



Pride In Newry

Sat. 2nd September 2017

Parade Registration & Terms 2017

"Celebrating the diversity of culture and communities across Newry, Mourne & Down"

Please review carefully; complete all necessary portions of this application and return by Friday 1st September 2017 to info@prideinnewry.com

Alternatively you can post or hand deliver your complete application to:

**Pride in Newry Steering Group, Rainbow House,
28a Monaghan Street, Newry, BT35 6AA**

SECTION A:

Parade Participation

As much as we encourage parade entrants to be as creative as possible, we require all contingents to maintain a continuous forward motion during the parade. No stopping unless directed by stewards or the PSNI. All performances, manoeuvres, vehicles and participants must be "on the move".

Parade Steward & Safety

To ensure the safety and enjoyment of each entry and all viewers, we require that a minimum of one steward for a walking contingent of up to 25 and two to four representatives from each parade entry containing a vehicle or float. Each steward must attend a training meeting in the Arts Centre in Newry at a date tbc.

SECTION B:

PARADE ENTRY TERMS & CONDITIONS

To ensure that the parade is safe and enjoyable for everyone, everyone taking part in the parade must comply with the terms and conditions in this document, as well as following all relevant laws. These rules are based on information from the Police, Newry, Mourne and Down District Council and the Parades Commission. Please read each item below CAREFULLY. If you have ANY questions please contact Pride in Newry at info@prideinnewry.com or the NRC during centre opening hours on 028 3025 1673.

a. Floats: - Parade height for floats shall be less than 5100mm and must have a designated parade steward. Lorries must be less than 20ft long as the parade route will include a number of "tight corners" People on or in a vehicle must not enter or exit a vehicle while in motion. Floats must not stop to allow people to join or leave the float after the parade has started – you should plan for any people on your float to remain there for the duration of the Parade. Decorations must be safely secured and their must be a minimum 2ft distance between any decoration and the ground.

b. Signs & Banners: A sign or banner providing the name of the Organisation/group must precede each entry participating in the parade or the entry shall have the name prominently displayed on their vehicle.

c. Edge protection: All floats that enter into the parade should have adequate edge protection (i.e. a secure hand rail) fitted around any exposed perimeter of the float.

d. Throwing, tossing or “Firing” of objects or items: Due to the danger of physical injury, insurance requirements and littering problems, absolutely no items i.e.: pens, sweets, beads, balloons, condoms, flying disc’s, pamphlets, CD’s, confetti, etc. will be thrown, tossed or “fired” to parade spectators from any vehicle, conveyance or float. Spectators must be approached by an individual walking with the contingent and an item given directly to the individual spectator, preventing spectators from surging or entering parade traffic lanes for these items. We do not want the Parade to leave a wake of litter, and thus in general we are against the distribution of leaflets, flyers and other items during the parade. Fireworks, flammable goods, welding, flares, sparklers, and water pistols are all expressly prohibited.

e. Contingent steward: All contingents are required to supply at least one steward for every 25 participants in your contingent to assist officials while the parade is in progress. Their primary role is to facilitate the movement and safety of your contingent in the parade. If anyone in your group is injured during the parade, or if any person is injured by your entry, you must inform a Pride Official as soon as possible and no later than 30 minutes after the end of the parade.

f. Removal from parade: The Newry Rainbow Community / Pride in Newry Committee reserve the right to remove any individual, group or parade contingent from the staging, parade or dispersal area, who is, in its sole opinion and discretion, a hindrance to the safety or progress of the parade or who places any participants or spectators in physical danger; for motor vehicle safety violations, unsafe or illegal conduct such as drugs, alcohol or participation inconsistent with the aims, goals and purposes of the Pride In Newry Parade. This includes the right to remove persons from any float or vehicular unit which it determines to be overcrowded to such an extent that the unit may break down or cause injury to participants.

g. Line up & Staging: A number of factors determine your placement in the parade. Priority placement is based on date and time completed application is received with special consideration for contingents with elderly, children, or those with special health needs. We attempt to accommodate as many contingent requests as possible.

h. Sound Checks: In an effort to be neighbourly and respect those who live near the staging area, contingents are limited to a 5 minute sound check while in the parade staging area.

i. Parking: Parking is restricted in the staging area. Please obey all parking signs.

j. Marching together and third party reassignment: No contingent is allowed to participate as one or as part of another contingent without pre-parade registration with Pride in Newry. Any contingent “crashing” the parade will be removed immediately. Groups desiring to march with other groups must make this known on this application when submitted. No parade entry may be reassigned to a third party without express written approval of Pride in Newry.

k. Forward movement, performances, manoeuvres, and gaps: All contingents are required to maintain a continuous forward motion during the parade. No stopping unless directed by stewards or the PSNI. All performances or manoeuvres must be “on the move”. No stationary manoeuvres or delays while performing will be allowed. No gaps between parade contingents of more than 20 feet.

l. Move on cue: All contingents must be ready to move on cue at the parade start or the next contingent will proceed. The delayed contingent will proceed only at the next convenient time as determined by officials

m. Vehicle breakdown: Towing charges for any unit that becomes disabled and/or delays the parade will be at the applicant's expense.

n. Political statements: Any political statements or endorsements made by participants in the parade are not necessarily the opinions expressed by the Newry Rainbow Community or Pride In Newry nor does it in any way directly contribute financially to the signage or display of these opinions.

o. Nudity and obscenity: Nudity & obscenity will not be permitted. It is against the law to appear nude in public or to be exposed in a manner determined to be lewd, lascivious, and/or obscene. Violators of these laws will be barred from participating in the parade and could be subject to arrest. All entries must lower their music levels when passing memorials and religious buildings.

p. Alcohol and drugs or violations of the law: It is illegal to possess or consume alcohol or drugs while participating in the parade. Any illegal behaviours and/or violations of the law will not be tolerated. You will be responsible for any fines, fees, arrests, injury, or imprisonment that may occur if you break these or any other laws. In addition, violations will be immediate cause for dismissal from the parade. Participants, who are found to have any drugs or alcohol in their possession or found to be under the influence, will be removed. Please discourage your participants from consuming any alcohol or drugs prior to or during the parade.

q. Indemnify & Hold Harmless: All contingents are required to abide by the rules and regulations as established by Pride In Newry and NMDDC. Each contingent is responsible for any and all acts and/or omissions on their part, or on the part of their agents, members, volunteers, and/or employees, which may result in any injury, illness, death or damage to them or a third party.

r. Liability insurance and valid driver's license: Every entry should have its own insurance cover. Every entry is required to sign a disclaimer indemnifying Pride In Newry and the Newry Rainbow Community of all responsibility of any damages or insurance claims that may occur as a result of taking part in the parade. Each vehicle that enters the parade line up area and/or participates in the parade must have insurance, a valid MOT certificate and the driver must have a valid driver's license. These must be presented on parade day upon request from proper authorities. Failure to provide may disqualify the individual and/or contingent from participating in the parade. All vehicles should follow the Highway Code and road traffic regulations. The float driver must read this document.

s. Microphones: Many participants in the parade like to perform, and sometimes use microphones and sound systems to add to that performance. To use a microphone on the parade, you must get permission from the Parade Manager before the day of the parade. Do not swear or use offensive language. Generally speaking, only use language that you would expect to hear on daytime or early evening TV or radio. Do not identify any individual in the crowd. Do not single out any individuals or groups in the crowd for any comment. Do not make any religious comments. Do not mention, or draw attention to any protest in any way whatsoever. Do try to engage with the spectators, wishing them Happy Pride, getting them to wave, smile, etc.

t. Violations: Violating these terms and conditions may result in exclusion from this parade or future parades. If you violate any of these terms and conditions during the parade you may be told to leave the parade. If you are told to leave the parade, you will not be allowed to rejoin, and you or your entry or group may not be allowed to take part in future parades.

I confirm that I have read and understood the above terms & conditions and will ensure that our contingents will abide by the above.

I agree to indemnify Pride In Newry and the Newry Rainbow Community of all responsibility of any damages or insurance claims that may occur as a result of taking part in the Pride In Newry Parade. I confirm that each vehicle I have entered in the parade line up area and/or participates in the parade are insured, have valid MOT certificate where applicable and the driver has a valid driver's license. I understand that these must be presented on parade day upon request from proper authorities and all vehicles should follow the Highway Code and road traffic regulations. The float driver has read this document.

Signed: _____ From: _____

Date: _____

**SECTION C:
REGISTRATION FORM
Deadline for registration 1st September 2017**

Please complete the following

Organisation/Contingent Name _____

Contact Address _____

Primary Contact for Parade Application _____

Daytime Phone _____ Fax No _____

Evening Phone _____

Contact Person for the Organisation _____

Daytime Phone _____ Evening Phone _____

Organisation Website _____

Email Address _____

Complete the following section by ticking the appropriate options. Please print clearly, incomplete or illegible applications will be returned.

Contingent Details

Group / Club / Society

Individuals not representing a Group / Club / Society

Organisation

Motor Cycles, Scooters, Bicycles Enter No of units: _____

Decorated Cars Enter No of units: _____

Trucks, Flatbeds, Buses, Floats, Mobile Stage Enter No of units: _____

Approximately how many people will be walking with your contingent? _____

Less than 5 5-10 11-16 17-25 25 or more

Will your contingent have music or amplification?

YES NO Tame Loud Blasting

Will your contingent have live entertainment? YES NO

If yes please describe:

Special Requests

Please list any special requests (We cannot guarantee that we can grant all requests)

SECTION D:

CONTINGENT STEWARD INFORMATION

The primary role of a Contingent Steward is to walk the parade route and act as a safety monitor for your contingent. This person(s) is responsible for knowing all parade rules as they pertain to your contingent's participation in the parade. Nothing is more important than your safety and the safety of our parade spectators. All contingent stewards are REQUIRED to attend a training meeting. These will be held in Newry arts centre. Dates to be confirmed. The person(s) named below will be the Contingent Steward(s) on Saturday September 2nd 2017 for the Pride In Newry Parade. If a violation of the rules occurs, a member of Pride In Newry will contact this person before or during the parade to correct this violation immediately. If a violation is not brought to our attention until after the parade, the contingent's contact will be notified so that it is not repeated the next year. If violation is not corrected or if a further warning is required, your contingent could be removed from the parade or be denied entry in the future.

Contingent Steward Printed Name, Email & Telephone Number

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SECTION E: Guidelines

The Parade will commence at 2pm on Saturday 2nd September 2017.

Enjoying the parade.

Smile. It's amazing the difference a smile can make. Whether you are on a float or in a walking group, smiling makes it more fun. Even if you have to force a smile, you will soon find that you mean it. Try to bring as many friends as possible. An experience is more memorable when you are able to share and relive the experience with your friends. Wave. Look into the crowd and wave. People will wave - and cheer - back. It always feels good to do that. Don't be afraid. Being on the parade isn't scary, we promise. Everyone on the parade itself is on your side, and less than 1% of the crowd is there to protest. Bring an umbrella. Or a waterproof coat. We are in Newry and although the parade takes place at the end of summer, it might still rain. You don't want to get soaked if it does. Bring light snacks and drinks. Make sure to carry a kit or bag with you. This will carry your food, drinks, and medicines. You can easily grow dizzy surrounded by a huge crowd. Readily available water or sports drinks can eliminate possible black-outs or nausea. You should also eat before the parade starts. Snacks can alleviate hunger, just in case the parade takes longer than expected. Arrange for pick-up from your hotel or another agreed location as Catherine Street and McClelland Park will be closed to traffic all day. Celebrations can be festive and alcoholic drinks will most likely overflow. You will definitely feel like celebrating with your friends, as you are overwhelmed with a high feeling from the experience. Plan ahead. You do not want to walk or drive in a drunken state after the party. Always tell a friend where you are going and carry a mobilephone. Bring enough cash. It is best to be on the safe side but do be careful not to "advertise". Lastly, bring an open mind to the event. Absorb every bit of experience without passing judgment. You will miss out on the opportunity to learn if you let your biases and prejudice get the best of you. Participate rather than watch. Talk, but listen as well. Most of all, open your heart to the liberating experience of being a part of the Pride In Newry Parade.

Making a good float.

Decorate, decorate, decorate. You can take part in an undecorated float, but flags, banners, streamers, paper maché models and other decorations help make your float, and the whole parade, look better. Have a theme. The floats that get the best reception are the ones that have a theme to their decorations. A combination of Star Wars, Santa Claus, and Scottish country dancing is likely to confuse the crowd. Pick one and stick with it. Share our theme. Our theme is 'Take pride in yourself and where you live' You can interpret this in a wide range of ways! If you are part of a group, or an organisation, or a company, make sure you have a sign on your float or with your group so people know who you are.

How to behave.

Remember, you are in public! Do not make any obscene gestures or use abusive language. No matter what the temptation, ignore any protesters. It doesn't help anybody if things around them get more heated than they have to be. Please do what the Parade officials tell you to do. We organise the Parade so everyone can have fun. If we give you an instruction, it is for good reason! Please stay on message. This is a positive demonstration of Newry, LGBT people and diversity. Do not confuse our message by adding your own particular flavour of protest, or by raising other issues.