



The Pride Flag was created by artist Gilbert Baker. It was created as a positive symbol of

solidarity for LGBT+ people. The colours on the flag represent the diversity that exists within the LGBT+ community.



The Stonewall Monument was created around the area of the Stonewall Inn in New York, the place where the Stonewall Riots had broken out many years before. This is the first national monument in

the USA dedicated to LGBT+ rights and history, recognising the pivotal importance of this event. Obama said "I believe our national parks should reflect the full story of our country – the richness and diversity and uniquely American spirit that has always defined us, that we are stronger together."



Black Lives Matter campaigns against violence and systemic racism towards Black people, by regularly holding protests and speaking out against police killings of

Black people, and broader racial inequality issues. This movement is committed to the inclusion of women, LGBT+ people, people with disabilities, and other Black minority groups.



Mermaids is a charity that was set up to support the parents, carers and families of trans children and young people. The organisation runs

a help line, support groups, and organises events including proms and camping trips. The organisation also provides peer support for people who might be experiencing transphobia.



ACT UP was formed in response to the perceived social neglect, government negligence and the complacency of the medical establishment towards the AIDS crisis in the 1980s.

ACT UP campaigns for research into new medicines and treatments for HIV/AIDS, equitable access to prevention and care for people with HIV/AIDS, as well as tackling the structural drivers of the HIV/AIDS epidemic, such as stigma, discrimination and poverty.



Lesbians and Gays Support the Miners (LGSM) was a group of people that formed to show their support to the striking British miners. The miners were on strike, due to widespread pit closures.

LGSM raised money to support them. In turn, miners' groups supported LGBT+ people including leading London Pride in 1985. There is a 2014 film called Pride which is based on this true story.



Never Going Underground

was a movement protesting against the Section 28 law which made it illegal to talk about LGBT+ topics in schools in

the UK. This law was abolished in Scotland in 2000, and in England and Wales in 2003, after which time LGBT History Month was set up, so that LGBT+ lives could be explored and celebrated in schools.



The Stonewall Riots happened when police raided the Stonewall Inn in New York, a known hang-out for LGBT+ people. People were getting arrested because at the time,

being gay was illegal, as was wearing clothes that the police deemed inappropriate for your gender. This kind of thing had happened before, but on this occasion the LGBT+ community fought back. This is a key event in the LGBT+ equality movement, inspiring what we now see as "Pride" events.



UK Black Pride is a celebration and a protest. It is an event that was set up in recognition that BAME people (Black, Asian and other Minoritised

Ethnicities) are often missing from conversations around LGBT+ people.

