the UK and internationally.

65 Marty Davis (they/she)

Writer, campaigner, cultural strategist and founder and CEO of Trans+ History Week
[@marjoda](#)

Marty Davies is a writer, campaigner and the founder of Trans+ History Week. Launched in May 2024, the week-long observance aims to celebrate the millennia-old history of transgender, non-binary, gender-diverse and intersex individuals. Working with QueerAF, this year's Trans+ History Week offered lessons from history to help fight current rollbacks on Trans+ rights.



66 Kit Morey (they/them)

Commissioning Editor (VP), Channel 5 & Paramount
[@kit_morey](#)

Kit has worked in Television since the late 90s and is

currently Commissioning Editor at Paramount. On screen, Kit strives to make each programme they commission have inclusive casting and storytelling, giving voices to those too often underrepresented. Off screen Kit is Executive Champion for Paramount's PROUD ERG, advocating for the LGBTQIA+ community.



67 Char Bailey (she/her)

Activist
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Char is an award-winning facilitator and a director at Birmingham Pride UK, autism advocate

within the LGBTQIA+ community and board member at Neurodiversity In Business. She is also involved with organising UK Black Pride as their education and inclusion officer.

68 Deon Pillay (he/him)

Head of Marketing Technology, Enablement, and Governance, Legal & General Investment Management
[@Deonpillayuk](#)

Deon is a culture carrier and diversity champion for Legal and General, working tirelessly to drive LGBTQIA+ inclusion both internally and in the wider industry. In May 2024, he was named on the INvolve - The Inclusion People Empower Top 100 Global Future Leaders for the sixth year running.

69 Natasha Devon MBE (she/her)

Writer, campaigner and broadcaster
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A writer, campaigner and broadcaster, Natasha conducts research on mental health, body image and social equality. She has a weekly phone-in show on LBC and is a patron for Pride at Global. Natasha has a column in *Teach Secondary* magazine, as well as writing regularly for other publications, including *The Guardian* and *Grazia Magazine*.



70 Jane Hill (she/her)

Journalist and broadcaster
[@JaneHillNews](#)

A BBC broadcaster and journalist, Jane currently fronts the BBC News At Six

And Ten and weekend bulletins. She was the UK's first openly gay newsreader on terrestrial TV and advocates about the importance of LGBTQIA+ representation on television and the greater representation of gay women.



71 Roxy Bourdillon (she/her)

Editor-in-Chief, DIVA Magazine
[@RoxyBourdillon](#)

Roxy's role at DIVA has enabled her to significantly

impact the realm of lesbian and queer media. An award-winning writer, she has been published in numerous iconic titles including *Curve*, *LOTL* and *L-Mag*. In April she released her debut book, *What a Girl Wants: A (True) Story of Sexuality and Self-discovery*.

72 Fox Fisher (they/them)

Filmmaker, trans rights campaigner
[@thefoxfisher](#)

Fox is a British artist, filmmaker, and non-binary activist. As a co-founder of *My Generation*, they have produced award-winning films spotlighting trans lives. Fox is a tireless campaigner for LGBTQIA+ rights, especially trans and non-binary visibility, blending creativity with advocacy to educate and inspire.

73 Ryan Butcher (he/him)

Journalist and LGBTQIA+ advocate.
[@ryanjohnbutcher](#)

Ryan is an award-winning British journalist and LGBTQIA+ advocate. Currently the News and Digital Editor at *The Big Issue*, he has previously held editorial roles at *PinkNews*, *Gay Times*, and *indy100*. Openly gay, Butcher uses his platform to champion queer visibility and social justice.

74 Daniel Lismore (he/him)

Fabric sculptor, designer and campaigner
[@daniellismore](#)

Daniel is an artist, model, and climate activist. A self-described "Living Sculpture", he creates elaborately designed, three-dimensional tableaux of figurative sculptures. In 2023 he exhibited "Studio Visit", a site-specific installation based on the studio environment that is instrumental to his practice, at *Giant Gallery Bournemouth*. In 2024 he appeared in Netflix's *Geek Girl*.

75 Cindy Ngamba (she/her)

First Ever Refugee Olympic Medallist, boxer
[@cindyngamba](#)

Cindy is a Cameroonian-born middleweight boxer representing the Refugee Olympic Team and is Britain's first three-weight national amateur champion. At Paris 2024, she secured bronze, the first Olympic medal ever for the Refugee Team. Out and proud, she advocates for queer refugees.

76 Yasmin Benoit (she/her)

Model, writer and asexual campaigner
[@theyasminbenoit](#)

Yasmin is a British model, asexual activist, writer, and speaker. Described as the "unlikely face of asexuality" by *Cosmopolitan Magazine*, she launched the UK's first asexual rights initiative with Stonewall, started the #ThisIsWhatAsexualLooksLike movement, and co-founded International Asexuality Day, which takes place on 6 April each year.

77 Jordan Gray (she/her)

Comedian and singer
[@talldarkfriend](#)

A comedian and singer, Jordan competed on the fifth season of *The Voice*, reaching the semi-finals. In 2022, she was nominated for an Edinburgh Comedy Award for her show, *Is It A Bird?* This month the six-part sitcom she wrote and stars in, *TRANSACTION*, was released on ITV.

78 Rebecca Paisis (she/her)

Director of Operations & Event Planning, Pride in London
[@rebecca_paisis](#)

A seasoned event organiser and LGBTQIA+ advocate with over twelve years of experience, Rebecca conceived and launched pioneering events like *Winter Pride*, *Out On The Dock*, and *Pink Oktoberfest*. She actively supports organisations including Stonewall, THT, Imann Muslim LGBT, and *Diversity Role Models*.



79 Hannah Bardell (she/her)

Former Scottish National Party MP
[@HannahB4LiviMP](#)

Hannah previously served the Livingston constituency from 2015 until 2024. An openly

proud lesbian, she has undertaken the roles of SNP Spokesperson for Consular Affairs and International Engagement, Founder and Chair of the APPG on Deaths Abroad, Consular Service and Assistance.

80 Valentino Vecchietti (she/her)

Intersex activist and writer
[@ValentinoInter](#)

Valentino is the creator of our current global Pride flag, the Intersex-Inclusive Pride flag, she works globally to create LGBTQIA+ inclusion, representation, and funding. Valentino is also the founder of *Intersex Equality Rights*, an intersex-led organization focused on research, campaigns, and advocacy.

81 Sophie Ward (she/her)

Actor and writer
[@sophieannaward](#)

Dr Sophie Ward is an actor and author of *A Marriage Proposal* (2014), *Love And Other Thought Experiments* (2020), which was longlisted for the Booker Prize, and *The Schoolhouse* (2022). In 2023, Sophie starred in *The Swell*, a play centring LGBTQIA+ love, at *The Orange Tree Theatre* in Richmond.



82 Pearl Mackie (she/her)

Actor
[@Pearlie_mack](#)

Pearl gained international recognition for her portrayal of Bill Potts, the first openly gay companion of the Doctor in BBC's *Doctor Who*. She captivated audiences with her performances and uses her platform to fight for LGBTQIA+ rights. In May 2024, she announced her marriage to Kam Chhokar.

83 Libby Baxter-Williams (she/her)

Director, Biscuit
[@we_are_biscuit](#)

Libby, a dedicated advocate for the bisexual community, serves as Director of Biscuit, an organisation focused on supporting bisexual+ people. With 15 years of experience she actively contributes to local and national pride events, conducts workshops, and writes about bi+ issues. In 2020, Libby initiated the #CelebrateBiWomen campaign.

84 James Barr (he/him)

Radio host, comedian, podcaster
[@injamesbarr](#)

Barr is a British radio host, comedian, and podcaster best known for *A Gay And A Nongay*. Openly gay, he uses humour and storytelling to challenge prejudice and build bridges across communities. Barr is a passionate LGBTQIA+ advocate, promoting inclusivity through his work and media presence.



85 Charlie Martin (she/her)

Racing car driver and trans rights activist
[@GoCharlieM](#)

Charlie is a transgender activist and British racing car driver competing in endurance racing. Overcoming huge adversity since transitioning mid-way through her career, she has worked with leading LGBTQIA+ charities Stonewall, Mermaids, Athlete Ally and Racing Pride to improve visibility, acceptance and inclusion in motorsport.



86 Matt Dowie (he/him)

Director of Inclusion, HSBC Innovation Banking UK
[#MattDowie](#)
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Matt is passionate about creating inclusive workplaces and is responsible for the design and delivery of a multi-year Diversity, Equity and Inclusion strategy at HSBC Innovation Banking. Matt is a huge advocate of a more evidence-based approach to DEI and won the Head of Diversity of the Year at the 2024 Rainbow Honours Awards.

87 Benjamin Butterworth (he/him)

Journalist and broadcaster
[@benjaminbutter](#)

Benjamin is a journalist and broadcaster who has become a leading voice on LGBTQIA+ equality. He has written for *The Guardian*, *Gay Times*, *PinkNews* and the *Washington Post*, and he regularly appears on *Sky News*. As a senior reporter for *The I Paper*, he spoke with every living Prime Minister on the 50th anniversary of Pride.

88 Nxdia (they/them)

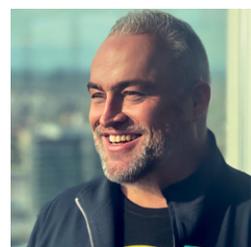
Singer-songwriter
@nxdiamusic

Nxdia is a Egyptian-Sudanese singer-songwriter blending pop, rock, and alternative sounds. As a non-binary artist, they openly embrace queer identity and expression in their music and visuals, becoming a bold voice for LGBTQIA+ representation and self-discovery in the emerging alternative music scene.

89 Mzz Kimberley (she/her)

Actor, cabaret performer and activist
@mzzkimberley

Mzz Kimberley is one of the UK's most fashionable artists, an outstanding actress and cabaret performer, a passionate activist for the LGBTQIA+ community, patron of cliniQ, the health service for the trans and non-binary communities, ambassador for ParaPride supporting the disabled community, and patron of AIDS Memorial UK.



90 Mark Armario (he/him)

Senior Learning Consultancy Manager BT, EE and Plusnet, BT Group
@MJPArmario
@bt_uk

Mark, as Chair of the BT Group Pride

Network, champions LGBTQIA+ inclusion through allyship, education, and policy change. He oversees Pride attendance in 16 locations and initiated a new 2025 Pride collaboration with Switchboard.

91 Chay Brown (he/him)

Director of Operations, TransActual
@TransActualUK

Chay co-founded TransActual, a game-changing organisation that provides a positive antidote to transphobia online. They educate people about trans people's lives and the issues the community faces, working to share reliable information about trans issues and amplify the rights of trans people.

92 Krishna Omkar (he/him)

Head of Delivery, LSEG Digital Markets Infrastructure
@krishnaomkar

Krishna is a globally recognised thought leader on Diversity. In 2024, Krishna was named by Financial News as one of the Rising Stars of European Finance, and by ATTITUDE magazine as one of 101 Trailblazers Changing the World. He also served as a judge for the Rainbow Honours.

93 Stephanie Fuller (she/her)

CEO, Switchboard
@switchboardLGBT

Stephanie joined Switchboard in early 2021 as General Manager, bringing with her more than 15 years experience of operating at senior level in a variety of non-profit organisations. Responsible for leading the effective day-to-day running of Switchboard, Stephanie is passionate about empowering and enabling their volunteers.

94 Annie Wallace (she/her)

Actor
@theanniewallace

Annie is best known for her role as Sally St. Claire in Channel 4's Hollyoaks, for which she is the one of the first transgender people to play a transgender character in British soap history. A staunch supporter of trans rights, she has previously appeared on Celebrity Mastermind, where Mermaids was her chosen charity.

95 Alex Feis-Bryce (he/him)

Chief Executive Officer, Diversity Role Models
@alex.feisbryce

Alex is a British third-sector leader, former CEO of National Ugly Mugs and SurvivorsUK, and current CEO of Diversity Role Models. He champions LGBTQIA+ rights, is published in national outlets, and was a 2022 PinkNews Local Leader finalist.

96 Ash Palmisciano (he/him)

Actor
@ash.p.x

Ash is a groundbreaking British actor best known for his role as Matty Barton in Emmerdale, the show's first trans character. As a transgender man, he champions authentic representation and LGBTQIA+ inclusion in the media, becoming a powerful role model for trans visibility in the UK.

97 Lewis Hancox (he/him)

Filmmaker, comedian, trans advocate
@lewishancoxfilms

Lewis is a British filmmaker, writer, and comedian known for his witty, honest depictions of trans life. As a trans man, Lewis creates content that educates and entertains, from viral sketches to documentaries, breaking down stereotypes and advocating for LGBTQIA+ acceptance with charm and humour.



98 Philip Baldwin (he/him)

LGBTQIA+/HIV activist and writer
@philipbaldwin

Philip is a British human rights activist, writer, and LGBTQIA+

campaigner. Educated at Oxford and Cambridge, he was diagnosed with HIV at 24 and now advocates for HIV awareness, LGBTQIA+ rights, homelessness, asylum seekers, and faith inclusion.

99 Jess Carter (she/her)

Professional footballer
@_jesslcarter

Jess Carter is a professional footballer on the England women's national team who was on the squad that won the UEFA Women's Euro 2022 and reached the 2023 FIFA Women's World Cup final. She is an openly LGBTQIA+ athlete and advocates for inclusion and representation in football using her platform to champion diversity.

100 Jack Rooke (he/him)

Writer, comedian, mental health advocate
@jackdaverooke

A British comedian, writer, and creator of the BAFTA-nominated series Big Boys. Openly gay, his work blends heartfelt storytelling and humour, exploring themes of masculinity, grief, and queer identity. Rooke is a vital voice for LGBTQIA+ youth and inclusive representation in television.

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THE PEOPLE MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN THE WORLD OF BUSINESS



Dr. Zaheer Ahmad MBE (he/him)

Head of Unifying Culture, BDO

Zaheer Ahmad is a leading DEI figure at BDO LLP, where he drives strategic inclusion for underrepresented groups, including LGBTQIA+ staff. He leads with intersectionality, embedding inclusive recruitment, culture, and leadership practices. Ahmad frequently speaks on LGBTQIA+ equity in business, advocating for measurable accountability across the corporate world.

Dr. Kamal Ahuja (he/him)

Scientific and Managing Director, JD Healthcare Group

Dr Kamal Ahuja has championed LGBTQIA+ inclusion in fertility services, ensuring same-sex couples and LGBTQIA+ individuals receive respectful, equitable care. Under his leadership, the London Women's Clinic has become a pioneer in inclusive reproductive healthcare, removing barriers and advocating for family-building rights for queer communities in clinical practice and policy.

Erica Bourne (she/her)

Chief People Officer, LSEG

As Chief People Officer at LSEG, Erica Bourne champions LGBTQIA+ inclusion through employee networks and inclusive policy development. She ensures the group fosters an equitable culture, advancing LGBTQIA+ representation in leadership and supporting Pride events globally. Her strategic HR leadership actively embeds diversity into business operations and hiring practices.



Christina Brooks (she/her)

Founder and CEO, Ruebik

Christina Brooks at Ruebik leads inclusive executive search practices, prioritising intersectional LGBTQIA+ representation at leadership levels. Her firm challenges bias in recruitment and supports clients to build truly diverse boards. Brooks is a vocal advocate for structural equity and ensures queer professionals access influential, decision-making roles in business.

Caroline Frankum (she/her)

Global Chief Executive Officer, Profiles Division, Kantar

Caroline promotes LGBTQIA+ inclusivity through data-driven insights and inclusive leadership at Kantar. She has helped shape internal DEI frameworks, champions LGBTQIA+ staff visibility, and ensures that market research accounts for diverse identities. Her commitment is both internal - creating safe workplaces - and external - ensuring authentic representation in consumer insights and advertising.



Alan Holmes (he/him)

Global Head of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, Clyde & Co

Alan has over 15 years of experience in diversity, equity, and inclusion across multiple sectors. As Global Head of DEI at Clyde & Co, he leads initiatives that promote inclusivity, advocating for marginalized communities and driving measurable change. His commitment to DEI is integral to shaping the firm's culture.

Wincie Knight (she/her)

Senior Vice President OGI International Markets, Paramount

As a DEI leader at Paramount, Wincie Knight has spearheaded industry-leading LGBTQIA+ inclusion programs across media and business. She drives representation in content and workplace culture, supports employee resource groups, and partners with global LGBTQIA+ organisations. Her leadership ensures authentic queer voices are heard in both storytelling and operations.



Pete Markey (he/him)

Chief Marketing Officer, Boots UK

Pete is the executive sponsor for the Boots (LGBTQIA) business resource group in the UK, as well as being an executive sponsor for the Marketing For Change initiative, which helps to foster Diversity and Inclusion across its marketing activity.

Rachael Somerset (she/her)

Partner, Level

Rachael, a partner at Level, is a dedicated ally to the LGBTQ+ community. She leverages her expertise in defamation and privacy law to support clients facing discrimination, particularly online. Through her work with The Press Justice Project, she advocates for equality and inclusivity, fostering a culture where everyone feels valued.

Jennifer Thomas (she/her)

Global Head of EDI, LSEG

Jennifer Thomas brings a strong DEI lens to LSEG, actively championing LGBTQIA+ inclusion through corporate strategy and communications. She supports visibility campaigns, employee storytelling, and inclusive leadership. Her work focuses on embedding intersectionality into corporate culture and ensuring LGBTQIA+ colleagues thrive across all levels of the organisation.



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