

Gender June

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Who: Anyone interested in learning more about, and improving the lives of, their LGBTQ community members.</p> <p>What: The term LGBT or GLBT or LGBTQ was adopted in the 1990s and refers to lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (and queer or questioning) people.</p> <p>Why: Non-heterosexual individuals experience unprecedented stigma. Informing ourselves is the first step to understanding the LGBTQ community. Stepping up through our actions is how we show support and become true allies!</p>					<p>1 Be active: Attend community events or marches to show your support.</p>	<p>2 Symbolism: The labrys, a double-edged hatchet or axe, is a symbol of strength and unity for the lesbian community.</p>
<p>3 The 1st: In 1961, Illinois became the first state to abolish its laws against consensual homosexual sex.</p>	<p>4 Speak up: Practice using unassuming gender pronouns like, "they, them, theirs".</p>	<p>5 Where: San Francisco, CA has the highest concentration of LGBTQ people at 15.4%.</p>	<p>6 Culture: In Greek and Celtic cultures, homosexual behavior was not viewed as effeminate but as evidence of a man's masculinity.</p>	<p>7 Fact: No research has conclusively proven what causes homosexuality, heterosexuality, or bisexuality.</p>	<p>8 Be visible: Support is as easy as wearing a pro-LGBTQ lanyard or pin.</p>	<p>9 Progress: In 1973, the American Psychiatric Association decided that homosexuality should no longer be classified as a mental disorder.</p>
<p>10 The 1st: In 1973, Lambda Legal became the first organization to fight for equal rights for the homosexual community.</p>	<p>11 Listen: Get to know someone for who they are rather than assuming stereotypes.</p>	<p>12 Who: German psychologist Karoly Maria Benkert is thought to have been the first to coin the word "homosexuality" in the late nineteenth century.</p>	<p>13 Term: Most of the LGBT community discourages the use of the term "sexual preference" because it implies that sexuality is the result of conscious choice.</p>	<p>14 Fact: On June 8th, 2017, a black and brown stripe were added to the LGBT Pride flag in the city of Philadelphia to show unity and inclusivity in the gay community.</p>	<p>15 Be aware: Some in the LGBTQ community are not accepted by their families. Understand that family may be a sore subject.</p>	<p>16 Symbolism: The planet Mercury is a symbol used by the transgender community. The sign for Mercury is a crescent shape and a cross.</p>
<p>17 The 1st: In June 2011, California became the first state to pass a bill requiring public schools to teach the historical accomplishments of gay men and lesbians.</p>	<p>18 Speak up: Empower your LGBT colleagues or classmates by speaking up against negative and anti-LGBT sentiments.</p>	<p>19 What: Pride Day or Pride March refers to celebrations that commemorate the Stonewall Inn riots of June 28, 1969, a pivotal event in the gay liberation movement.</p>	<p>20 Culture: In some Native American cultures, same-sex attraction was called being Two-Spirited. These people were honored as especially gifted and blessed.</p>	<p>21 Fact: Records of same-sex relationships have been found in nearly every culture throughout history.</p>	<p>22 Be engaged: Empower yourself to learn more about how to support the LGBT community. Engage with someone from this community.</p>	<p>23 Progress: In 2003, the US Supreme Court struck down "homosexual conduct" law, which decriminalizes same-sex sexual conduct.</p>
<p>24 The 1st: The Society for Human Rights was founded in 1924 and was the first documented gay rights organization.</p>	<p>25 Listen: Provide a safe place to talk and respect topics that may be discussed in confidence.</p>	<p>26 How much: Scientists estimate that approximately 5% of the total human population worldwide has a homosexual orientation.</p>	<p>27 Term: While lesbian refers only to female homosexuality, the term "gay" can refer to all members of the LGBTQ community.</p>	<p>28 Fact: Those who identify as gay tend to be left-handed more often than heterosexuals.</p>	<p>29 Be an ally: Challenge homophobia, biphobia, and transphobia. Suggest other terms when someone uses LGBTQ descriptors in a derogatory manner.</p>	<p>30 Symbolism: A lavender rhinoceros is often used to signify the lesbian community because rhinos are generally docile, but can become ferocious when provoked.</p>