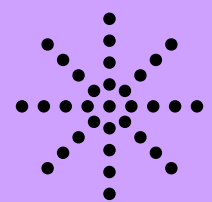


YOUTH PRIDE



IMPACT REPORT



CREATING SPACE FOR EVERYONE

Young LGBTQ+ people deserve to see themselves reflected, celebrated, and supported. Creating visible, joyful spaces to show every young person that they belong exactly as they are.

PRIDE IN NUMBERS

20

YEARS

2

LIBRARY
TAKEOVERS

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QUEER JOY

600

YOUNG
PEOPLE

2

PODCASTS

18

VENDORS



"Pride is about representation and protecting intersectional LGBTQ+ rights, but it also deserves to be a space where young queer people can set all that aside for a few hours and just have fun."

- Tasha Stroud, Youth Pride Organiser, UYA

HACKATHON



Ace led an inspiring hackathon for LGBTQ+ young people, creating a space to gather valuable feedback on the LGBTQ+ Quality Mark award he is developing alongside Mephisto. Funded through Blackpool Council's BeYou initiative, the award aims to assess and recognise schools, youth organisations, and sports teams for their LGBTQ+ inclusivity. The hackathon welcomed other young people to provide feedback on the criteria and ensure the award reflects the needs and priorities of the LGBTQ+ community. Young people leading every step of this process are helping to create safer, more welcoming environments across Blackpool for LGBTQ+ individuals.

Chris Webb (Labour MP), Jayne Walsh (Green Councillor) and Ian Nichols Hogg (Green Councillor) then hosted a Q&A for LGBTQ+ young people, giving them the opportunity to hear directly about the issues that matter most to the community. The presence of local changemakers is key in showing LGBTQ+ young people that this town cares about them.



FESTIVAL



On Saturday, we led the youth section of the parade alongside our colleagues from Boathouse Youth and Blackpool Scouts. We also sponsored a performance by Scottish boyband Just The Brave, including an exclusive podcast interview (coming soon), and were joined by a fantastic range of vendors, including the incredible Mama G! Under glorious sunshine, the Comedy Carpet was transformed into a vibrant space filled with fun, celebration and sparkles throughout the day.



SUNDAY GALLERY



SUNDAY



Sunday provided young people with opportunities to be creative, active, inspired and connected. From arts, crafts, literature and performance to sport and wellbeing activities, there was something for everyone & a chance to try something new in a welcoming and inclusive space. We even had our own parade. This event was a vibrant community experience, ensuring every young person felt valued and included.



Sunday was an immense success with a huge celebration that would not have been possible without all of our wonderful partners & vendors.

Active Blackpool
BlackLiver's Young Comics
Blackpool Central Library
Blackpool Scouts
Boathouse Youth
Brendan Bunting
DJ Devolicious
DuRose Studios
Mama G
Pop 'n' Olly
Sez Sparkles
Streetgames
& our very own UYA team

THANK YOU

TO EVERYONE WHO WAS A PART OF THIS MAGICAL DAY

WE WILL SEE YOU NEXT YEAR!



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Never stop celebrating your unapologetic joy

