

# The LGBT+ Traveller & Roma Calendar 2021



In October 2020,

Pope Francis said:

“Homosexual people have a right to be in the family. They are children of God. They have a right to a family. Nobody should be thrown out of the family or made miserable over this.

What we have to make is a law of civil coexistence, for they have the right to be legally covered. I stood up for that.”

Pope Francis asks:

“Who am I to judge gay and lesbian people?”



# JANUARY 2021

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
				1 NEW YEAR'S DAY BANK HOLIDAY	2	3
4 FIRST FORTNIGHT FESTIVAL- NO STIGMA ON MENTAL HEALTH	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	31

## SUPPORT NUMBERS



“The heart is not bound by conditions of gender, love is an emotion that neither discriminates nor hesitates when it is felt by two people deeply in love.”

Pauline Reilly, LGBT Traveller



# FEBRUARY 2021

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 VALENTINES DAY
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28

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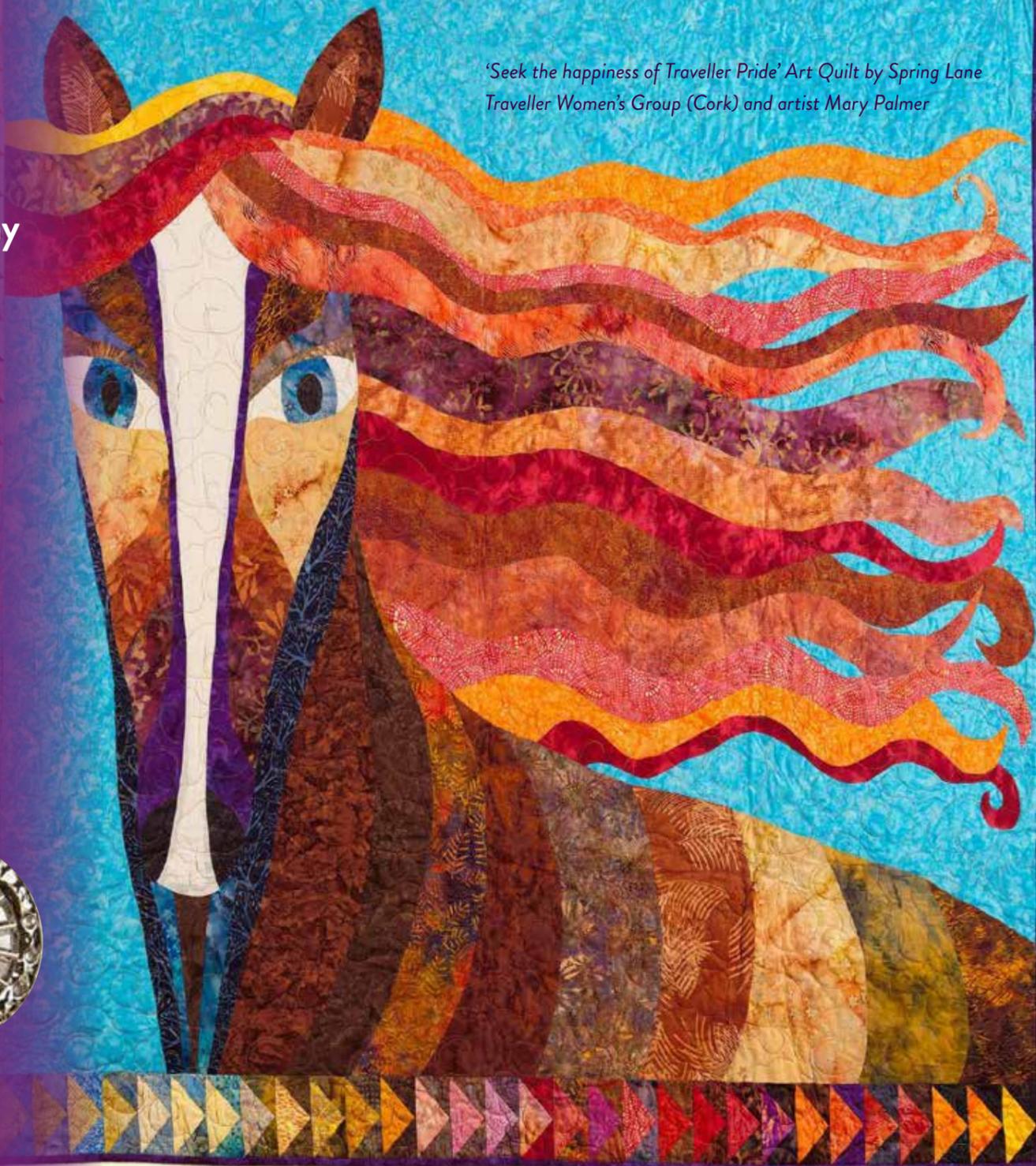
'Seek the happiness of Traveller Pride' Art Quilt by Spring Lane Traveller Women's Group (Cork) and artist Mary Palmer

“There needs to be more support and publicity, and programmes in place to explain it's OK to be gay in the Travelling community.”

**Dillon Collins, LGBT Traveller**

“Culture is an adaptive term and culture is all encompassing, meaning it reflects the activities of all its stakeholders, LGBT+ Travellers are stakeholders too.”

**Martin Beanz Warde, LGBT Traveller**



# MARCH 2021

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

## SUPPORT NUMBERS



“We are everywhere, and we are not going anywhere.”

**Cillian Ammar, Trans Roma**



“An open, tolerant society cannot pick and choose which groups should merit tolerance and understanding. Every individual living on our beautiful planet deserves to be judged on their own words and actions; not on their race, nationality, religion, sexuality or family background. Let’s stand together and be proud of the amazing diversity that humanity encompasses.”

**Isaac Blake,  
Director of the Romani Cultural  
& Arts Company**



# APRIL 2021

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

## SUPPORT NUMBERS



“No matter who you are or where you came from, everyone is an individual.”

**Hughie Maughan, LGBT Traveller**

On 17th May 1990 the World Health Organisation (WHO) removed homosexuality from their list of mental health disorder. In 2019 WHO removed being transgender from the same list.

LGBT people are not mentally ill.

**Homophobia** is the fear and hatred of gay and lesbian people. It can lead to violent words and action.

**Biphobia** is the fear and hatred of bisexual people. It can lead to violent words and action.

**Transphobia** is the fear and hatred of transgender people. It can lead to violent words and action.



# MAY 2021

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
					1 MAY DAY	2
3 MAY BANK HOLIDAY	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						

## SUPPORT NUMBERS



- L** – Lesbian, a woman who loves another woman.
- G** – Gay, a man who loves another man.
- B** – Bisexual, a person who can love both the same sex and the opposite sex.
- T** – Transgender, a person whose gender identity (their sense of being male or female) does not match the gender identity they were given at birth.
- +** – People who have one of the many other sexual orientations or gender identities which exist in the rainbow community.

For more information and definitions please check [www.teni.ie](http://www.teni.ie)



### LGBT+ TRAVELLER POPULATION

According to the All Ireland Traveller Health Study (2010) there are 40,129 Travellers on the island of Ireland. LGBT+ element of any community is estimated to be 10% of the population (The Equality Authority 2002). Just over 4,000 Travellers on the island of Ireland are potentially LGBT+.

# JUNE 2021

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

### SUPPORT NUMBERS



“Valuing people differently within our community, rather than coming down on anyone for their sexuality and gender. Accepting people for who they are, is the only way to be, as there is really no right way to be a Traveller. Live and let live.”

**Eileen Flynn, First Traveller Woman Senator**

“Proud to be an ally of the Traveller/Roma LGBTI+ community. Its vital all voices are heard including Transgender voices. We know Transgender and gender diverse people are 6 times more likely to be Autistic sadly these are two missing voices we are not hearing coming forward in our community. We must reach out deep into our communities letting them know they are loved, wanted and valued members. We are all born different and equal its important we leave no one behind.”

**Rosemarie Maughan, Traveller ally**

“ I am proud to say that I am an ally to LGBT+ and Travellers who are LGBT+. I believe that all humans are born equal and free, also that we all have the right to be ourselves and happy.”

**Chris McDonagh,  
Co-ordinator of Traveller Mediation Service**



# JULY 2021

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

## SUPPORT NUMBERS



LGBT Traveller group, LGBT Pavee joining Dublin Pride carrying a banner with lots of buttons, each button representing LGBT Travellers too afraid to attend Pride and 'show' their face. In Traveller culture, people stitch in a button to remember people who are absent.



# AUGUST 2021

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

## SUPPORT NUMBERS



“Being gay in the Travelling community is OK and needs more support. If not addressed then this is where the suicide thoughts and depression comes into effect, and when we see young lives dying.”

**Dillon Collins, LGBT Traveller**

## 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

### FREE 24 HOUR SUPPORTS

SAMARITANS: 116 123

PIETA HOUSE: 1800 247 247



**TRAVELLERS TOGETHER  
PREVENTING SUICIDE**

# SEPTEMBER 2021

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			

## SUPPORT NUMBERS



01 878 0255



Traveller Counselling Service  
086 308 1476  
travellercounselling.ie/online-counselling



EXCHANGE HOUSE IRELAND  
National Travellers Service  
01 872 1094



LGBT.ie  
LGBT Support Line  
1890 929 539



Gender Identity  
Family Support Line  
Families Supporting Families  
01 907 3707

“An ally is a person who stands proud and supports in our community people whose voices are not heard.”

**Mary McDonagh,**  
Traveller ally

“To our Traveller and Roma friends TENI stands as a proud ally and supporter. If we can offer any support to trans or non-binary members of your communities we would be happy to help.”

**Éirénne Carroll**  
Chief Executive Officer  
Transgender Equality  
Network Ireland (TENI)



## Coming Out as an Ally

**I AGREE TO INFORM  
SUPPORT AND  
STAND UP FOR  
LGBT+ TRAVELLERS  
& ROMA**

Take a photo of yourself with this message & share on your social media platforms!!



MORE INFORMATION: [BecomeAnAlly@gmail.com](mailto:BecomeAnAlly@gmail.com)

Visibility · Solidarity · Awareness



Clondalkin Travellers Development Group



# OCTOBER 2021

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
				<b>1</b> INTERNATIONAL DAY OF OLDER PERSONS (older people are LGBT too)	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> BALLINASLOE HORSE FAIR
<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> NATIONAL TRAVELLER MENTAL HEALTH DAY	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY CARRICKMINES TRAGEDY ANNIVERSARY
<b>11</b> NATIONAL COMING OUT DAY (come out as an ally to your LGBT+ family and friends)	<b>12</b> POSITIVE MENTAL HEALTH WEEK	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b> OCTOBER BANK HOLIDAY	<b>26</b> INTERNATIONAL INTERSEX AWARENESS DAY (there are more intersex people in Ireland than redheads)	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> HALLOWEEN CLOCKS GO BACK 1 HOUR

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[travellercounselling.ie/online-counselling](http://travellercounselling.ie/online-counselling)



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“Trans in a way is like being a Traveller. Other people might think you’re something different and strange but you’re not. You are just you and ‘You’ is more than enough.”

Dana, Trans Traveller Woman

“Stop telling me who you think my child is, and trust my child enough to tell you who they are!!”

Message from a Traveller mother of a trans child

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Leaflet about transgender people developed by TENI and Pavee Point.

Available at <https://www.paveepoint.ie/wp-content/uploads/2015/04/Transgenderleafletprint.pdf>



What does the **T** in LGBTQI mean?

# NOVEMBER 2021

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					

## SUPPORT NUMBERS



Christmas is a time for family to come together. LGBT+ people are our family too.



“We are made for goodness.  
We are made for love.  
We are made for friendliness.  
We are made for togetherness.  
We are made for all of the beautiful things that you and I know. We are made to tell the world that there are no outsiders. All are welcome: black, white, red, yellow, rich, poor, educated, not educated, male, female, gay, straight, all. We all belong to this family, this human family, God’s family.”



Desmond Tutu quoted by Darren Collins, LGBT Traveller

# DECEMBER 2021

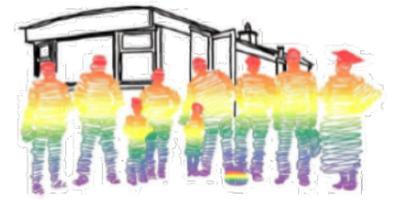
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10 INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS DAY	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21 WINTER SOLSTICE	22	23	24 CHRISTMAS EVE	25 CHRISTMAS DAY	26 ST STEPHENS DAY MUMMERS DAY
27	28	29	30	31 NEW YEARS EVE		

## SUPPORT NUMBERS



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](mailto: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

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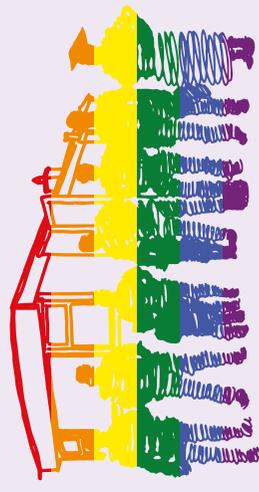
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**I agree to  
INFORM,  
SUPPORT,  
and STAND UP FOR  
LGBT+  
Travellers and Roma**



**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](mailto:becomeally@gmail.com)**