


## PRESS RELEASE Monday the 9<sup>th</sup> of June 2025

### **LGBTQ+ Women's Group Newry Secures National Lottery Funding to Deliver Newry Pride 2025**

LGBTQ+ Women's Group Newry is thrilled to announce it has been awarded funding from The National Lottery's *Awards for All* programme to host **Newry Pride 2025** for the second consecutive year.

This year's Pride celebrations will take place on **Saturday, 30th August**, with a vibrant **Pride Parade** departing at **1:00 PM**, followed by an **open-air concert in Marcus Square**. The full entertainment lineup will be announced soon, promising a day of celebration, visibility, and community pride.


We will also see the return of events from last year such as the **Pride 5k** and **Cliterature**, as well as a blast from the past with **Newry Pride's Pride Talks Back panel making a return after 6 years**. The Bank will be hosting a fundraiser on the 7<sup>th</sup> of August – more details will be announced shortly.

 **Parade registrations are now open!** Community groups, organisations and businesses are invited to take part.

Register here: <https://forms.gle/h3xW2ajwsLLqhhjW9>


The Pride season kicks off with a **Pre-Pride Fundraiser and the launch of a new regular queer night in Newry called Velvet**. The launch event will be held on **Saturday the 14th of June at Bellini's**, featuring:

- **Show Some Love** – returning as MCs and DJs after their standout performance at last year's Pride
- A fierce **drag performance by Balencia Bliss**
- Captivating **burlesque acts by Poison Holly and Caitlín Eve**

 **Tickets are available now** via Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/gay-night-newry-tickets-1357337696589?msocid=00e47609d3fa60ab07d9626ad2ca6183>

*"We are delighted to announce that Newry Pride 2025 has secured enough funding to proceed with this year's festival. It was touch and go but National Lottery Community Fund have once again pulled through for Newry, so massive thanks as we couldn't do this without them!*

*We are looking forward to again delivering this key event for the city's LGBTQ+ calendar with another show-stopping day of celebration and fun."*

 **LGBTQ+ Women's Group Newry have also just launched their new website:**  
<https://newrysapphicsociety.squarespace.com>

The site includes details on how to **get involved** with LGBTQ+ Women's Group Newry, who host **weekly board game nights, workshops, and other community events**. Visitors can also **sign up to the Newry Pride mailing list** to stay informed about all upcoming events and announcements.

### **Want to support Newry Pride 2025?**

As we prepare for another impactful year, we want to take a moment to sincerely thank the incredible sponsors and supporters who stood with us in 2024. Your generosity made a real difference, and we are proud to have partnered with:

**The National Lottery Community Fund, Lush Newry, ASEE, Newry Credit Union, First Derivatives, NIPSA, Unite the Union, Sainsburys, The Quays, the Buttercrane, the Canal Court, Centered Soul, Finnegan & Son, Magees on the Quay, Bellinis, Newry BID, Surefreight, Smart Storage, and Violet Psychology.**

Your support helped us deliver meaningful programmes, connect with our community, and create lasting impact.

As we look ahead, we warmly invite you—and new potential partners—to join us once again. With your continued support, we can build on last year's success and make 2025 even more transformative. Let's keep the momentum going, together.

Contributions from individuals and organisations are welcome to help make the day even more spectacular.

**Donate via Crowdfunder:** <https://gofund.me/9abc5411>

If you would like to contribute via bank transfer, please contact us and we will share details. They can also be found on the Pride registration form.

We will again have the opportunity for Businesses and Organisations to get an advertisement in the Official Newry Pride Guide 2025, please contact us if you are interested.

 **Find all our links in one place:** <https://linktr.ee/newrylgbtwomen>

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**Photo caption:** *Outgoing Council Chairperson Pete Byrne celebrates the good news and thanks the National Lottery Community Fund with members of the LGBTQ+ Women's Group Newry (Photo by Liz Boyle)*