

The LGBT+ Traveller & Roma Calendar 2022

A stylized illustration of a bus stop with several people sitting on the bench, rendered in a rainbow color palette.

“As a Sister of Charity coming from the Catholic faith tradition, I salute, support and stand in solidarity with all the mothers and fathers, grandmothers and grandfathers, and families of the Traveller and Roma communities who may have gay, lesbian or Trans, sons and daughters. I stand with courage, faith, hope and love for you all. Together with the LGBT+ Traveller and Roma communities The Sanctuary is delighted to celebrate and rejoice in our unity and diversity, awakening new hope and vision.”

Sister Stan, founder of FOCUS Ireland;
Immigrant Council of Ireland; The Sanctuary



JANUARY 2022

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
					1 NEW YEAR'S DAY BANK HOLIDAY	2
3	4	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
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“Growing up, I wanted what many young women my age wanted.
 I wanted adventure.
 To fall in love.
 To travel.
 To have children.
 To be happy.
 I wanted all those things.
 I think people understood that.
 I just never wanted it with a man”.

Mags,
 Lesbian Traveller Woman, Cork



FEBRUARY 2022

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	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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“Believe in yourself so much that the people around you have no other choice but to believe in you too. Every person deserves to be treated with dignity and respect. Let’s continue to work toward a society where we all enjoy equality of opportunity”.

Senator Eileen Flynn , Traveller ally.

As Travellers, we have fought, and continue to fight for equality. Our LGBT brothers, sisters and others are fighting a double battle. One as a member of the Traveller community and one as a member of the LGBT+ community, neither fight should be needed but sadly we don’t live in an equal and accepting world. We need to stand together to fight against all inequality, injustice and hate. I stand in solidarity with the Traveller, Roma and wider LGBT+ community.

Maggie McDonagh , Traveller ally



MARCH 2022

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

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“The intersection of anti-Gypsyism and the discrimination experienced by LGBTQ+ Gypsy, Roma, or Traveller people profoundly compounds their experience of marginalisation and exclusion to a degree that can only be understood by other Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic LGBTQ+ communities. It is important that there is visibility for LGBTQ+ Gypsies, Roma and Travellers so that we can be proud of all of our distinctive characteristics. Being open and proud means LGBTQ+ Gypsies, Roma & Travellers can thrive.”

Isaac Blake,
Director of The Romani Cultural and Arts Company



APRIL 2022

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

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“The person you were yesterday will always be different than the person you will be tomorrow, so be kind to the person you are today. It genuinely does get better”

Martin ‘Beanz’ Warde,
Gay Traveller



Photo by Martin ‘Beanz’ Ward

MAY 2022

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
						1 MAY DAY
2 MAY BANK HOLIDAY	3	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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“I am proud to be a Traveller and proud to be a LGBT Traveller ally. Being an ally is all about celebrating the diversity in our community and seeing that it makes us stronger”

Bridget Carmody,
Cork Traveller Women’s Network

“This is Pride month, and the reason why this month is very important to me is because I am a transgender woman, and its a month I celebrate for who we actually are”

Ruby, Trans Traveller Woman.



JUNE 2022

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

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“Being a member of the LGBT+ Traveler Community is a blessing. To be loved; unique and supported to be the best version of ourselves, that makes us truly happy...to be who we are”.

John, Gay Traveller Man



“As Travellers it is vital we embrace and celebrate diversity within our community including our LGBTQI+ members. We must never leave any Traveller behind on our journey towards equality, if we do then we have failed”.

Rosemarie Maughan, Traveller ally.



JULY 2022

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

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“Don't be afraid of who you are.
Hiding from your true self will
inhibit you from being happy.
I came out 21 years ago and
I've been loving life ever since!
Be proud”

Mark O Donahue,
Gay Traveller, Belfast



AUGUST 2022

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
1 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.	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9 INTERNATIONAL DAY OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLE	10 PUCK FAIR	11	12	13 LGBT+ ROMA PRAGUE DECLARATION ANIVERSARY	14 GALWAY PRIDE PARADE
15 OUR LADY'S DAY BORRIS HORSE FAIR	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27 FOYLE PRIDE PARADE	28 GALWAY PRIDE
29	30	31				

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“We need to support and value the diversity and richness in our community for people to reach their full potential.”

Thomas McCann,
Traveller Counselling Service



IF YOU NEED TO TALK CALL



SAMARITANS: 116 123

PIETA HOUSE: 1800 247 247

TEXT: "HELLO" to 50808 or PAVEE to 50808

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**TRAVELLERS TOGETHER
PREVENTING SUICIDE**

SEPTEMBER 2022

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
			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		

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Tips on how to support someone on coming out

Acceptance – A positive and warm reaction can help the person to feel comfortable and reassured that you are supportive of them and that you accept them

Acknowledgement – It's good to acknowledge the person's bravery in taking this step

Non-judgemental – Reassure the person that you accept them for who they are and you do not judge them. It's important to be a listening ear and put your own judgement aside

Confidentiality – It's important to respect someone's privacy. They are trusting you with this information and they may not be ready to share this with their close family and friends.

Remember you're never alone - You are not expected to be an expert on how to support someone who is coming out as LGBT+. The person who comes to you simply needs you to listen and accept them. There are many supports and services available that you can direct them to.

Support available – Give the person the right information about where they can get support. You can do this by ringing the services yourself and learn more about the best service for them (see inside pages).



OCTOBER 2022

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 CLOCKS GO BACK 1 HOUR
31 HALLOWEEN						

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“Trans people exist in every facet of society. I feel very lucky to be part of a trans community enriched by trans Traveller experiences and to have had the opportunity to engage alongside Travellers in the fight for human rights for LGBT+ people and Travellers in Ireland. I look forward to the future where more trans Travellers can be visible and celebrated in both communities”

Sam Blanckensee,
Trans activist and Traveller ally



Ruby, Trans Traveller Woman.

Gender Identity Family Support Line
+353 (0)1 907 3707



NOVEMBER 2022

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				

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“Unity is strength.
When there is
teamwork and
collaboration,
wonderful things
can be achieved”

Albert and Johnny,
Married Roma & Irish Traveller couple



DECEMBER 2022

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
			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	

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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



NATIONAL TRAVELLER MENTAL HEALTH PROJECTS:

EXCHANGE HOUSE IRELAND: 01 872 1094
 PAVEE POINT: 01 878 0255
 TRAVELLER COUNSELLING SERVICE: 01 868 5761

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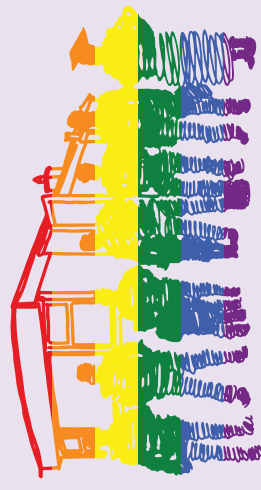
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2022

**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**