

The history behind Pride Month



Something called the Stonewall Riots (also called the Stonewall Uprising) began in the early hours of June 28 1969 in New York.



It was when New York City police attacked the Stonewall Inn (a gay club in New York City).



Within minutes from the police attacking the Stonewall Inn, hundreds of people started rioting.

A riot is a violent outbreak by a crowd or group of people.



The Stonewall Riots started the gay rights movement in the USA and around the world.



The Stonewall Uprising was a big turning point in the LGBT+ rights movement and lead to lots of LGBT+ rights organisations being formed.



The next year, thousands of people marched in the streets of New York.

This was America's first Gay Pride parade.

The parade's official chant was: "Say it loud: gay is proud!"



Pride Month is now celebrated each year in June to honour the1969 Stonewall Uprising.

Today, LGBT+ Pride events take place around the word.

Celebrations include Pride: parades, picnics, parties, workshops, and concerts.



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