

plymouth prideevent 2008

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Plymouth flies the flag for Pride 08 event

A Rainbow Flag will fly over Plymouth Guildhall for the first time next month in recognition of the city hosting the South West's largest Pride event.

The city council has given consent for the flag to be flown in its 30th anniversary year as part of the day long plymouth prideevent 2008 on Saturday, June 7.

It will be the second year of the Pride event, which is organised by a committee of volunteers from Plymouth's lesbian, gay, bisexual, and trans (LGBT) communities and members of support organisations.

The free entry event features:

- An LGBT communities' history exhibition, including Holocaust Memorial Day and a play based on the memories of older lesbians and gay men
- Information about famous lesbian, gay, bisexual, or trans people in history
- A public question forum with police, health, and city council representatives
- An international speaker relating the experiences of being a gay Muslim in Iraq
- Women's and men's sexual health workshops
- Legal workshops, including civil partnerships and inheritance law

There will also be a host of fun activities for LGBT communities' families and friends, including belly dancers, rodeo bull, sumo suits, a bungee run, line dancing with Rocky, and street and circus skills entertainers.

An impressive line up of entertainers has been booked, including boy band Billiam, who are the official support act for Girls Aloud Tangled Up tour 2008.

There will also be performances by Madonna tribute singer Sarah Devonshire, top cabaret act Lizzy Drip, and samba band Crooked Tempo.

Local commercial radio station Plymouth Sound will be broadcasting live coverage of the event throughout the day, which runs from 10.45 am to 4 pm.

Plymouth Teaching Primary Care Trust, which is one of the main sponsors of this year's event, is running an interactive 'health village' offering:

- Free health checks
- Healthy food & lifestyles advice

- Advice about how to stop smoking
- Drugs and Alcohol awareness
- Mental health & well being
- Sexual Health
- Cancer awareness – recognising the signs and symptoms
- Health competition/Prize Draw
- Free smoothies

Afterwards, there is a Pride Party in The Swallow public house, which then continues into the night in Zeros nightclub.

Plymouth prideevent 2008 is a registered charity raising funds in support of the city's LGBT organisations and working in partnership with Plymouth City Council, Devon and Cornwall Constabulary, Plymouth Primary Care Trust, Out Youth Group, Plymouth Pride Forum, Plymouth Sound Radio, The Swallow public house, Zeros Nightclub, Eddystone Trust, Intercom Trust, Fyne Times, In Other Words Books, She Bang, University of Plymouth, and the TUC South West.

More information about the 2008 Pride event is available by visiting the website www.plymouthprideevent.co.uk or emailing info@plymouthprideevent.co.uk or telephoning 07753 339965.

- Our photos show members of Plymouth's LGBT communities taking party in the city's Lord Mayor's Day Parade earlier this month.

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Notes for Editor:

- The phrase 'trans' should be used as it is a particular term covering transsexual, transgender, transvestite
- Photos are available on request
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