

Pride Quiz

What event is widely seen as marking the beginning of the modern Gay Rights movement?

Answer: The Stonewall Riots

The Stonewall riots were a series of spontaneous demonstrations by members of the gay community in response to a police raid that began in the early morning hours of June 28, 1969, at the Stonewall Inn in the Greenwich Village neighbourhood of Manhattan. Patrons of the Stonewall, other Village lesbian and gay bars and neighbourhood street people fought back when the police became violent. The riots are widely considered to constitute one of the most important events leading to the gay liberation movement and the 20th century fight for LGBT rights in the United States.

When was the first Gay Pride Parade held?

Answer: 1970

On Sunday, June 28, 1970, at around noon, in New York gay activist groups held their own pride parade, known as the Christopher Street Liberation Day, to recall the events of Stonewall one year earlier

When was 'being gay' legalised in the UK?

Answer: 1967

The Sexual Offences Act 1967 legalized homosexual acts in England and Wales, on the condition that they were consensual, in private and between two men who had attained the age of 21. The law was extended to Scotland in 1980 and to Northern Ireland in 1982.

What was the nickname for the legislation that banned the 'promotion' of homosexuality in schools?

Answer: Section 28

Section 28 or Clause 28 was a British law that prohibited the "promotion of homosexuality" by local authorities. Introduced by Margaret Thatcher's Conservative government, it was in effect from 1988 to 2000 (in Scotland) and 2003 (in England and Wales). It caused many organisations such as lesbian, gay and bisexual student support groups to close or limit their activities or self-censor.

Now a famous talk show host, which TV personality played the first starring character on a TV sitcom to come out as a lesbian?

Answer: Ellen DeGeneres

When Ellen Morgan, the character Ellen DeGeneres played on her sitcom Ellen, came out as gay on the show's April 30, 1997, episode, it sent shockwaves through the television industry. Up to that point, only a handful of gay characters had been seen on television, and none of these were series leads. In addition to her character coming out in the episode, DeGeneres also

publicly shared that she was gay. The groundbreaking storyline, and DeGeneres' reveal of her own sexuality, ended up having a great impact on LGBTQ performers, shows that followed Ellen and society as a whole.

When was the ban on openly gay people serving in the armed forces lifted in the UK?

Answer: 2000

Stonewall, a British LGBT rights pressure group, spearheaded the movement to rescind British military prohibitions against openly LGBT servicemembers. It began when Robert Ely, who had served in the British Army for 17 years, approached Stonewall. The discovery of a letter had led to his sexual orientation being disclosed and he was subjected to an investigation and thrown out of the army.

When was same-sex marriage legalised in Scotland?

Answer: 16 December 2014

In January 2009, a petition was drawn up by Nick Henderson, director of the LGBT Network, to be submitted to the Scottish Parliament. The petition called for a change to the law that disallowed two people of the same sex from getting married, by amending the Marriage (Scotland) Act 1977. The petition also called for allowing same-sex marriage ceremonies to be performed by faith groups, but only if the religious institution gives consent.

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In what year did it become legal for transgender people to change their legal gender?

Answer: 2004

Attitudes towards members of the LGBT community have changed drastically in Scotland in just a few decades. In the 1980s, the climate was one of extreme homophobia, hostility and public antipathy. In these times, LGBT individuals would either stay in the closet, move to England or commit suicide. Despite homophobic opinions and rhetoric being widespread and mainstream, small LGBT groups began to organise politically and socially. By the early 2000s, attitudes became increasingly more accepting. In 2004, legislation allowing transgender people to change their legal gender was enacted. Civil partnerships were legalised in 2005, followed by adoption in 2009 and same-sex marriage later. Nowadays, Scotland is regarded as "one of the most LGBT-friendly countries in the world".

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What is the name of the machine invented by Alan Turing that cracked Nazi codes in World War Two?

Answer: Enigma

Alan Turing, known as the 'father of modern computing' was sentenced to chemical castration as punishment for admitting being in a relationship with another man. He died by suicide in 1954, 16 days before his 42nd birthday. In 2009, following an Internet campaign, Gordon Brown made an official public apology on behalf of the British government for "the appalling way he was treated". The "Alan Turing law" is now an informal term for a 2017 law in the United Kingdom that retroactively pardoned men cautioned or convicted under historical legislation that outlawed homosexual acts. He now appears on the Bank of England £50 note, released this month.