

Young LGBT+ Londoners lead the World AIDS Day commemoration event

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World AIDS Day 2025: Young LGBT+ Community Lead a Moving Commemoration in Partnership with AIDS Memory UK: The AIDS Memorial in London

London, 1 December 2025 — Members of Mosaic LGBT+ Young Persons' Trust are taking the lead in this year's commemoration of World AIDS Day, hosting an evening of remembrance and reflection in partnership with AIDS Memory UK.

Interspersed will be poems by Queer Elders reflecting on their life experiences.

The event, taking place on Monday 1 December from 6.30 pm to 8.00 pm, will be generously hosted at the historic Fitzrovia Chapel — a site deeply intertwined with the history of those who lost their lives to HIV/AIDS-defining illnesses, as it is situated close to the former Middlesex Hospital.

The evening will feature poetry readings, music performances, and personal reflections delivered by members of the Trust. Guests will then join a symbolic walk to the nearby site selected for The AIDS Memorial in London, which will be realised in the coming years in a new public artwork by acclaimed artist Anya Gallaccio and supported by the Mayor of London.

London's Deputy Mayor for Communities and Social Justice, Debbie Weekes-Bernard said: "This event marking World AIDS Day offers a poignant moment to reflect on those we have lost to HIV/AIDS related illness and unite in our battle against the virus. It reminds us how far we have come in tackling HIV/AIDS, but also that there is further to go in ending stigma and achieving equality for all people affected in our communities. I am proud that City Hall is supporting London's first permanent HIV/AIDS memorial, which will be an important message of solidarity and a symbol of hope, as we build a better and healthier London for everyone."

"This event is not only about remembering those we lost but also about empowering young LGBT+ persons to honour their legacy and continue the conversation about compassion, health, and community," said Lukasz Konieczka, Executive Director of Mosaic LGBT+ Young Persons' Trust.

"It's enlightening and moving to see young LGBTQ+ people take an interest in HIV & AIDS History. The intergenerational transfer of queer knowledge, works both ways and can be rewarding and unifying." Ash Kotak, founder/ Artistic Director of AIDS Memory UK

,We at the Fitzrovia Chapel are so very proud to be hosting this special remembrance event for those who have been lost to HIV/AIDS. In doing so, we honour our history as chapel to the Middlesex Hospital, which housed the UK's first dedicated AIDS wards in the 1980s and 1990s. We're pleased to be working with the Mosaic LGBT Young Person's Trust and AIDS Memory UK to ensure that the story of HIV/AIDS is accessed by younger generations.' - Freya Bently, Culture and Community Manager, The Fitzrovia Chapel

Everyone is welcome to attend, but advance booking is required to manage capacity.

To reserve a place, please visit http://link.outsavvy.com/aids-day

Event Details:

Date: Monday 1 December 2025

Time: 6.30 pm - 8.00 pm

Location: Fitzrovia Chapel, Fitzrovia, London

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About AIDS Memory UK:

AIDS Memory UK is a charity committed to establishing The AIDS Memorial in London which consists of a permanent newly commissioned public artwork in London and a cultural program to find meaning from HIV and AIDS. The ultimate aim is to honour those lost to HIV/AIDS, celebrate those living with HIV today, and inspire ongoing advocacy for education and equality.

About Fitzrovia Chapel:

Once the chapel to the Middlesex Hospital, the Fitzrovia Chapel is a hidden gem in the heart of Fitzrovia. Built in 1891 in the Byzantine style by the architect John Loughborough Pearson, the chapel was a place of solace for staff, patients and visitors seeking a moment of quiet reflection, contemplation or prayer. Now open to all, the Fitzrovia Chapel is a charity and arts venue, with a programme of exhibitions and events that reflect its history, such as those referencing the UK's first dedicated AIDS wards housed by the Middlesex Hospital in the 1980s and 1990s.

About Mosaic LGBT+ Young Persons' Trust:

Mosaic supports, educates, and inspires young LGBT+ persons aged 12–25 across London. The charity provides a safe, affirming community where young persons can connect, learn, and thrive.

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