



GFEST - Gaywise FESTival @ (known as GFEST) is an annual LGBTQI+ cross-art celebration in November.

GFEST 2019 dates: Mon Nov 11th to Sat Nov 23rd. This year's theme will be: **#QueerQueries**: find out more about the theme below!

You can now submit **YOUR OWN EVENTS** to be part of the GFEST 2019 by organising an LGBTQI+ cross-art event!

You can be part of a community group, a local museum, a library, or you can be a creative individual! All you will need to do is to use the GFEST logo for your own GFEST 2019 events. Check out the GFEST website: <https://gaywisefestival.org.uk/submissions/> fill out the form, and then your event will be promoted as part of GFEST!

GFEST presents LGBTQI+ films, music, art performances, exhibitions, workshops, debates, literary readings, and participatory events by artists who are young or old, by the practitioners who are new or established!

#QueerQueries: What classifies as equality? For this year's GFEST queer artists and practitioners will challenge our concept of equality in modern day society. GFEST demands full acceptance, presenting LGBTQI+ equal rights and social justice. The theme is open to further exploration.

The GFEST ethos is to develop arts that promote cultural and social equality for diverse LGBTQI+ people from all age groups, including people from different religious and cultural backgrounds.

Celebrating diversity continues to endorse LGBTQI+ equal rights and reduces possible discrimination.

GFEST celebrates the creativity that spans across the diverse LGBTQI+ community. GFEST events have been presented in Tate Modern, V&A, The Cochrane Theatre, Cockpit theatre, Menier Gallery, National Gallery, Rich Mix, Prince Charles Cinema, Art House Crouch End, Bernie Grants Centre, etc.

GFEST launches took place at The City Hall, UK Parliament, K&L Gates and Alexandra Palace, etc.

Media and community partners included BBC Film Network, PinkNews, Stonewall, Unilever Wall's Magnum and NBC Universal's marketing teams along with University of Arts London, Roehampton University etc.

Ministers for arts and culture, cross-party MPs, celebrities and all 3 Mayors of London supported the events from the year 2007.

Template dos and don'ts: First and foremost, it is a celebratory and welcoming environment for all (LGBTQI+ and straight audiences) at the events. Ideally, inform the attendees about the events involving full nudity, scenes of explicit sexual nature or parental guidance requirements, as applicable. If applicable, please stipulate age restrictions due to licensing requirements (say, for 18+ films, etc.). Make sure you have acquired: licences where needed, permissions for the events and confirmation of participation in advance before publicising the events.

Do consider working in partnerships with local groups, businesses and statutory bodies to ensure the success of the events. We encourage you to organise a well-balanced, clear press release, publicity images and contact details that are ready for circulation in the weeks ahead of the event.



All Arts, All Welcome

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