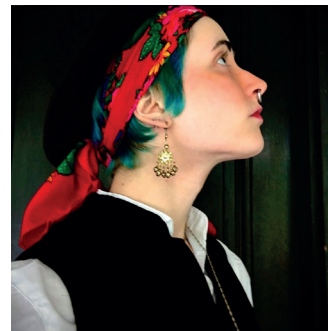
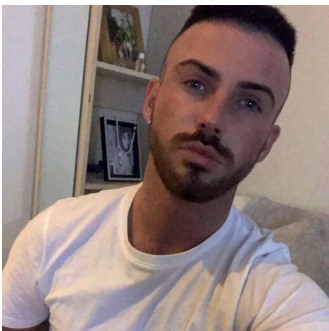
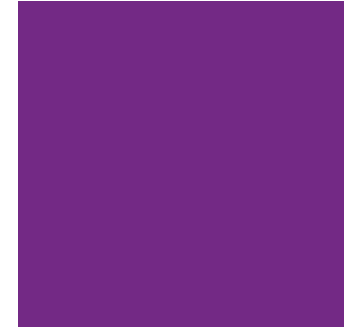


The LGBT+ Traveller & Roma Calendar

2021



In October 2020,

Pope Francis said:

“Homosexual people have a right to be in the family. They are children of God. They have a right to a family. Nobody should be thrown out of the family or made miserable over this.

What we have to make is a law of civil coexistence, for they have the right to be legally covered. I stood up for that.”

Pope Francis asks:

“Who am I to judge gay and lesbian people?”



JANUARY 2021

| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY | SUNDAY |
|--|---------|-----------|----------|-------------------------------------|----------|--------|
| | | | | 1 NEW YEAR'S DAY BANK HOLIDAY | 2 | 3 |
| 4 FIRST FORTNIGHT FESTIVAL- NO STIGMA ON MENTAL HEALTH | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| 18 MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |

SUPPORT NUMBERS



“The heart is not bound by conditions of gender, love is an emotion that neither discriminates nor hesitates when it is felt by two people deeply in love.”

Pauline Reilly, LGBT Traveller



FEBRUARY 2021

| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY | SUNDAY |
|----------------------|----------------|-----------|----------|--------|----------|----------------------|
| 1 ST BRIGID'S DAY | 2 CANDLEMAS | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 VALENTINES DAY |
| 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |

SUPPORT NUMBERS



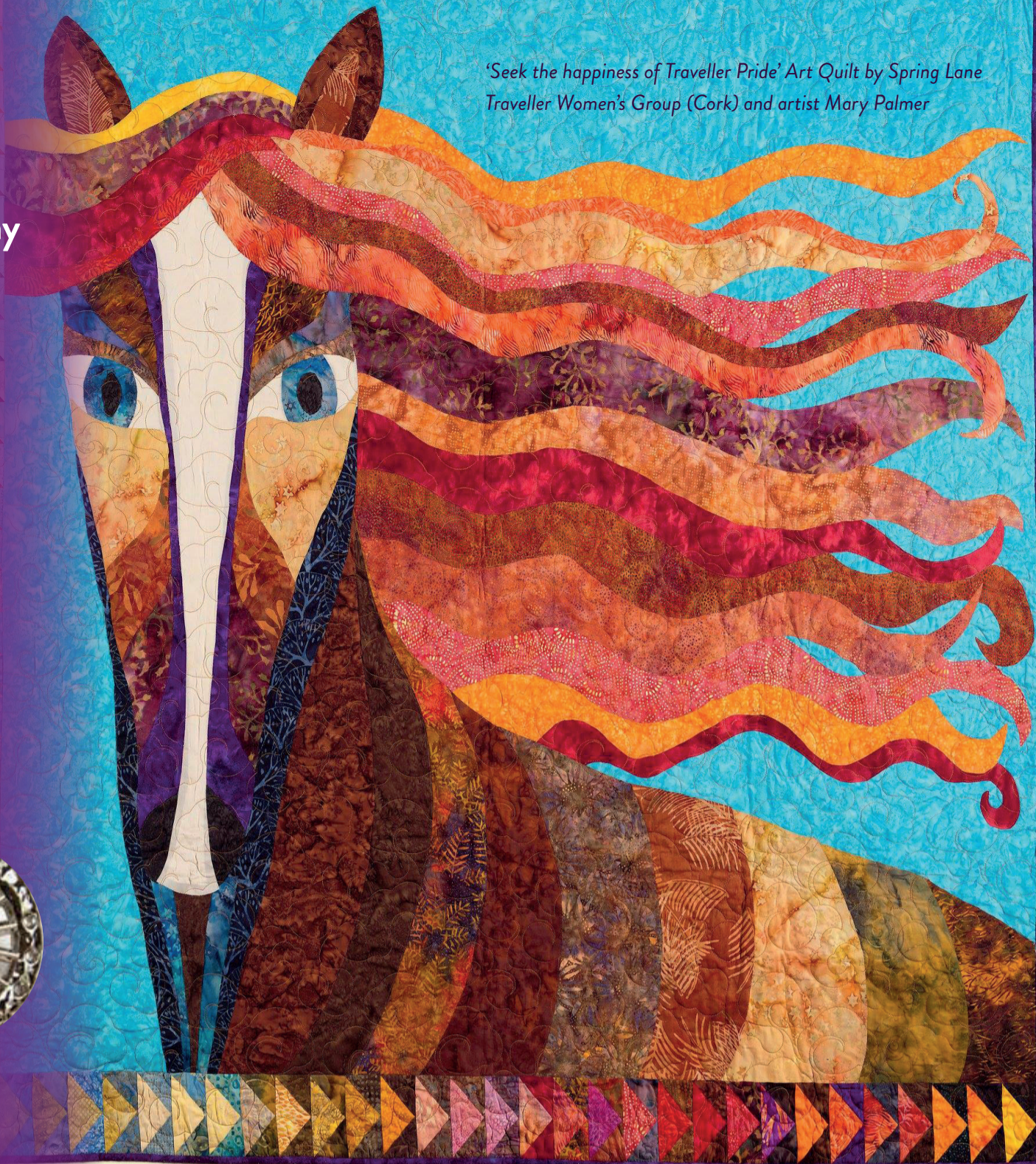
'Seek the happiness of Traveller Pride' Art Quilt by Spring Lane Traveller Women's Group (Cork) and artist Mary Palmer

“There needs to be more support and publicity, and programmes in place to explain it's OK to be gay in the Travelling community.”

Dillon Collins, LGBT Traveller

“Culture is an adaptive term and culture is all encompassing, meaning it reflects the activities of all its stakeholders, LGBT+ Travellers are stakeholders too.”

Martin Beanz Warde, LGBT Traveller



MARCH 2021

| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY | SUNDAY |
|--|-----------------------|--|----------|--------|----------|---|
| 1 TRAVELLER ETHNICITY DAY | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 8 INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY <small>(LESBIAN, BISEXUAL AND TRANSGENDER WOMEN CELEBRATE THIS DAY TOO)</small> | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 MOTHERS DAY |
| 15 | 16 | 17 ST PATRICK'S DAY | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 INTERNATIONAL DAY AGAINST RACISM |
| 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 CLOCKS GO 1 HOUR FORWARD |
| 29 | 30 PANCAKE TUESDAY | 31 TRANSGENDER DAY OF VISIBILITY | | | | |

SUPPORT NUMBERS



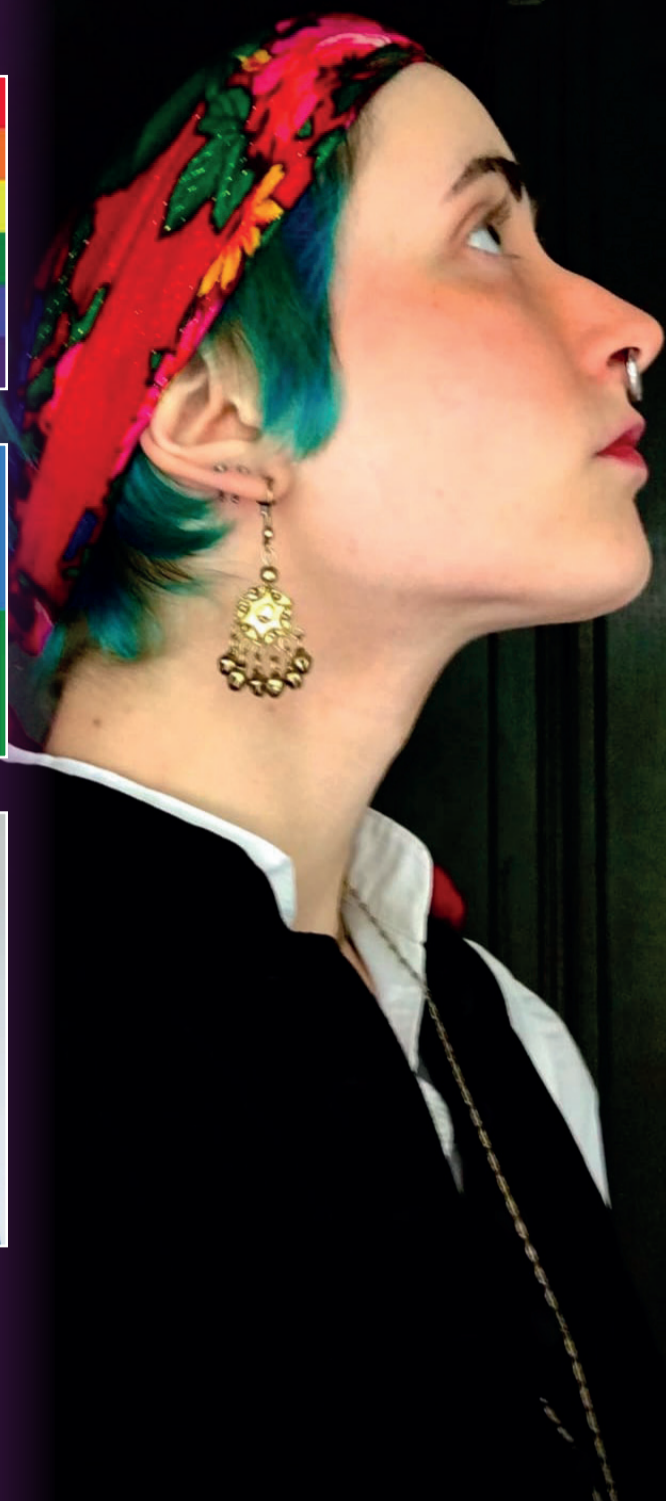
“We are everywhere, and we are not going anywhere.”

Cillian Ammar, Trans Roma



“An open, tolerant society cannot pick and choose which groups should merit tolerance and understanding. Every individual living on our beautiful planet deserves to be judged on their own words and actions; not on their race, nationality, religion, sexuality or family background. Let’s stand together and be proud of the amazing diversity that humanity encompasses.”

Isaac Blake,
Director of the Romani Cultural & Arts Company



APRIL 2021

| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY | SUNDAY |
|------------------------------|---------|-----------|--|--|----------|--------------------|
| | | | 1 | 2 WORLD AUTISM AWARENESS DAY GOOD FRIDAY | 3 | 4 EASTER SUNDAY |
| 5 EASTER MONDAY | 6 | 7 | 8 INTERNATIONAL ROMA DAY ANIVERSARY 1ST WORLD TRAVELLER&ROMANI CONGRESS (LONDON, 1971) | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| 26 LESBIAN VISIBILITY DAY | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | | |

SUPPORT NUMBERS



LGBT.ie
LGBT Support Line
1800 929 539



“No matter who you are or where you came from, everyone is an individual.”

Hughie Maughan, LGBT Traveller

On 17th May 1990 the World Health Organisation (WHO) removed homosexuality from their list of mental health disorder. In 2019 WHO removed being transgender from the same list.

LGBT people are not mentally ill.

Homophobia is the fear and hatred of gay and lesbian people. It can lead to violent words and action.

Biphobia is the fear and hatred of bisexual people. It can lead to violent words and action.

Transphobia is the fear and hatred of transgender people. It can lead to violent words and action.



MAY 2021

| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY | SUNDAY |
|--|---------|-----------|----------|--------|-------------------------------------|---|
| | | | | | 1 MAY DAY | 2 |
| 3 MAY BANK HOLIDAY | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 INTERNATIONAL DAY OF FAMILIES | 16 |
| 17 INTERNATIONAL DAY AGAINST HOMOPHOBIA, BIPHOBIA AND TRANSPHOBIA <small>(the day in 1990 when WHO declassified homosexuality as a mental health disorder)</small> | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 MARRIAGE EQUALITY ACT ANNIVERSARY GREEN RIBBON MONTH |
| 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |
| 31 | | | | | | |

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- L** – Lesbian, a woman who loves another woman.
- G** – Gay, a man who loves another man.
- B** – Bisexual, a person who can love both the same sex and the opposite sex.
- T** – Transgender, a person whose gender identity (their sense of being male or female) does not match the gender identity they were given at birth.
- +** – People who have one of the many other sexual orientations or gender identities which exist in the rainbow community.

For more information and definitions please check www.teni.ie



LGBT+ TRAVELLER POPULATION

According to the All Ireland Traveller Health Study (2010) there are 40,129 Travellers on the island of Ireland. LGBT+ element of any community is estimated to be 10% of the population (The Equality Authority 2002). Just over 4,000 Travellers on the island of Ireland are potentially LGBT+.

JUNE 2021

| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY | SUNDAY |
|------------------------|---------|----------------------|--|--------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 7 JUNE BANK HOLIDAY | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 ST. ANTHONY'S DAY |
| 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 FATHERS DAY |
| 21 SUMMER SOLSTICE | 22 | 23 BONEFIRE NIGHT | 24 ON THIS DAY, IN 1993, HOMOSEXUALITY WAS DECRIMINALISED | 25 | 26 DUBLIN PRIDE MARCH* | 27 ANIVERSARY STONEWALL* |
| 28 | 29 | 30 | | | | |

2005 was the first year Traveller organisations took part on Pride in support of LGBT+ Travellers (LGBT+ Travellers were joining Pride long before).
* 1969 riot that sparked LGBT movement in New York.

SUPPORT NUMBERS



“Valuing people differently within our community, rather than coming down on anyone for their sexuality and gender. Accepting people for who they are, is the only way to be, as there is really no right way to be a Traveller. Live and let live.”

Eileen Flynn, First Traveller Woman Senator

“Proud to be an ally of the Traveller/Roma LGBTI+ community. Its vital all voices are heard including Transgender voices. We know Transgender and gender diverse people are 6 times more likely to be Autistic sadly these are two missing voices we are not hearing coming forward in our community. We must reach out deep into our communities letting them know they are loved, wanted and valued members. We are all born different and equal its important we leave no one behind.”

Rosemarie Maughan, Traveller ally

“ I am proud to say that I am an ally to LGBT+ and Travellers who are LGBT+. I believe that all humans are born equal and free, also that we all have the right to be ourselves and happy.”

**Chris McDonagh,
Co-ordinator of Traveller Mediation Service**



JULY 2021

| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY | SUNDAY |
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| | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| 12 | 13 | 14 INTERNATIONAL NON BINARY DAY OF VISIBILITY | 15 GENDER RECOGNITION ACT ANIVERSARY | 16 | 17 DUNDALK PRIDE | 18 |
| 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 REEK SUNDAY |
| 26 GALWAY RACES | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | |

SUPPORT NUMBERS



LGBT Traveller group, LGBT Pavee joining Dublin Pride carrying a banner with lots of buttons, each button representing LGBT Travellers too afraid to attend Pride and 'show' their face. In Traveller culture, people stitch in a button to remember people who are absent.



AUGUST 2021

| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY | SUNDAY |
|---|-----------------|-----------|----------|--|--------------------|---|
| | | | | | | 1 CORK PRIDE |
| 2 AUGUST BANK HOLIDAY ROMA HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY (Pharrajimos) -half a million Roma died in Nazi camps; a quarter of the Roma population at that time. | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| 9 INTERNATIONAL DAY OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLE | 10 PUCK FAIR | 11 | 12 | 13 LGBT+ ROMA PRAGUE DECLARATION ANIVERSARY | 14 | 15 OUR LADY'S DAY BORRIS HORSE FAIR |
| 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 GALWAY PRIDE | 29 |
| 30 | 31 | | | | | |

SUPPORT NUMBERS



“Being gay in the Travelling community is OK and needs more support. If not addressed then this is where the suicide thoughts and depression comes into effect, and when we see young lives dying.”

Dillon Collins, LGBT Traveller

CALL SUPPORT NUMBERS



NATIONAL TRAVELLER MENTAL HEALTH PROJECTS:

EXCHANGE HOUSE IRELAND: 01 872 1094

PAVEE POINT: 01 878 0255

TRAVELLER COUNSELLING SERVICE: 01 868 5761

FREE 24 HOUR SUPPORTS

SAMARITANS: 116 123

PIETA HOUSE: 1800 247 247



TRAVELLERS TOGETHER
PREVENTING SUICIDE

SEPTEMBER 2021

| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY | SUNDAY |
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| | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 WORLD SUICIDE PREVENTION DAY | 11 | 12 |
| 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 BISEXUALITY VISIBILITY DAY | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| 27 | 28 | 29 MICHAELMAS | 30 | | | |

SUPPORT NUMBERS



PAVEE POINT
TRAVELLER AND ROMA CENTRE
01 878 0255



Traveller Counselling Service
086 308 1476
travellercounselling.ie/online-counselling



EXCHANGE HOUSE IRELAND
National Travellers Service
01 872 1094



LGBT.ie
LGBT Support Line
1800 929 539



Gender Identity
Family Support Line
Families Supporting Families
01 907 3707

“An ally is a person who stands proud and supports in our community people whose voices are not heard.”

Mary McDonagh,
Traveller ally

“To our Traveller and Roma friends TENI stands as a proud ally and supporter. If we can offer any support to trans or non-binary members of your communities we would be happy to help.”

Éirénne Carroll
Chief Executive Officer
Transgender Equality
Network Ireland (TENI)



Coming Out as an Ally

**I AGREE TO INFORM
SUPPORT AND
STAND UP FOR
LGBT+ TRAVELLERS
& ROMA**

Take a photo of yourself with this message & share on your social media platforms!!



MORE INFORMATION: BecomeAnAlly@gmail.com

Visibility · Solidarity · Awareness



Clondalkin Travellers Development Group



OCTOBER 2021

| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY | SUNDAY |
|--|---|-----------|-----------|---|-----------|--|
| | | | | 1 INTERNATIONAL DAY OF OLDER PERSONS (older people are LGBT too) | 2 | 3 BALLINASLOE HORSE FAIR |
| 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 NATIONAL TRAVELLER MENTAL HEALTH DAY | 9 | 10 WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY CARRICKMINES TRAGEDY ANNIVERSARY |
| 11 NATIONAL COMING OUT DAY (come out as an ally to your LGBT+ family and friends) | 12 POSITIVE MENTAL HEALTH WEEK | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| 25 OCTOBER BANK HOLIDAY | 26 INTERNATIONAL INTERSEX AWARENESS DAY (there are more intersex people in Ireland than redheads) | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 HALLOWEEN CLOCKS GO BACK 1 HOUR |

SUPPORT NUMBERS



“Trans in a way is like being a Traveller. Other people might think you’re something different and strange but you’re not. You are just you and ‘You’ is more than enough.”

Dana, Trans Traveller Woman

“Stop telling me who you think my child is, and trust my child enough to tell you who they are!!”

Message from a Traveller mother of a trans child

For more information and definitions please check www.teni.ie

Leaflet about transgender people developed by TENI and Pavee Point.

Available at <https://www.paveepoint.ie/wp-content/uploads/2015/04/Transgenderleafletprint.pdf>



What does the **T** in LGBTQI mean?

NOVEMBER 2021

| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY | SUNDAY |
|---------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------|---|--------|--------------------------------------|--------|
| 1 ALL SAINTS DAY | 2 ALL SOULS DAY | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 MARTINMAS | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| 15 | 16 INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR TOLERANCE | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 TRANSGENDER DAY OF REMEMBRANCE | 21 |
| 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE ELIMINATION OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| 29 | 30 | | | | | |

SUPPORT NUMBERS



Christmas is a time for family to come together. LGBT+ people are our family too.



“We are made for goodness.
We are made for love.
We are made for friendliness.
We are made for togetherness.
We are made for all of the beautiful things that you and I know. We are made to tell the world that there are no outsiders. All are welcome: black, white, red, yellow, rich, poor, educated, not educated, male, female, gay, straight, all. We all belong to this family, this human family, God’s family.”



Desmond Tutu quoted by Darren Collins, LGBT Traveller

DECEMBER 2021

| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY | SUNDAY |
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| | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS DAY | 11 | 12 |
| 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| 20 | 21 WINTER SOLSTICE | 22 | 23 | 24 CHRISTMAS EVE | 25 CHRISTMAS DAY | 26 ST STEPHENS DAY MUMMERS DAY |
| 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 NEW YEARS EVE | | |

SUPPORT NUMBERS



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Travellers and Roma can be **lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender** and that's ok.

National Action Group for LGBT+ Traveller and Roma Rights



Contact us at BecomeaAlly@gmail.com

The National Action Group for LGBT + Traveller & Roma Rights is a collective that aims to increase the promotion, protection, inclusion and celebration of LGBT + Traveller & Roma individuals and their families within their communities and LGBT + Traveller & Roma organisations and services. Membership of the Group consists of representatives from the LGBT + Traveller and Roma communities, national, regional and local Traveller organisations and LGBT + organisations and services.

LEGAL SUPPORT

| | |
|---|----------------------------|
| FLAC – Traveller Legal Advisor (Christopher McCann) | 1890 350 250 / 01 874 5690 |
| Mercy Law Centre | 01 453 7459 |
| Irish Human Rights Equality Commission | 01 858 9601 |
| Community Law and Mediation | 01 847 7804 |

YOUTH ORGANISATIONS

| | |
|----------------------------|-------------|
| Involve (Young Travellers) | 09064 98017 |
| Belong To (LGBT+ up to 18) | 01 670 6223 |

TRAVELLER SUPPORT

| | |
|---|--------------|
| Exchange House Ireland | 01 872 1094 |
| Irish Traveller Movement | 01 679 6577 |
| Minceirs Whiden | 085 880 4450 |
| National Traveller Women's Forum | 01 738 3874 |
| Pavee Point | 01 878 0255 |
| Traveller Counselling Service | 086 308 1476 |
| Traveller Mediation Service | 083 432 2076 |
| Traveller Money Advice and Budget Service | 0761 072 230 |

LGBT+ SUPPORT

| | |
|--------------|--------------|
| LGBT Ireland | 1890 929 539 |
| TENI | 01 873 3575 |

CALL SUPPORT NUMBERS



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24 HOUR FREE TEXT

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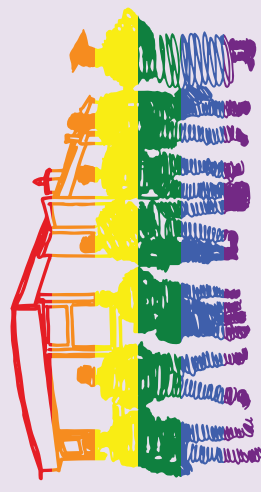
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**I agree to
INFORM,
SUPPORT,
and STAND UP FOR
LGBT+
Travellers and Roma**



**Come out as an ally in solidarity with
LGBT+ Traveller & Roma.**

**Take a picture of yourself holding this statement
and email it to becomeally@gmail.com**