

Supporting Pride Month

Pride Month is observed annually in June to commemorate the anniversary of the June 1969 [Stonewall Riots](#), and is dedicated to celebrating LGBTQ+ lives, history and communities around the world.

The first Pride event was organised by [Brenda Howard](#), a bisexual activist, in New York City on the 28th of June 1970. Called the Christopher Street Liberation Day March (which is the name of the road the Stonewall Inn is on), the event had both an element of celebration and protest. Pride parades were soon established all over the world, and this year, the [Pride in London](#) parade will celebrate 50 years since its first march took place in 1972.

In order to celebrate Pride fully, it is important to learn about and remember those who fought for the right to celebrate. The history of the Pride movement also reminds us about how, in the past, and unfortunately sometimes still today, LGBTQ+ people are not able to express themselves safely. Thus, the joy found at Pride events across the globe is in itself 'an act of resistance' and can give power and strength to those campaigning to bring about positive change for the LGBTQ+ community.

How you can support Pride Month

1. Join Freehold for their 2022 Pride Events

Freehold is a leading networking forum for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender Real Estate Professionals. Freehold will be marching in Pride in London on 02 July 2022 and this year, Gerald Eve will be hosting the RE Professionals Pride breakfast. Freehold will also be represented in the Manchester, Norwich, Bristol and Dublin regional Prides. If you are interested in attending or would like to find out more about Freehold, please contact either Kirsty Wilkojc, or [Kelly Canterford](#) (Co-Chair).

2. Tune into the RICS Pride Conference 2022: Advancing inclusion for LGBTQ+ Professionals

On 08 June, the RICS are held a conference with RICS members, staff and partners in the built environment to discuss the role each and every person plays in advancing inclusion for LGBTQ+ professionals. Don't worry if you missed the event, you can watch it back [here](#).

3. Join the LSH Together Committee

If you are passionate about LGBTQ+ rights and would like to help make our business and industry more inclusive, why not join our Diversity and Inclusion Committee. Contact [Kirsty Wilkojc](#).

Happy Pride to all of our colleagues who are celebrating this month.