

# WARRINGTON



FESTIVAL PROGRAMME 2025



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# WARRINGTON PRIDE 2025

## FULL PROGRAMME

Warrington Pride returns on Saturday, June 14th 2025, with a packed programme of events, activities and performances across the town centre throughout the month. From creative workshops and community talks to disco dance parties and drag performances, there's plenty happening for all ages to enjoy.

### SATURDAY, JUNE 14TH 2025 - PRIDE DAY EVENTS

#### PARADE AND PRE-PARADE ACTIVITIES

Kick off your Pride Day with arts and crafts at the University of Chester's town centre campus. Warrington Youth Zone will be running a colourful activity session from 10.15am to 11.45am. Families and young people are welcome to create flags, banners, and badges to carry in the parade - no booking is needed.

The Tender Heart Conversation Space will also open in the University from 10am before the start of the parade (Ted Talk space, downstairs). This session is being facilitated by Story Stitchers & Culture Warrington.

#### QUEER COFFEE CHANGING SPACE:

Open 9.30am-5pm, with private changing facilities, lockers and a small wardrobe of donated clothing (seminar room 2, upstairs). Venue: University of Chester Campus. 18+ only.

#### QUEER COFFEE ZINE MAKING:

10am-5pm, create your own zine from scratch using writing, collage and crafts (lecture room B, upstairs). Venue: University of Chester Campus. 18+ only.

From 10:45am, head to Time Square, where a series of short speeches will take place before kicking off Pride in style this year with **Big Fatt Dance Party**; expect powerhouse live vocals and some interactive dance routines to get audiences dancing and singing their hearts out before the Pride march. The parade will set off at 12pm, and make its joyful, inclusive journey through the streets of Warrington before finishing at Golden Square. Expect rainbow flags, music, community groups.

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# GOLDEN SQUARE PRIDE CARNIVAL

#### 10AM-7PM

Golden Square will be at the heart of the action all day, hosting a Pride Carnival with live performances, funfair-style activities, family-friendly workshops and information stalls from a wide range of community partners.

#### ON STAGE:

##### 12.30PM TO 1.00PM

Culture Warrington's **Big Fatt Dance Party** with **Fatt Butcher**, **Blu Romantic** and **Alanna Boden**.

##### 1.30PM TO 2.15PM

**Warrington Youth Zone Showcase** featuring singers, dancers, rappers, choirs, arts & crafts and circus skills! Our very own young people will take over Golden Square with a brilliant variety of entertainment for all to enjoy!

##### 2.15PM ONWARDS

Get ready for an unforgettable afternoon on the Golden Square Stage as **TAGS Youth Services** proudly presents **A Place Where We Belong** - a powerful showcase of dance, acting, and singing performances by their talented service users, celebrating what it means to be from Warrington.

##### 4PM - 6PM

Don't miss the return of the ever-popular Silent Disco.

##### 11 AM-9PM: NANDO'S

Pop-up stall offering drinks and samples outside the restaurant.



### INSIDE THE CENTRE:

Look out for circus performers, face painters and craft stalls. Community traders include **Grace Makes**, **Phantom Cat Creations**, **Project Divine**, **Cheshire Cheese** and **HM Pasties**.

#### INFORMATION AND SUPPORT HUB (MALL):

- **TAGS** - LGBTQ+ youth support
- **Axess Sexual Health** - freebies and advice
- **Torus Foundation** - balloon giveaways and diversity tree
- **Foster4** - family activities
- **NHS (Esstta)** - Spin the Wheel
- **Papyrus** - mental health awareness
- **Warrington Mental Health Services** - information and giveaways
- **NHS Talking Therapies** - quiz and lucky dip
- **Trans Without Abuse** - support and signposting

#### DISCOBOWL (9AM-11PM)

Early bird prices, face painting (12-4pm), a DJ from 7pm and food and drink served all day.

#### Shops joining in the fun:

- **Beaverbrooks** - Pride-themed cakes
- **Rio** - cocktail specials
- **Lovisa** - Piercing Party
- **Lush** - hands-on workshop (details TBC)
- **Lingerie Room** - 50% off plus a free gift for the first 10 customers

# TIME SQUARE MAIN STAGE



12.30PM - 8PM

Hosted by the unstoppable **Kiki Inferno**, the Time Square stage will deliver high-energy performances, party games, and live music all day long. Here's what to expect:

12.30pm	<b>The Stray Horns</b> get the party started with a roaming brass band set
1.15pm	Official welcome from <b>Kiki Inferno</b>
1.30pm	<b>Ultimate Party Bingo</b> : camp competitions, big prizes and dancefloor anthems
2.15pm	<b>PopVox Choir</b> brings uplifting, feel-good tunes
2.45pm	<b>The Stray Horns</b> return with more brassy brilliance
3.30pm	Round two of <b>Ultimate Party Bingo</b>
4.15pm	<b>Jack Buckley</b> performs original songs and covers
5.00pm	<b>Kiki Inferno</b> returns with a special performance joined by students from Royal Vale College
6.00pm	Roaming performers bring magic and circus skills to the Square
6.30pm	<b>Sweet Like Sabrina</b> , a pop tribute to Sabrina Carpenter
7.15pm	<b>Kiki</b> closes the day with a disco set to take us through to 8pm

From 11 am to 12pm, the Time Square stage will also host an early edition of Culture Warrington's **Big Fatt Dance Party**, warming things up with music and movement ahead of the parade.



# UNIVERSITY OF CHESTER (TIME SQUARE CAMPUS)



9.30AM-5PM

A hub of creativity and conversation

- 1.30pm - **Inclusive Smear Testing** (Debz Butler, lecture room A, upstairs)
- 2.30pm - **Breaking Down Societal Barriers** (Stephanie Taylor, lecture room A, upstairs) - free, ages 11+, book via Eventbrite



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ALSO ON CAMPUS:

- **Queer Coffee Changing Space** 9.30am-5pm (seminar room 2, upstairs) - 18+ only
- **Queer Coffee Zine Making** 10am-5pm (lecture room B, upstairs) - 18+ only
- **The Tender Heart Conversation Space** 10am-3.30pm (Ted Talk space, downstairs)
- **Warrington Youth Zone arts activity** 10.15am-11.45am (Forum Centre Space) - facilitated by Story Stitchers & Culture Warrington



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## ELSEWHERE IN THE TOWN

- **Warrington Youth Zone** (12pm-4pm) - Rainbow Family Day for ages 7-12 and families. Free with membership
- **Warrington Central Library** (11am-2pm) - **Pride in Your Library** with badge-making, marshmallow decorating, mindful colouring and 3D-printed rainbow crafts. Open to all ages

### EVENING EVENTS

- 5pm-9pm - **Youth Pride After Party** at Warrington Youth Zone (ages 12-19, 50p entry)
- 8pm - **Get Your Geek On at Geek Retreat** - LGBTQ+ comedy and music night (18+, in aid of Sophie Lancaster Foundation)
- 9pm-late - **Official After Party** at Parr Hall hosted by **Fatt Butcher** with cabaret, drag, burlesque and DJs (doors open 8.30pm)

### PRIDE MONTH EVENTS

- Wednesday 12th June - **Pride Scratch Night**, Parr Hall, 7pm
- Friday 13th June - **Making it Madonna** at Warrington Market Cookhouse:
- 6pm - **Charlie Cooper Live**
- 8.15pm-9.15pm - **Madonna tribute**
- Thursday 27th and Friday 28th June - **The House, The Boys** and **The Trial** at Parr Hall, 7.30pm (Tickets £9.50, ages 16+)



## GETTING HERE



The best way to join us at Warrington Pride is by using the many public transport options available across the borough of Warrington.

### BUS

Warrington bus interchange is located on Winwick Street (WA1 1TS). Please check [www.warringtonsownbuses.co.uk/services](http://www.warringtonsownbuses.co.uk/services) for the latest timetable and information.

### TRAIN

Warrington Pride is accessible by two train stations. **Warrington Central** station sits on the Northern line, operating on the Liverpool to Manchester Line. **Warrington Bank Quay** station, operates on the West Coast Main Line with express services to London Euston, Birmingham New Street and Scotland.

### CAR

Nearest car parking facilities are:  
**Time Square Multistorey Car Park** (WA1 2HN)  
[www.warrington.gov.uk/carparks](http://www.warrington.gov.uk/carparks)  
**Golden Square Multistorey Car Park**  
[www.gswarrington.com/your-visit/#parking](http://www.gswarrington.com/your-visit/#parking)

### GREENER TRAVEL

There are lots of green ways to travel into Warrington town centre including cycling and walking. For further information visit:  
[www.warrington.gov.uk/cycling](http://www.warrington.gov.uk/cycling)







Warrington Pride 2025 is brought to you in partnership with organisations across the town, including Golden Square, Time Square, Culture Warrington, the University of Chester, Warrington Youth Zone, TAGS, Dave Gillespie (photography), Warrington Borough Council and many others.

Scan the QR code and head to the We Are Warrington events page for all updates and booking links. Programme subject to change.

