Join us for an afternoon filled with queer joy, family fun, performances and creative & wellbeing activities for LGBTQIA+ communities and allies. There will also be stalls from local organisations, groups, and charities in Rochdale Borough.

16 JULY 2023, 12-5PM
BROADFIELD PARK
ROCHDALE

EVENT GUIDE

12.15PM
OPENING SPEECH FROM CARL AUSTIN-BEHAN OBE DL (GREATER MANCHESTER LGBTQ+ COMMUNITY AMBASSADOR)

Carl is a British former politician and community activist who previously served as LGBT adviser to the Mayor of Greater Manchester. He served as Lord Mayor of Manchester from May 2016 to May 2017, being its first openly gay Lord Mayor.

12.30, 2.15 & 3.30PM
ANGIE MACK HOOLA HOOP STREET SHOW

Hoops, hoops, and more hoops!
Join Angie Mack on her hula hoop journey through the ages and across the globe, taking you from the giant 6ft hoop, all the way through to the multi-hooping human tower.

1 & 3PM
LUCA THE DRAG QUEER

Luca The Drag Queen is a non-binary drag performer, live artist, LGBTQIA+ trainer and workshop facilitator. They’re also the founder of Joy Box which is a project where they focus on the community coming together to share and celebrate what brings them joy.

BANDSTAND

1.15PM
BOY GEORGE & THE 80’S REWIND

Daniel has perfected this impersonation down to the last detail. The vocal likeness, the style, the costumes are uncannily close making this probably the best Boy George Tribute Act in the UK today.

2.40PM
GHETTO FABULOUS

(VOGUE WORKSHOP & PERFORMANCE)

Learn how to vogue in this participatory workshop with Ghetto Fabulous. They will be spreading joy with vogue fierceness and energy with theatre dance and visual arts. Prepare to be excited entertained and to party!

4PM
OPEN MIC

A chance for you to perform this could be your own song, spoken word or dance!

WORKSHOPS AND ACTIVITIES

Get involved in a range of creative and wellbeing workshops and activities on the day. From drag makeovers and crafts to circus skills and yoga!

Protest Banner Making – Pride started as a protest and this year marks the 51st year since the first UK Pride. Get creative with Arcon Housing and Creative Health and make your mark!

Camersdo – A public living room where people can just turn up and connect.

Taster Yoga Sessions – Yoga is proven to improve mental health and wellbeing. Have a go at a free taster session throughout the day.

Face Painting – Its pride, show us some colour!

LGBT+ Heritage – Come and speak to the team at Touchstones about LGBTQ+ History and delve into some of the LGBTQ+ histories hidden in the Borough’s collections.

Drag Photoshoot – Get a glow up and pose for the drag photo shoot!

Sports & Games – Have a go at some of your favourite sports and games in the park on the day!

Circus Skills (2pm - 4.30pm) – SkyLight Circus will be running a free circus taster session as part of their Circus Rainbow programme. A chance to try your hand at juggling, diablo, silks and more.

There will also be information and activities at stalls from the following organisations, groups and charities.

Black Health Agency
Bookstall
Citizens Advice
Haylea Corfield @ Ciao Bella Glitter Face/Body Tattoos
Health Watch
LGBT Personal Training
Living Well
Meadows Care LTD
PossAbilities
Queer Youth Art Collective
Rochdale Boroughwide Housing
Rochdale Sixth Form College
Safenet
Sparkle Sisters Glitter Events
Springhill Hospice
The Glitter Gift Company
The LGBT Foundation
The Proud Trust – Manchester
Thinking Ahead
Turning Point

FOOD – There will be food vendors from Wood Fired Oven Pizza Heywood and Bombay Brew.

Rochdale in Rainbows is a partnership of organisations that come together to plan the borough’s Pride activities. Its partners include: Action Together, Arcon Housing, Carl Austin-Behan the LGBTQ+ advisor to Greater Manchester Mayor Andy Burnham, Culture CO-OP, Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service, Greater Manchester Police, Health Watch Rochdale, Heywood Middleton and Rochdale Clinical Commissioning Group, Pennine Care NHS Foundation Trust, Rochdale Borough Council, Rochdale Boroughwide Housing, Rochdale Football Club, Rochdale Sixth Form College, SkyLight Circus Arts, The LGBT Foundation, The Proud Trust, Touchstones Rochdale, Turning Point, and Your Trust.