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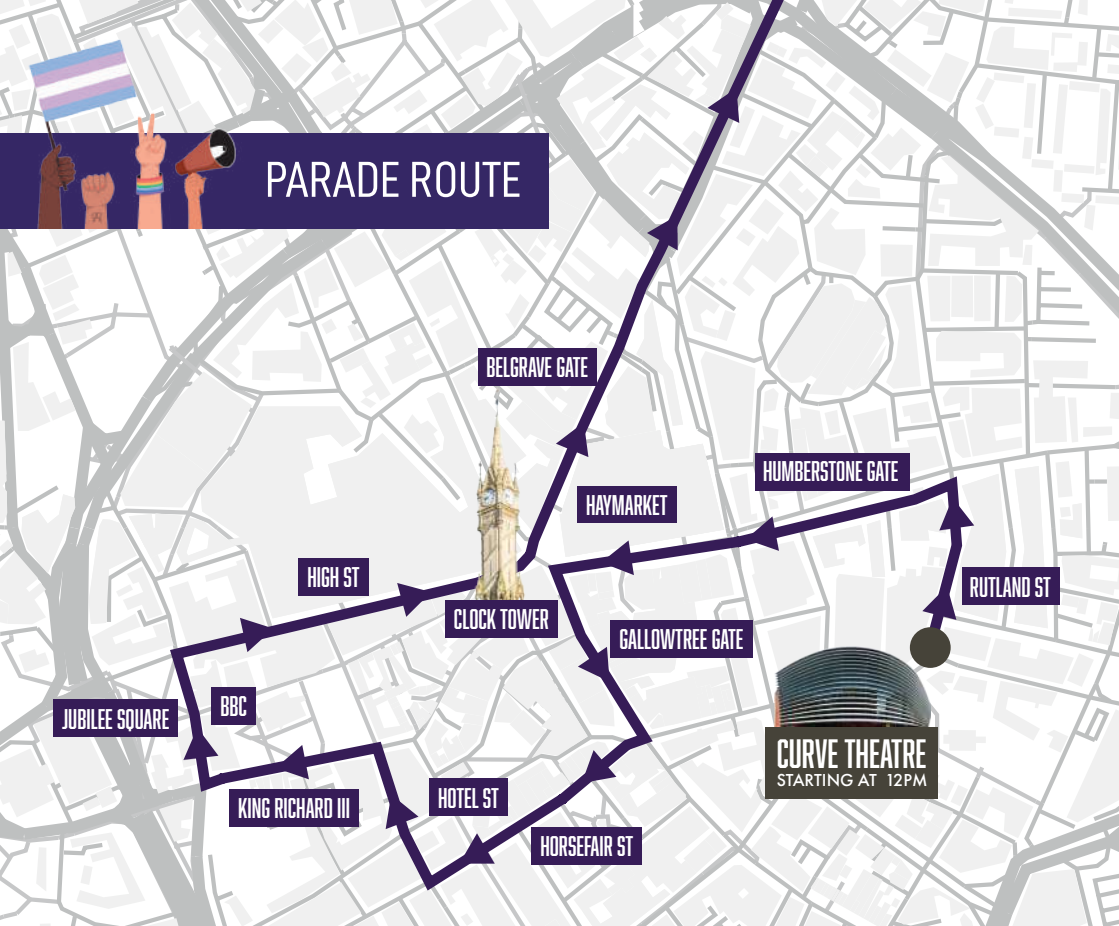
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PARADE ROUTE

SAFETY INFORMATION

Please note that the event site is glass free. This means no glass bottles, alcohol or containers are allowed on the event site. During the parade you cannot drink alcohol as most of the city streets are alcohol free areas.

Please ensure that you wear suitable clothing and footwear, remember to use sun cream and drink plenty of water. We will be operating Challenge 25 throughout the day, so please bring identification with you.



We have a zero tolerance on any form of hate crime, if you experience or witness any, please report it to my security team. I hope you enjoy Leicester Pride 2026, rest assured that public safety and your welfare is my top priority.

Craig Thorpe
Security & Safety Operations Director
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FOREWORD



This is a love letter to myself, to us, and to the world we are still learning how to build.

There is something quietly radical about simply existing as you are. About waking up and not shrinking. About breathing without apology. About letting your life unfold without constantly negotiating your right to be here. I want to hold onto that truth gently, like something precious I am still learning to believe.

For many of us, that ease has not always been guaranteed. And for many, it still is not. So I write this with awareness, but also with tenderness for what has been endured, and for what is still becoming possible.

Pride, to me, is not only remembrance. It is a promise I make forward in time. A promise to the versions of myself I have been, especially the ones who were unsure, afraid, or learning how to take up space in a world that did not always make room. And a promise to the world itself, that I will try, in my own imperfect way, to leave it softer than I found it.

I think of those who came before us not only as history, but as a kind of inheritance of courage. People who chose visibility when invisibility might have been safer. People who chose love when it was not always returned gently. People who kept going anyway. Their lives were not just resistance, they were invitations.

Invitations to imagine something more compassionate than what existed before them. And now that invitation reaches us. Not as pressure, but as possibility.

I want the future to feel different. Not just more equal, but more tender. A world where difference is not something to decode or defend, but something to meet with curiosity. Where kindness is not rationed.

Where no one has to earn their right to belong. Where young people grow into themselves without first having to survive themselves.

This is the kind of world I want to help build, not perfectly, not all at once, but honestly. With care. With listening.

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FOREWORD

With the understanding that empathy is not a destination, but a practice we return to again and again.

Pride, at its heart, is not separation, it is connection. It is the recognition that none of us are diminished by another person's freedom. In fact, we grow because of it. We become more whole when more of us are allowed to be whole. So I carry this forward like a torch, yes, but also like a reminder.

That I am part of something larger than myself. That I am both shaped by what came before and responsible for what comes next. That I can honour the past without being bound by its weight, and imagine the future without forgetting its roots.

One day, I hope Pride will feel less like a necessity and more like a memory of transformation, a marker of how far we learned to grow into each other with care.

Until then, I will keep choosing presence. I will keep choosing softness where I can. I will keep choosing to believe that a more empathetic world is not only possible, but already quietly forming in the way we show up for one another.

And I will keep writing this love letter forward, so that the future, when it arrives, feels a little more like home.

Happy pride everyone x

Lea Martin
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Martyn Parker
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Director

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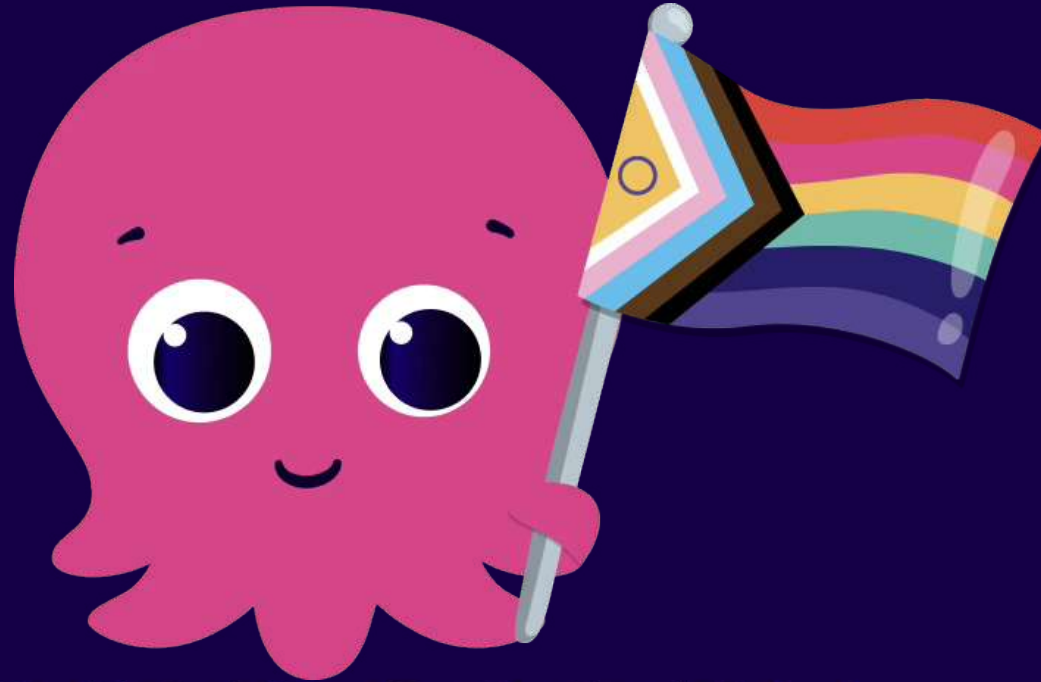


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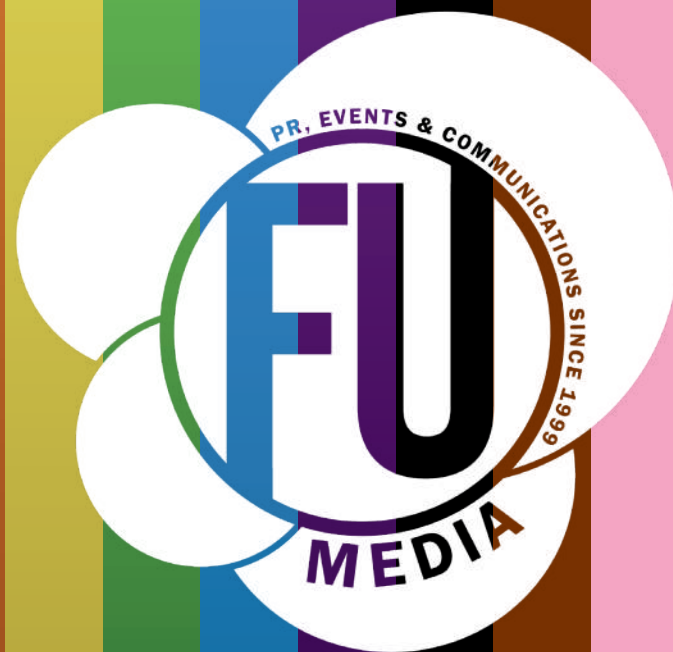
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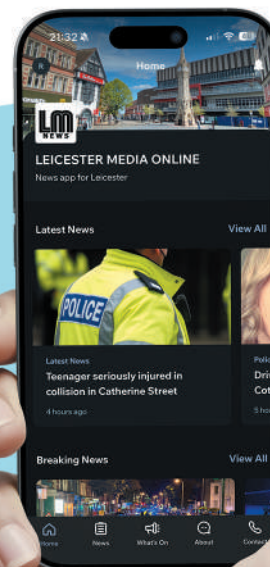
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