

Pride in Southwark Stands Firmly with Trans & non-binary Siblings and Rejects Hate in All Forms

Pride in Southwark has released a statement affirming its unwavering support for trans rights and its stance against transphobia, hate, and political opportunism that targets the LGBTQIA+ community.

In the lead-up to Pride in Southwark 2025, organisers have made clear that no political groups will be permitted to march under their party political banners. While individuals from all backgrounds are welcome, participation is conditional on signing a clear **trans-affirming commitment** on the day — rejecting any political agenda that seeks to dehumanise or strip away rights from trans and queer people.

This commitment goes beyond passivity. It means **actively being a voice for full trans equality and inclusion** within the organisations and movements participants are part of; it means listening to trans voices, and it means **calling out exclusionary rhetoric and actions wherever they appear — including within political, media and social institutions.**

“Pride in Southwark stands **firmly and unapologetically** with our **trans and non-binary siblings**” the organising team said in a statement. “We are proud to be part of a community that uplifts, protects, and celebrates **people in all their power and brilliance, as part of the LGBTQIA+ family.**”

The Pride in Southwark team underlines its refusal to allow any corporate sponsorship or branding at the event. “We are **entirely corporate-free** — no big business sponsors, no rainbow-washing. Pride in Southwark is **by the community, for the community.** Our voices, our power, our protest.”

March and Celebration – 28 June 2025

This year’s Pride in Southwark will take place on **Saturday, 28 June 2025**, with a community-led **march** culminating in **Mint Street Park, London SE1.**

From **1pm to 6pm**, the Pride in Southwark stage will showcase a bold and joyful programme of **drag, spoken word, live music, dance, and drama**, highlighting the creativity and diversity of the local LGBTQIA+ community. Everyone will be welcome to join the march, to highlight the strength of feeling in the largest LGBTQIA+ borough in the country. People are demanding better, Pride in Southwark are asking the public to make that voice loud and clear on 28 June.

The celebration will continue with an **official afterparty** at **The Rising SE1** from **6pm to 2am**, keeping the energy alive well into the night.

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Notes to Editors:

- **Pride in Southwark 2025** is a grassroots, community-led celebration of LGBTQIA+ people in South London, with a focus on protest, inclusion and joy.
- The march will begin at a location to be announced shortly and end at **Mint Street Park, SE1.**
- **This is a non-commercial event:** Pride in Southwark accepts no big business sponsorships and is not affiliated with any political parties or bodies.
- All participants, including individuals affiliated with political parties, must sign a **trans-affirming pledge** on the day to take part.
- The pledge includes an **active commitment** to trans inclusion, solidarity and accountability within their spheres of influence.

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