

Pride Edinburgh ban politicians from this year's event

Pride Edinburgh is due to hold their 2025 march on 21 June through the city centre, but they have just announced that all politicians will be banned.

it is customary for politicians of all parties to make impassioned speeches from the top of the Pride bus outside The Scottish Parliament before the march then proceeds up the Royal Mile and eventually to The Meadows.

This year however the organisation says that it cannot have any politicians in the wake of the Supreme Court ruling on the Equality Act 2010.

In a statement which you can read below the organisation says: "The organising team is alarmed by the ongoing rollback of protections and support for the transgender community driven by those in power across both the Scottish and UK governments and political parties."

The statement continues: "It is clear those in power and the combined voices of political parties across the UK by their silence and inaction, are not hearing the voices of our community and it would be wrong for Pride Edinburgh 2025 to give political parties a platform at our event."

Liberal Democrat equalities spokesperson and Edinburgh West MP

Christine Jardine said: “I completely understand the frustration felt by so many people in the LGBTQ+ community; they have been let down by too many politicians who are now notable in their silence.

“However, Liberal Democrats have always and will always champion the rights of the LGBTQ+ community.

“That’s why I have submitted a parliamentary motion calling on members to reaffirm their commitment to protecting and advancing the rights of trans and non-binary people across the UK.

“I am also very proud of my colleague Jamie Greene, who has said to the Scottish Government that he will take forward a ban on conversion therapy practices if ministers will not.

“I shall also be contacting organisers and other representatives of the LGBTQ+ community to make our case about why not all political parties should be tarred with the same brush.”

<https://edm.parliament.uk/early-day-motion/63647/political-parties-at-pride>

PRIDE EDINBURGH PRESS STATEMENT

POLITICAL PARTIES AND PRIDE EDINBURGH 2025

AS WE MAKE THE FINAL PREPARATIONS FOR PRIDE EDINBURGH 2025: WE ARE VISIBLE, MARKING OUR 28TH EVENT IN OUR 30TH YEAR, WE DO SO WITH A DEEP SENSE OF URGENCY AND CONCERN.

THE ORGANISING TEAM IS ALARMED BY THE ONGOING ROLLBACK OF PROTECTIONS AND SUPPORT FOR THE TRANSGENDER COMMUNITY, DRIVEN BY THOSE IN POWER ACROSS BOTH THE SCOTTISH AND UK GOVERNMENTS AND POLITICAL PARTIES.

AT ITS CORE, PRIDE EXISTS TO AMPLIFY COMMUNITY VOICES, EMPOWER INDIVIDUALS, AND HOLD INSTITUTIONS ACCOUNTABLE. ANY MOVE TO SILENCE OR EXCLUDE UNDERMINES THESE VERY PRINCIPLES. WE SHARE THE COMMUNITY'S ANGER, GRIEF, AND FRUSTRATION.

FOLLOWING THE RECENT SUPREME COURT RULING AND THE CONTINUED LACK OF MEANINGFUL POLITICAL ACTION. WE STAND IN UNWAVERING SOLIDARITY WITH OUR TRANS SIBLINGS. THEY DESERVE BETTER.



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IT IS CLEAR THOSE IN POWER AND THE COMBINED VOICES OF POLITICAL PARTIES ACROSS THE UK, BY THEIR SILENCE AND INACTION, ARE NOT HEARING THE VOICES OF OUR COMMUNITY, AND IT WOULD BE WRONG FOR PRIDE EDINBURGH 2025 TO GIVE POLITICAL PARTIES A PLATFORM AT OUR EVENT.

THEREFORE, THE FIRST TIME IN OUR HISTORY, PRIDE EDINBURGH IS SUSPENDING THE PARTICIPATION OF ALL POLITICAL PARTIES FROM OUR 2025 EVENT, AND THIS MEANS:

- **THERE WILL BE NO TRADITIONAL PRE-MARCH SPEECHES BY POLITICAL PARTIES REPRESENTATIVES AT PRIDE EDINBURGH 2025.**
- **POLITICAL PARTIES WILL NOT BE ELIGIBLE FOR STALLS AT THE COMMUNITY FAIR.**
- **POLITICAL PARTIES WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO MARCH IN THE PRIDE MARCH.**



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**PRIDE EDINBURGH 2025: WE ARE VISIBLE WILL BE A
POWERFUL REMINDER THAT OUR FIGHT FOR EQUALITY
IS FAR FROM OVER.**

**OUR COMMUNITY STANDS UNITED—AND WE WILL
CONTINUE TO HOLD THOSE IN POWER TO ACCOUNT
UNTIL THEY DO BETTER.**

PRIDE EDINBURGH TEAM.



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