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PRESS FACT SHEET – LGBTQ1+

What's On and Where to Go

Bristol is a renowned for its tolerant, anything-goes nature and its lively Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender scene is represented by dedicated bars, clubs and events.

Highlights

Bristol Pride Week

Bristol Pride is a week-long series of events dedicated to the city's lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT+) community - a chance to unite their friends and family and spread the message of love and equality for all. The week's finale is a Pride Parade through the city as part of a colourful outdoor music and arts celebration in Castle Park. Entertainment includes a funfair, market stalls, bars and a Community Area hosting over 60 organisations. www.bristolpride.co.uk.

Old Market Assembly

A combo of alternative theatre, bistro-bar and live music venue, [Old Market Assembly](#) was the first bar in Bristol to sign up to the Bristol Zero Tolerance pledge which ensures they are a place for everyone and a place where everyone feels safe to enjoy themselves. And they run a programme of LGBTQ-friendly events that reflects this: including a quarterly **Don't Tell Your Mother** party night for the LGBTQ+ community.

Cycle Out Bristol

Regular bike rides every Wednesday evening and on weekends for the LGBTQ community. See <https://www.goc.org.uk/groups/cycling/bristol>

CLUBS AND BARS

The Gin Palace (1-3 West Street)

In the [Old Market Quarter](#), this stalwart venue is the former Palace Hotel; now one of Bristol's most popular gay bars hosting regular cabaret and drag shows in the opulent surroundings of a Grade II listed building.

Bristol Bear Bar (2-4 West Street)

The first and only purpose-built bear bar in the UK. Also runs the Bristol Bear Fiesta on the first weekend of June and Southern HiBearnation – a weekend of music and fun for bears and their admirers. www.bristolbears.co.uk.

Queenshilling (9 Frogmore St).

Stalwart of the Bristol gay scene and one of the city's friendliest night clubs, the camp and colourful Queenshilling hosts regular karaoke and quiz nights, monthly Pride fundraisers and club-night ESDR bringing the stars of Ru Paul's Drag Race to Bristol. www.queenshilling.com

OMG (3 Frog Lane)

One of 4 city, OMG's nationwide, this is the south west's biggest gay venue with regular cabaret shows and specials (low-price drinks on What the Fridays or discounted entry for Saturday's Big Weekender nights. See <http://bristol.omgclubs.com>.

The Phoenix (Champion Square)

A hidden oasis tucked away by Cabot Circus, boasting classy décor and a large beer garden. Home to DTYM's quarterly LGBT+ social club night, they run a happy hour from 5-7 with fantastic food served daily

DISTRICTS

Frogmore Street and the 'West End' - Bristol Gay Central

Frogmore Street, just off Park Street, is buzzing with activity most nights of the week. Lively bars and nightclubs attract a mixed crowd looking for a great night out. Head to the Queen Shilling, Bristol's longest established gay venue or to OMG.

Old Market - Bristol's Gay Village

Pubs and bars in the Old Market area include The Old Market Tavern, The Phoenix, The Gin Palace, Bristol Bear Bar. The Old Market Assembly hosts quarterly LGBT+ night DTYM as well as regular LGBT+ theatre nights.

For more information, visit <https://visitbristol.co.uk/things-to-do/nightlife/lgbt-nightlife>