



Manchester Pride 2015

Thank you for showing your '**Devotion**' to the University by participating in this year's

Manchester Pride Parade! Please read the following information carefully and ensure that you pass this to anyone you have signed up.

'When' and 'Where'?

The Parade takes place on **Saturday 29th**

August. We are asking all participants to arrive by **11:00** and no later than 11:45.

Depending on our position in the parade, we will be finished no later than **16:00**.

This year, the assembly point for will be at **The Roman Fort**, Castlefield (just off Liverpool Road) where you will collect your **tshirt**. Look out for the University's banners! Please try to arrive as early as possible to assist with blowing up the balloons.

Please be aware that there will be a lot of traffic on Liverpool Rd so watch where you're walking! There will be food/drink concessions but it is advisable to bring supplies to keep you going.

The Parade has a slightly different route this year due to the Metrolink City Crossing.

After leaving Liverpool Rd and turning on to Deansgate, we will walk: Deansgate - Peter Street - Oxford Street - Portland Street - Princess Street - Whitworth Street.

Once the parade has finished, please do not hang around. Our designated meeting place is by the **Vimto monument** on Granby Row (at the side of the Sackville Street Building). **Once everyone has helped to clear up, we can have our post-parade celebration!**

During the parade please note:

Glitter cannons / confetti and animals are strictly prohibited as is...

Alcohol. No alcohol is to be consumed at any point before or during the parade. People found with alcohol may be removed from the parade by the Pride organisers and could result in the University being banned from future parades.

The parade moves at a fairly slow pace however is a fair walk (approx. 1.5 miles). Please make sure you have comfortable footwear.

What do I need to wear?

T-shirt (this will be given to you on Saturday morning and will be in the size that you requested). Unfortunately it will not be possible to give out t-shirts before Saturday.

If you have not already expressed a size preference then a 'best guess' will have been made for you.

As there are no formal changing facilities on Liverpool Road, you might want to wear a vest / t-shirt under the clothes you arrive in if you're a bit shy about getting changed in public.

Keep an eye on the weather forecast. Rain or shine, you're going to be exposed to the elements so **sunscreen / umbrellas** could be a necessity.

If you want to wear wigs / face paint etc then go wild!

Please note that there is nowhere to store bags or clothes. What you bring you, you will need to carry with you on the parade route.

What will I do?

As part of the walking entry, there are a number of things that we would like people to do:

Give out balloons and wristbands! These need to last us the entire parade route so please ensure that we have enough to give out at the end.

Give out scrolls! We have hundreds of 'scrolls' to give out that are a fun way of promoting the University and our 'devotion' to LGBT equality for its staff and students.

Give out stickers! If you are asked to give out stickers, please ensure that you peel off the stickers and hand them to individuals (i.e. do not place them directly on clothing or body parts) – this is a very strict rule and is to guard you against assault claims!

Carry banners & placards! We have a number of these items so make sure people can see them!

Smile! Wave!! Have fun!!! Make noise!!! There will be thousands of people watching us along the parade route and we need to keep them entertained! If we look miserable, they're going to be miserable so please join in with cheering, laughing and merriment and everyone will have a great time! Work the crowd!!

Contact Numbers / I can no longer come

If you know now, or find out at some point that you can no longer attend the parade then please let us know as soon as possible so that we can offer your place to someone on the reserve list. Email lgbt@manchester.ac.uk or on the day call or text:

Paul Marks-Jones - 07943 600 656

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Thanks for reading and we'll see you full of energy on the day!