Show off your own ART PRIDE! GFEST opens up for organising your own events this November

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After 10 successful years of annual LGBTQI+ cross art event, GFEST – Gayise FESTival is calling for organisers to plan and hold their own events. GFEST 2018 has the theme of Socially EQUAL and events will run from Monday 12 November to Saturday 24 November.

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 has presented LGBTQI+ films, music, performances, art exhibitions, interdisciplinary art, poetry, book reading, workshops, participatory events, debates, etc. events each November.

GFEST producer arts charity Wise Thoughts is inviting smaller community and arts groups, local museums, local authorities or libraries etc. to join and share awesome LGBTQI+ arts and stories from all over the world, as this year's festival events. GFEST 2018 events, wherever they will take place, now can be added to the events list and promoted on GFEST website: https://gaywisefestival.org.uk

The festival has been endorsed by all 3 Mayors of London, many celebrities, ministers, MPs and a former Prime Minister.

Niranjan Kamatkar, artistic director of GFEST said, "We want to reach out to audiences where we couldn't in the past, and where there is a greater need to promote the LGBTQI+ cultural issues. To do this we are changing the format from this year. We will include more web-based events and podcast etc. and we can also present a recommended programme, acts and films list from next year".

He added, "**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 actively supports individual creative abilities and participation in the society."

If you are interested in organising your own event please visit and list the event details: https://gaywisefestival.org.uk/submissions/

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