

# PRIDE EDINBURGH JUNE 2025

**P**ride Edinburgh on 27 June was a great day out of Protest Pride and Party.

Branch stalwarts met for an early coffee before heading to the Equality Network stage for speeches by LGBTI+ activists, where our branch was proud to give a short speech on the importance of organising. The [Equality Network](#) works for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and (LGBTI) equality and human rights in Scotland.



For the Pride Edinburgh March from Parliament to Bistro Square, UNISON Edinburgh were joined by UNISON NHS Lothian branch members. I was hoped that we would also be joined by SEPA, Scottish Ambulance Service and Glasow NHS branches, but nevertheless together we had a significant presence of about 30 - 40 members.



Marching en-bloc provided UNISON a much bigger impact than two smaller contingents. Hopefully next year other branches will join in and show the citizens of Edinburgh how much LGBT+ equality matters to UNISON. As Stewart Young, the NHS Lothian LGBT+



Officer said, we can only grow bigger and stronger for next year....watch this space!

NHS Lothian and City of Edinburgh branches contributed jointly to a stall in the Pride Edinburgh Community Stall. The UNISON stall was very busy. We distributed hundreds of UNISON rainbow Lanyards and other freebies; took many membership enquiries and provided a significant amount of UNISON LGBT+ information leaflets (via a QR code).



Thank you to all the Branch Officers, Stewards, LGBT+ Members Group members and everybody else who took part, helped and made it such a memorable day. A special thanks is due to Don Naismith, Shop Steward, Corporate Services for his sterling work at the stall.

UNISON City of Edinburgh LGBT+ members who are not part of the LGBT+ members group can join using the form the QR code.



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Learn why pronouns are important, read more about [UNISON's Equalities](#) work and access LGBT+ resources by clicking the link.

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