



United Through Pride.

The theme of this year's parade is unity across the Channel Islands.

The LGBTQ family is a global one that crosses national borders. When a trans woman is murdered in Brazil, we recognise her as our sister. When a gay man is stoned to death in Jamaica, we recognise him as our brother. When the LGBTQ community in another country wins the right to marry, we celebrate with them. And, when more than fifty people enjoying a night out in a gay club are gunned down, we feel the pain of that loss deeply.

We may not speak the same language, but every member of the LGBTQ community knows what it means to be in a minority in their population.

This shared experience has helped to create strong bonds across the globe, even between citizens of countries that may be poles apart ideologically, and has advanced the movement for equal rights at a more rapid pace than thought possible, so that we are beginning to see even the most homophobic and transphobic countries bowing to pressure to reform from within and outside their country.



The Bailiwicks have had no say in the UK vote on EU membership, even though the result affects us, too. For those who work for human rights, there is no doubt that EU membership has been one of the most important and powerful drivers to the changes in UK legislation that we have seen in the last 30 years. Without the judgements of the European Court of Human Rights, whose authority is recognised because all the member states agree together to its supremacy, Britain's LGBTQ citizens would not be enjoying the freedoms they do that now amount to almost full equality.

Inter-island rivalry is something that we are all used to in the Channel Islands, pan-island co-operation is rare. At Liberate, because we are part of the global LGBTQ community, we know that the Bailiwicks of Jersey and Guernsey have more in common than they have differences and that is why we are celebrating *Channel Islands* Pride in 2016. Working together, where possible, to avoid duplication of resources and sharing ideas to reach solutions quicker, helps us, as a pan-island charity, to serve our respective communities better. We hope other organisations are inspired to take their service to the community pan-island. It can be done.



This year – a year that has seen nationalistic rhetoric about the benefits of standing alone – Liberate is proud that it can say: the Bailiwicks of Jersey and Guernsey really are **#unitedthroughpride**

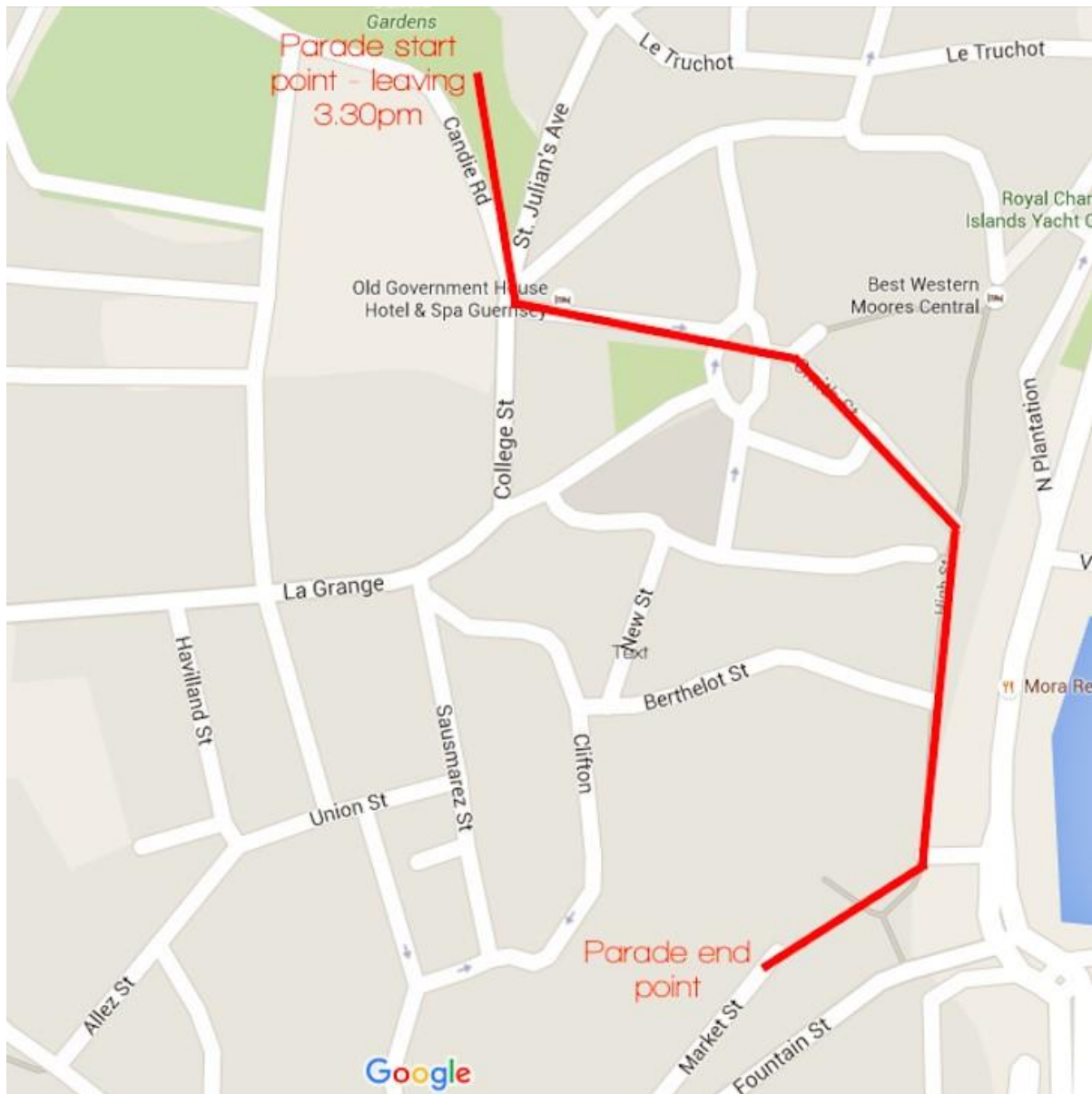


The Guernsey Parade

Saturday 10th September 2016

The Route

The colourful Pride parade will wind its way from Candie Gardens onto Ann Place, down Smith Street and onto the High Street where a 50-meter rainbow flag will be unfurled to lead the parade towards Market Square.



Market Square will be host to some of the islands' most popular bands, along with a couple of surprise performances, including the UK's best Dolly Parton tribute act!

There will be a selection of stalls, along with entertainment for every age and plenty to eat and drink.

For further programme details please visit:

<http://www.channelislandspride.org/the-programme/>

The Jersey Parade

Saturday 17th September 2016

The Route

The parade will be led by a vintage char-a-banc coach supplied by [Jersey Bus and Coach Tours](#). On board will be our guests of honour.



If you have mobility issues and would like to join in the Pride parade but cannot walk the route, please [email us](#) to reserve a seat on the coach.

Don't forget to bring your Blue Badge with you on the day to show our parade marshals so they can let you on to the coach.

For further programme details please visit:

<http://www.channelislandspride.org/the-programme-1/>

The coach and walkers will leave West's Centre, parade down Beresford Street and turn left into Halkett Place. At the junction with King Street, the walkers split from the coach.

The walkers turn right to parade down the precinct. The coach will go up to Hill Street and wait at the junction of Church Street.



The walkers will parade down King Street to Charing Cross, then double back on themselves down Broad Street where a 50m long rainbow flag will create a rainbow river down the street, then through Library Place and on to Church Street where they will join up with the coach. The whole parade will then continue together.

The parade will then continue, led by the coach, down Mulcaster Street into Weighbridge Square, where there will be music, entertainment and various market stalls.

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