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GFEST - Gaywise FESTival® (known as GFEST) is recognised as an annual LGBTQI+ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer and Intersex +) cross-art celebration over last 10 years. The festival presents LGBTQI+ films, music, performances, art exhibitions, interdisciplinary art, poetry, book reading, workshops, participatory events, debates, etc. in November. ***Now you can share your own awesome LGBTQI arts and stories from all over the world!***



GFEST 2018 will run from **Mon 12 November to Sat 24 November 2018**, under the theme: **Socially EQUAL**. In short, work that demands full and wholehearted acceptance by all, presenting equal rights and social justice. The theme is open to further exploration.



HAVE YOUR OWN GFEST during the above dates, by organising an LGBTQI+ cross-art (more than one art form presented) event and be part of GFEST 2018 events where you are. You can be a small community group, a local museum, local authority or a library; you can present your events and add to the list and promote them on GFEST website. You will need to use the GFEST logo. Check GFEST web: <http://gaywisefestival.org.uk>



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Show off your ART PRIDE: your GFEST event can be a single LGBTQI+ cross-art event, an evening of events or overnight / weekend of events spread over a few days over the period.



If you have got it, flaunt it! Young or old, fresh or established, show the world that real talent always shines the best! GFEST events value and promote diverse talent from diverse art forms and promote artistic excellence. **Celebrating diversity continues to endorse LGBTQI+ equal rights and reduces possible discrimination.** GFEST ethos is to develop cultural and social equality for and amongst diverse LGBTQI+ people from all age groups including people from different religious or/and cultural backgrounds. The festival supports individual creative abilities and participation in society.



Template dos and don'ts:

First and foremost, it is a **celebratory** and **welcoming** environment for all (LGBTQI+ and straight audiences) at the events.

Ideally, **inform** the attendees about the events involving full nudity, scenes of explicit sexual nature or parental guidance requirements, as applicable.

If applicable, please stipulate an age restriction entry due to licensing requirements (say, for 18+ films, etc.).

Make sure you have acquired: required licences where needed, permissions for the events and **confirmation of participation** in advance before publicising the events. Do consider working in **partnerships** with local groups, businesses and statutory bodies to ensure the success of the events.

A well balanced, reasonably clear **press** release/s, **publicity** images and contact details and ready for circulation weeks ahead of the events.