



Capital Pride London Manifesto: The Unfinished Fight

Every rainbow crossing, every Pride flag, every safe space in London tells the same story - we belong here. Our community has deep roots in this city, and we're still growing.

Our fight started here, in London's streets, with London voices. The Gay Liberation Front challenging not just laws but the entire system that oppressed us. Black lesbian activists fighting racism right here in our own community. Trans people breaking barriers decades before the world was ready to listen. These were London's revolutionaries, and their fire still burns.

We fought in courts that called our love illegal. We fought against Section 28, which tried to erase us from classrooms and pretend we didn't exist. We fought for the right to serve our country openly, to marry the people we love, to adopt children, to simply walk down the street without fear.

And we won battles. Real battles. But winning some fights doesn't mean the struggle is over.

Right now, trans people are being attacked in our media, in our politics, in our streets. Hate crimes are rising. Young LGBTQIA+ people are still being thrown out of

their homes. And when we look at who's making decisions about our community, who's leading our organisations, who's got the microphone at our events - we're still not seeing the full picture of who we actually are.

London is Black and brown and white. London speaks a hundred languages. London is working class and wealthy. London is disabled and non-disabled. London is all genders and none. But look at who's sitting at the leadership tables of our biggest Pride organisations. Look at whose stories get told and whose get pushed to the side.

That's why Capital Pride London exists.

We're not here because we wanted another party. We're here because we wanted a Pride that actually reflects this city. Where Black voices aren't tokens but leaders. Where working-class people aren't priced out of their own celebration. Where disabled people don't have to fight for basic access. Where trans people don't have to justify their existence.

When racism shows up in our spaces, we name it. When classism makes our events exclusive, we change it. When ableism makes people invisible, we do better. This isn't about being politically correct - this is about being honest about who we are and what we need.

Our fights are connected. The person who hates you for being gay probably isn't your best friend when it comes to race. The system that tries to control women's bodies is the same one policing trans people's identities. The violence that targets our community doesn't stop to check if you're the "respectable" kind of queer.

We know this because we live it. Every day, in this city, people are holding multiple identities that the world wants to pick apart. A Black gay man faces different challenges than a white lesbian. A disabled trans person moves through the world differently than an able-bodied straight ally. We honour those differences instead of pretending they don't exist.

Capital Pride London is a platform for real change. We're not just organising an event - we're building a movement. We're creating space for the conversations that make people uncomfortable. We're amplifying voices that have been whispered for too long. We're turning up the volume on justice, not just celebration.

This is what we need from you: Your time. Your voice. Your support.

Volunteer with us. Come to our socials. Help us build something that's never existed before - a Pride that's actually run by and for all of London's LGBTQIA+ community.

Donate to us. We're building this from the ground up, working with partners who share our values and genuinely want to create change with us. Every pound you give goes towards making this vision real.

Join this movement. Because this isn't just about one day of the year. This is about changing how we show up for each other, every day.

The fight isn't finished. It won't be finished until every single person in this community can walk through London and know they belong here. Know they're safe here. Know they're valued here.

That's the London we're building. That's the Pride we're creating. That's the future we're fighting for.

Capital Pride London - Where every story is celebrated
