

Manchester Pride 2017

Thank you for agreeing to participate in the University's Manchester Pride entry!
The structure this year is different to previous years so please take the time to read this document carefully and pass to anyone else you may be bringing.

'When' and 'Where'?

The parade takes place on **Saturday 26 August** and will start on Liverpool Road in the City Centre before ending on Whitworth Street, just by the Sackville Street Building. The parade route is different from previous years due to the new Metrolink crossings so please refer to the attached map.

For Parade Participants

This year we have a very limited number of spaces for people who can participate in the parade itself. We are limited to the numbers we can fit on the vehicle and a maximum of 12 people walking alongside with the giveaways.

If you have been allocated a space on the parade (you will have received email confirmation of this) then you must arrive at **Liverpool Road** (postcode M3 4NQ) by **10:00** to assist with the decorating of the vehicle and blowing up the balloons for the parade. We don't know where on the road we'll be parked until the day itself so look out for the purple t-shirts!

Please be aware that there will be a lot of traffic on Liverpool Road and there may be limited places to buy food/drink and so it is advisable to bring supplies.

Please note that during the parade:

- Glitter cannons / confetti are strictly prohibited
- No alcohol is to be consumed at any point before or during the parade
- Once the parade starts and our vehicle is moving, nobody is permitted to get on/off except in an emergency – even if the vehicle is stationary

For 'Cheer Point' Participants

Due to the limited number of people who can participate in the parade, this year we will have 2 'cheer points' along the route to support and enthuse all the entrants (especially our own!). The first cheer point will be stationed near the Central Library, on the side of the Midland Hotel. The second cheer point will be stationed by the steps of the Sackville Street Building on Whitworth Street.

As the parade is watched by thousands of people, we are requesting that those of you joining the 'Cheer Points' arrive by **11:30** to ensure that everyone is able to stand together to create as much impact and noise as possible!

T-shirts will be available for collection at the cheer point providing you specify your preferred point (Midland or Sackville).

"What do I need to wear"?

We hope that everyone getting involved will wear one of our specially designed t-shirts (completely free and yours to keep forever!) but please bear in mind that there will be no formal changing facilities so you might want to wear a vest/t-shirt under your clothes.

Nobody needs reminding about the Manchester weather so please prepare for rain AND shine. If you want to wear drag/wigs/face paints then go wild! The official theme for the parade is "Graduating Class of 2017" so anything along that theme would be brilliant!
If you are in the parade, please ensure that you have comfortable footwear.

The "After Party"

Once the parade has finished (around 3pm), we hope that everyone (participants and cheerers) will come and join us for drinks at the **Vimto Monument** on Granby Row (weather permitting). There will be some items to take for storage in the Sackville Street building and if everyone volunteers then we'll be done in no time!

Contact Details

If you are no longer able to participate in the parade or attend a cheer point, please email lgbt@manchester.ac.uk as soon as possible so that you place/t-shirt can be allocated to someone on the reserve list.

If you are unsure where to go on the day, please call:

Paul (Parade): 07943 600 656 or
Stephen (Cheer): 07736 318330

Have Fun!

Whether you're in the parade or watching, we hope everyone will have a fantastic time and create a great atmosphere for those around. Don't forget to Tweet your photos & support using the hashtag #UoMPride2017 and tagging @UoMLGBT

Thank you again for your support!

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